

Brabham Name Is Back, With The Stunning BT62

Building on a remarkable 70-year racing pedigree, David Brabham has announced Brabham's return to manufacturing at a gala event in central London, UK, with the global launch of Brabham Automotive's stunning BT62.

The Brabham BT62 continues the legendary 'BT' naming convention established by founders Jack Brabham and Ron Tauranac in the 1960s and honours the legacy of the marque's greatest and most memorable cars.

With headline figures that point to the potency of the car, the new Brabham is pure-bred for the track and capable of setting blistering lap times.

The BT62 boasts a power-to-weight ratio of 730ps per tonne, a dry weight of just 972kg and is powered by a Brabham naturally-aspirated 5.4 litre capacity V8 engine.

Heralding the start of an exciting new chapter for the iconic marque, the BT62 has been specifically designed, developed and tested to reward like no other. Designed from the ground-up and featuring a host of unique engineering details, the Brabham BT62 draws on the project team's vast experience to create a car without equal.

Crafted from lightweight carbon fibre, the BT62's exterior surface and aggressive aerodynamic package combine to strike the optimal balance between function and form.

Celebrating the company's proud Anglo-Australian roots, the launch took place at Australia House in London, home to the Australian High Commission, set amidst a breath-taking assembly of historic Brabham racing cars and memorabilia evoking memories and charting the remarkable successes of the marque's illustrious past.



Speaking at the unveiling, Managing Director, David Brabham said, "It's with great pride that I honour and continue my father's legacy in revealing the next chapter in the evolving Brabham story.

The team we have in place, and the vision it shares, provides a solid platform for Brabham Automotive to execute its long-term business strategy. Our first step

to deliver on that strategy is the Brabham BT62, a car truly worthy of carrying the iconic Brabham name."

The Brabham BT62 has been designed and engineered to demand more from its driver. It's a car for those who want to challenge themselves and their limitations to experience driving in its purest form.

Those fortunate enough to

own a Brabham BT62 will join the Brabham driver development program, where their physical ability and determination will be raised to a place where the performance potential of both driver and vehicle can be fully exploited together as one.

With a base price of \$1.8-million, plus local taxes, and before options, production of the Brabham BT62 will be limited to just

seventy cars in recognition of Brabham's 70-year heritage; the first thirty-five of which will celebrate the thirty-five Grand Prix victories won by Brabham over its thirty-year reign in Formula 1.

The Brabham BT62 unveiled on the night was liveried in celebration of Jack Brabham's green and gold BT19 and his historic victory at the 1966 French Formula 1 Grand Prix at Reims, the year in which he made history in becoming the first (and to date only) driver to win a World Championship in a car of his own construction. First deliveries of the Brabham BT62 are expected later this year.

Led by multiple Le Mans winner, David Brabham, Brabham Automotive has been established as a manufacturer of high performance vehicles which challenge and reward the driver in equal measures.

With a long-term plan in place and a phased product development program already underway, the company's ultimate goal is to see the iconic Brabham name return once again to compete on the race track, with the 24 Hours of Le Mans firmly in its sights.

Fiat 500 Abarth One of 'Fastest Cars For The Money'

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. - The Fiat 500 Abarth was named to U.S. News & World Report's 2018 list of "Fastest Cars for the Money."

The publication noted the vehicle comes with "a rockin' exhaust note and a suspension setup that makes it a blast to toss around corners."

Among the highlights, the publication listed the Fiat 500 Abarth's many available technology features. The vehicle comes standard with the Uconnect 5.0 touchscreen and 5-inch touchscreen radio, Bluetooth connectivity and integrated voice command, which the editors illustrated as

"one of the most intuitive systems available in the class."

The Fiat 500 Abarth offers legendary Italian and track-capable performance for up to four passengers. The car includes the track-tested, turbocharged and twin-intercooled 1.4-liter MultiAir Turbo engine, which provides 160 horsepower and 170 lb.-ft. of torque when mated to a proven five-speed manual transmission, and 157 horsepower and 183 lb.-ft. of torque mated with a six-speed automatic transmission.

The 500 Abarth's MultiAir Turbo engine component upgrades include an Abarth-designed fresh-air intake system with



high-flow air filter and smooth-flowing plumbing for maximum power. To ensure the engine is operating with minimal exhaust restriction, an Abarth-designed concentric "double-tip" dual-exhaust system delivers a high-performance look with menacing Abarth-tuned sound.

The Abarth-tuned performance hardware also delivers world-class ride and track-ready durability with a lowered ride height, beefier suspension, larger brakes and wider tires.

The 2018 Fiat 500 Abarth arrives in FIAT studios this summer.



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