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Maserati GranCabrio: Third Prong of the Trident



Maserati is set to unveil the first four-seater convertible in the history of the Trident, at the Frankfurt motor show on September 15. The new GranCabrio, which is being dubbed the Trident's 'third prong', completes Maserati's product line-up - alongside Quattroporte and GranTurismo.

The Pininfarina styling of the new GranCabrio is unmistakable, while the spacious interior promises four proper seats, thanks to the fact that it has the longest wheelbase of any convertible on the market. Although performance figures have not yet been released, the car is powered by a 427bhp 4.7-litre V8 engine, while its canvas roof 'emphasises the link with the Maserati tradition'.



And what a tradition. We're talking such glorious icons of open-top motoring as the 1950 Maserati A6G Frua Spyder, 1960 3500GT Vignale Spyder, 1964 Mistral Spyder, 1968 Ghibli Spyder and 2001 Spyder, the car designed by Giorgetto Giugiaro which marked Maserati's return to the American market.

Like its forebears, the latest Maserati is aiming to appeal to 'men and women who love to live life in an understated - though sophisticated - manner'.



But the new GranCabrio offers something new for Trident-lovers, too, as the first four-seater top-down model to be built at the Viale Ciro Menotti Maserati factory. The Maserati GranCabrio should be available to customers from Spring 2010.

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