



A8GCS Berlinetta Touring

There couldn't be a better *scenario* than the 2008 Villa d'Este Concours d'Elegance for the debut of the stylish *A8GCS Berlinetta Touring* prototype, a berlinetta Gt marking the return of the famous Milan coachbuilders, among the leaders of the Italian automotive school.

Based on the Maserati Coupé GranSport mechanics, the *A8GCS Berlinetta Touring* represents the high performance sports car concept, with small dimensions, state-of-the-art constructive technology and perfect stylish synthesis between factory tradition and advanced aesthetic criteria. The new *A8GCS Berlinetta Touring* has been designed by the young Belgian designer Louis de Fabribeckers, in charge of the Touring styling department.

The *A8GCS Berlinetta Touring* lines are not affected by time or fashion: the car is characterized by a soft aggressiveness originated by the perfect balance between the front end, directly derived from competitions, and the harmonious and fluent flanks reminding of the extraordinary Alfa Romeo, Isotta Fraschini and Lancia *Flying Star* of the Thirties, an exceptional series created by Touring and still considered the best interpretation of Marinetti and Boccioni's Futurism.

The Carrozzeria Touring Superleggera style is first expressed through perfectly balanced volumes (reduced front overhang, front central engine and large rear overhang). The result is a dynamic form that doesn't need a lowered waistline. Moreover, the horizontal development of lines create a natural elegance.

The sporty look of the car is underlined by the combination between bonnet and front grille. An element dashing forward the other volumes. Hence the lateral lines of the body: the lower line ends on the rear wheelarch and the upper line dissolves in the rear end of the car. Together they create a dynamic sail shape, as on *Flying Stars*.

Of course, also the most successful car design is not enough to make an alive and complete object. It must be combined with excellent dynamic qualities, derived from state-of-the-art technical solutions. For the prototype *A8GCS Berlinetta Touring*, Carrozzeria Touring Superleggera studied and designed a body in advanced composite materials, able to give the car lightness, structural strenght and performance typical of top granturismo and obviously respecting all international safety and environmental rules. The result is clear: the style prototype *A8GCS Berlinetta Touring* is able to enter small series production, gaining immediately a top place among the best sports cars.

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A8GCS BERLINETTA TOURING TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

BODYWORK

Berlinetta 2 doors, 2 seats

ENGINE

Engine layout	V8, 90°
Total displacement	4.244 cc
Bore and stroke	92x79,8 mm
Compression ratio	11:1
Max power	295 kW (400 CV) at 7.000 rpm
Max torque	452 Nm (46 kgm) at 4.500 rpm

DIMENSIONS AND WEIGHT

Overall length	4.200 mm
Overall width	1.800 mm
Height	1.210 mm
Wheelbase	2.500 mm
Front track	1.525 mm
Rear track	1.538 mm
Boot capacity	315 liters
Fuel capacity	88 liters

BRAKES

Brembo, 4 ventilated discs, front	330x32 mm
Brembo, 4 ventilated discs, rear	310x28 mm

TYRES

Front	245/40 ZR19
Rear	285/35 ZR19