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## Aston Martin Vantage Range: 2012 revisions

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Aston's successful Vantage model will receive several key changes to cars delivered this year. Starting at £84,995, buyers of the 2012-model GT will be offered seven-speed Sportshift II transmission as an option across the range, together with the latest Garmin sat-nav.

The extra gear of the Sportshift II was <u>introduced in the Vantage S a year ago</u>. Other improvements were quicker steering, bigger brakes and wider tyres, and Hill Start Assist; all of which are now to be found as standard across the Vantage range.

Visually, non-S, 2012-spec cars will be recognised by Vantage S/N400-inspired front and rear aerodynamic treatments, and the 10mm-wider tyres.

The regular car carries the current 420bhp V8, while the £99,995 'S' version maintains its 10bhp advantage. For 2012, it will have Garmin satellite navigation as standard – an option on the regular V8 – and a host of motorsport-derived, carbonfibre features.





The V12 Vantage remains unchanged, and of course the range tops out with the limited-edition (to no more than 150 pieces) V12 Zagato revealed to the public for the first time at last weekend's Kuwait Concours d'Elegance.



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