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Ferrari Scuderia Spider 16M



Ferrari launched a convertible version of its super-quick 430 Scuderia at the 2008 World Finals in Mugello. It is named '16M' in commemoration of this year's Formula 1 Constructors' World Championship, the 16th the great Italian company has won in the history of the Championship.

The new car is the fastest open production Ferrari timed at the company's Fiorano test track. Compared to the F430 Spider - no slouch, as [our test drive in 2007](#) proved - the Spider 16M is 80kg lighter, with an engine producing 510bhp (vs. 490bhp). For comparative purposes, the Scuderia coupé weighs in at 1250kg - that's 90kg less weight than the convertible's 1340kg, so it will still be the faster machine.

That said, the Scuderia Spider 16M will complete the 0 - 100kph (62mph) sprint in just 3.7 seconds. Ferrari quotes a top speed of 315kph (196mph).





The open car carries over all the technical details of its coupé relation (such as the F1 Superfast gearbox and uprated F1-Trac traction and stability control). It also proudly bears a plaque on its rear grille commemorating Ferrari's 16th Constructors' World title. There's a silver, 'limited series' badge just above the air vents at the centre of the dashboard, too.



As on the coupé, extensive use is made of carbonfibre - for example clothing the roll-over bar. Cars will come in black with grey trim as standard, while alternatives are available as part of the Carrozzeria Scaglietti Personalisation Programme.

No prices or delivery dates were announced at launch - one can only speculate on an approximate £200k price in the UK, with owners starting to receive cars in mid-2009.



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