
The new Ferrari 458 Speciale A – an instantly collectable car?

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Roughly a year since the arrival of its be-roofed sibling, the Ferrari 458 Speciale A follows in the tyre-tracks of the 430 Scuderia 16M – becoming Ferrari's fastest ever 'spider' in the process...

Due for official launch at the [2014 Paris Motor Show](#), the 458 Speciale A (denoting 'Aperta', Italian for 'open') is the open-topped version of the extreme [Speciale coupé](#). Much like the 16M it follows, production will be limited to 499 examples – however, the former's fabric roof makes way for the clever folding aluminium hardtop first employed by the [458 Spider](#), with a weight penalty of only 50kg over the coupé.

Billed as a tribute to the award-winning 4.5-litre V8 (in this guise boasting 597bhp), the Speciale A will reach 62mph from rest in the same 3.0 seconds as its closed stablemate – with carry-overs such as active aerodynamics and Side-Slip Angle Control helping to contribute to an identical 1:23.5 Fiorano lap time.

Speciale treatment



The 458 Speciale A will sport a unique triple-layer yellow livery with a Blu Nart and Bianco Avus central stripe for its debut in Paris, by which time many of the 499 examples are likely to have been sold. Not only have its [360 Challenge Stradale](#) and [430 Scuderia](#) forefathers proved popular with Ferrari collectors, it will also be the final naturally aspirated V8 super-sports Ferrari, surely giving it instant 'collectable car' status in the process.

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