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[Hold your headless horses - it's the new Ferrari 488 Spider](#)

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Ferrari has announced the 488 Spider, the hard-top convertible version of the 488 GTB coupé - and with 660bhp and 203mph capabilities, it's the fastest and most powerful Ferrari convertible to date, eclipsing even the F50...

The new car uses a similar hard-top set-up to its predecessor, the [458 Spider](#), apparently saving 25kg in comparison to a fabric roof set-up. Thanks to the spaceframe chassis, it's also said to have the same torsional rigidity as its [488 GTB](#) sibling (and is supposedly 23% stiffer than its reclining-roof predecessor). What's more, aerodynamic tweaks to the car - including a 'bespoke' rear engine cover flanked by two rear buttresses - mean the new car steals the [F50](#)'s long-held crown as not only the fastest and most powerful, but also the most slippery [Ferrari convertible](#) to date. Prices are to be revealed when the car is officially launched at the Frankfurt Motor Show in September.

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