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Morgan Plus 8 Speedster: Birthday striptease

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For 100 years, Morgan has been manufacturing cars at its factory on Pickersleigh Road in Malvern, England. In celebration, the company has released the Speedster: a pared-back version of its Plus 8 roadster...

Limited to 100 examples, the Plus 8 Speedster recalls the days when racing cars were little more than stripped-down road cars with a number painted on the door. This is augmented by way of 'eccentric' styling features (Morgan's words, not ours), of which our favourites are the steelie-style alloy wheels. Beneath the bonnet – fastened with a leather strap in another reference to bygone racing cars – is a 4.8-litre V8 produced by BMW. Placed at the front of Morgan's latest aluminium chassis, it'll be good for 0-60mph in 4.2 seconds before topping out at 148mph.

The first of the Morgan Plus 8 Speedsters will enter production at the Pickersleigh Road plant in June, priced at £69,995.

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