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From California to Portofino for Ferrari's new entry-level GT

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It might be Ferrari's entry-level sports car, but the new Portofino's turbocharged V8 (from the 488, no less) packs a serious punch – 600HP, to be precise, which will propel the convertible from 0–62mph in a scant 3.5sec. Its chassis is also both lighter and stiffer than the outgoing California's, which, when combined with a slew of new technological aids – including a third-gen electronic rear differential and the latest 'F1-Trac' traction and stability control system – should make it more exciting to drive at the limit, while even more comfortable over long distances. Those who bemoaned the California for its particularly soft styling should be delighted with the more aggressive, aero-led design – just look at those sexy fastback humps behind the cabin, or the clever intakes beside the headlights. While the car is poised to make its world debut at Frankfurt in September, we can't imagine it will be too long before an example or two of the handsome GT will be spotted prowling the marina at Portofino.

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