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Alfa Romeo TZ3 Stradale by Zagato

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Back in 2009, Zagato produced a one-off TZ3 Corsa track car, which won the 2010 Villa d'Este Design Concept Award. This has been followed by nine examples of the street-legal TZ3 Stradale, to make a total of 10 collectors' cars created in honour of the 100th anniversary of Alfa Romeo...

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As with the TZ3 Corsa, the Stradale version of the car carries a Kamm Tail, the solution adopted for the 'Coda Tronca' which Zagato tested in the early 1960s – and which subsequently graced the renowned Alfa Romeo TZ and TZ2 models.

The first TZ3 Stradale is now in the ownership of Eric King – an American Alfa and Zagato collector, who is also a board member of the Saratoga Automobile Museum. Meanwhile the second and third of the nine cars are destined for Japan and Europe.

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