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Ferrari's new hardcore F12tdf is an automotive tour de force

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Designed in homage to the original Tour de France race in which Ferrari competed so successfully, the new F12tdf is a sharper, faster, more hardcore version of the company's flagship V12 GT...

Delivering a scarcely believable 780HP (80% of which will be available from 2,500rpm), the new [Ferrari F12tdf](#) will accelerate from 0-62mph in 2.9sec and continue on to a top speed of 211mph. It features an innovative new rear-wheel steering system, similar to that found on the Porsche 991 GT3, which is said to virtually 'shorten the car's wheelbase' and increase both stability and cornering speeds. The dual-clutch gearbox is *even* quicker, and apparently the car's 'tendency to oversteer' has been reduced somewhat, with the electronic aids switched on, at least.

A radical redesign



The radical new aero design is almost twice as efficient as the regular F12b, and boasts almost 40% more downforce. Weight has also been slashed by 110kg, thanks to the extensive use of carbonfibre both inside and out. The car might not be to everyone's tastes, but the figures are mightily impressive – definitely a case of function over form. It's certainly relit the debate in the Classic Driver office as to whether Ferrari still builds elegant cars. Just 799 will be made and, though prices have not been revealed, expect it to be considerably more expensive than the standard F12b. We'd take ours in Tour de France Blue, naturally.

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