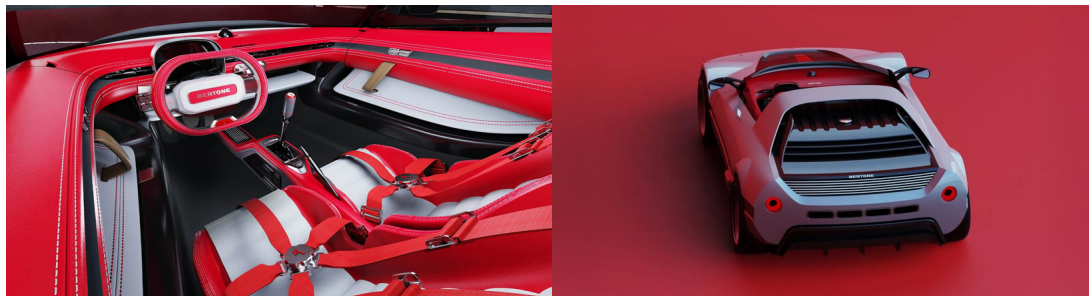


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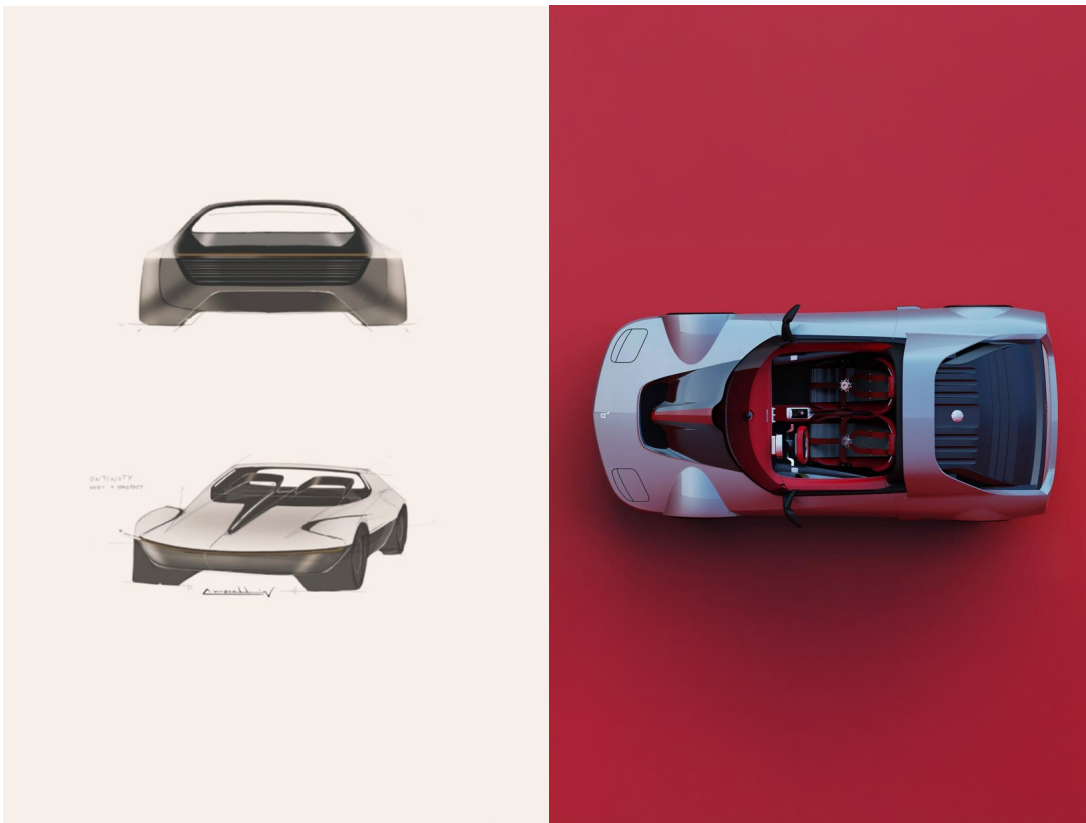
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Designed by the late Marcello Gandini, Italian design house Bertone has brought back a vehicle a whole 55 years after it was first revealed — the reimagined Autobianchi A112 Runabout concept. And perhaps best of all, it's going into production...



If you're seeking a wedge-shaped grocery-getter that's packing almost 500 horsepower under its unusual body shape, believe it or not, you're in luck. Bertone have recently launched they will bring back one of their most interesting concepts of the late 1960s, the Autobianchi A112 Runabout.

Using almost identical proportions to the 1969 original, but now featuring several tweaks both to modernise it and to ensure that it's usable on the open road, this reimagined version is ready for whatever you decide to throw at it. The original was inspired by Bertone's own Fiat X1/9, but was given some questionable details which ensured it would never be let loose on the open road. For example, the original's bizarre headlights that were mounted high on the car's shoulder line, acting as two floodlights directly alongside the occupants' heads, have thankfully now been redesigned and replaced with pop-up units integrated neatly into the nose. This new version also has doors, too, which are always a handy feature to have in a runabout, something that the original car didn't have, and occupants would need to be gymnasts to successfully enter and exit the runabout.



Based on looks alone, the reimagined version is the perfect way to honour the legacy of Gandini and Bertone, but the car is far more than just a head-turner, especially with what's hiding beneath its boxy skin. The original was shown with a somewhat underwhelming 1.1-litre engine, but the reimagined version boasts 493 horsepower from a V6 motor, producing more power than an Alfa Romeo 8C, the latest BMW M4 Coupé, and even the published figures of the mighty Ferrari F40!



While the performance figures are crazy, what is perhaps even crazier is the fact this won't be a one-off celebration, but the first in a series of road-going models that pay tribute to the famed Italian design house's heritage, melding classical designs with modern underpinnings and performance. Production of the Runabout will begin in mid-2026 and pricing will start at €350,000, with Barchetta and Targa variants available to be snapped up. Could this be the perfect two-car garage? We certainly think so!

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