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Don't bother chasing the Longtail of the mighty new McLaren 600LT

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Meet the latest addition to McLaren's Sport Series family of cars – the limited edition 600LT. In short, it's a 570S with more power, less weight, a longer tail, and an extreme carbon-fibre aerodynamics package, all of which culminates in the fastest and most track-biased Sports Series McLaren yet...

The new £185,000 McLaren 600LT follows McLaren's three previous 'Longtail' models, the F1 GTR, 675LT Coupé, and 675LT Spider. In the same vein as those special cars, the 600LT is an extreme track-biased limited-production version of the 'standard' 570S, encompassing a silhouette elongated by 74mm, a 96kg reduction in weight thanks to the extensive use of carbon-fibre, and a 30HP increase in power.





In addition, there's an aggressive new aero package that, in our opinion, detracts from what was otherwise a smooth and cohesive design, and a new lightweight top-exit exhaust system, for those who love to bemoan McLaren's lack of aural symphony. The brakes, tyres, and suspension have also been given a once-over to ensure your lap times match your giddiness as you speed around your favourite circuit.





As you'd expect, the interior has been strewn with Alcantara and carbon-fibre and is equipped with the bucket seats from the P1 as standard. If you're feeling extra 'Fernando Alonso', however, McLaren will sell you the 'Super Lightweight' carbon-fibre seats from the Senna. We'd tick that box simply because they look a bit like the central pilot's seat in the F1 GTR. McLaren hasn't revealed the final production numbers, but if the 675LT is anything to go by, expect 500 to be built and sold as quickly as the 600LT could lap the Nürburgring.

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