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## [The new TVR Griffith is here, and it has Gordon Murray written all over it](#)

**Lead**

Even if you're not feeling the nationalistic pride that has overflowed from the English countryside as the first new TVR model was unveiled at Goodwood Revival, there's no denying the new Griffith means business, thanks to the touch of a certain McLaren F1 designer and a serving of classic muscle...

### Griffith from the ashes



More racing greyhound than British bulldog, the new Griffith is a long-awaited marriage of that infamous old-school TVR grunt and modern technologies, in hopes of moving the new Griffith out of the shadows of the firm's perceived antiquity and onto the driveways of more than just the brave brand devotees. As a result, there's more than just character and emotion to discuss, there are numbers, statistics, and specifications — 50:50 weight distribution, 1250kg kerb weight, and a sub four-second 0-60mph time, plus a 200mph top speed and 400bhp per tonne. Those figures are thanks to a 5.0, naturally aspirated, Cosworth-enhanced V8, mated to an ever-desirable six-speed manual gearbox. However, this is where the old TVR flavour ends, as things get a whole lot more advanced from here on out.

### Engineering over electronics



Gordon Murray's iStream technology is a first for a production vehicle, constructed of carbon composite bonded to steel and aluminium and then clothed in carbon composite bodywork, keeping the TVR light, rigid, and safe. The aerodynamics are also thoroughly 21st century, with a flat floor allowing the full ground effect aerodynamics to keep the car planted and stable at high speeds. All these engineering advances have been put in place to replace electronic aids, keeping the driver engaged, in control, and involved. The classic British sports car silhouette remains, but the curves and crevices necessary for that all-important aero create a modern design to match the fresh mechanicals. With production set to commence in late 2018, and a few allocations remaining, this 90,000 GBP sports car is ready to mix it up with the best...

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### Gallery









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