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This McLaren Speedtail could be your personal spaceship

LeadIf you have around three big ones to spare in your bank account, then you'll want to keep an eye on RM Sotheby's Amelia Island 2022 sale, because McLaren's 87th Speedtail is going up for auction.





RM Sotheby's Amelia Island 2022 auction is packed with dream cars, but what really caught our eye was this 2020 McLaren Speedtail, the 87th of just 106 examples ever produced. As the name suggests, the Speedtail is dedicated to one thing: the length of that tail, which increases the car's overall length relative to the 720S by nearly 60cm, which is roughly the length of a ring-tailed lemur's tail. Of course, we're joking - the Speedtail was built with nothing but velocity in mind. As such, it remains McLaren's fastest road car ever, with a top speed of 250mph, thanks to its hybrid V8 drivetrain, which puts out a whopping 1,036 thoroughbred horses.





However, speed is only part of the picture, because the Speedtail counts itself among very few cars with a three seater layout - the most notorious of which is of course the McLaren F1. While Gordon Murray's T.50 may be a direct descendant of the F1, the Speedtail takes the three seater concept and applies as much cutting edge technology as McLaren has to offer. Highlights include the flexible carbon fibre rear wing, the retractable cameras instead of wing mirrors, and the electrochromic glass that can darken at the touch of the button. It's a technological tour de force to be sure, and one that looks especially fantastic in the case of Speedtail number 87 you see here, which is finished in a stunning shade of Heritage Gloss Steel Blue over Semi-Aniline Metallic Blue Silver leather.





This car had an astounding 350,000 dollars worth of optional equipment piled onto it from McLaren Special operations, resulting in what is a very tasteful spec indeed. We just love the flash of orange on the steering wheel and piping around the driver's seat; a lovely finishing touch to what has to be one of the most outrageous looking cars on the road today. Estimated to fetch around 3 million dollars on March 5th, there's just enough time to remortgage your house.

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