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In saving 100kg of weight for its new Vantage GT8, Aston Martin has created the lightest Vantage model to date. As if you needed any more incentive to shed a few pounds...

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The new Aston Martin Vantage GT8 takes direct inspiration from the V8 Vantage GTE – Aston Martin Racing’s 2016 World Endurance Championship challenger – and plays little brother to the GT12. Weight saving and aerodynamic improvements (evident in the extensive use of carbon fibre throughout, and aggressive front and rear splitters) were the main focus, resulting in “an entirely different level of agility and aggression,” according to David King, Aston Martin’s Director of Special Projects and Motorsport. Purists will be pleased to hear that the GT8 (which is limited to 150 units worldwide) will be available with a six-speed manual, as well as the seven-speed Sportshift transmission.



Despite its scarcely treaded Michelin Pilot Sport Cup 2 tyres, lightweight carbon-fibre bucket seats and plastic rear screen and side windows, this isn’t just a pseudo-race car for the road. Air-conditioning and quality sound and infotainment systems ensure the GT8 is practical enough for the journey to and from the track...

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