



NEW CARS



Just five very rich and very lucky people will get to own a '599 GTO'

599-BASED GTO IS GO!

DUTCH DESIGN HOUSE WILL BUILD FIVE 599 GTOS, EACH COSTING UP TO £1M

After almost universal approval for its artist's impression of what a modern-day Ferrari 250 GTO might look like, Dutch design house Vandenbrink Design has decided to produce five examples of the Ferrari 599-based supercar for real. Two versions will be offered: the 599 GTO, with the regular 6-litre, 611bhp Ferrari V12, and the 630 GTO, with an enlarged, 6.3-litre, 750bhp engine.

Not only can the GTO be more powerful, it will also be considerably lighter, as Vandenbrink Design is aiming to reduce the kerb weight of the car to 1500kg – some 180kg lighter than a standard Ferrari 599.

The ultimate 630 GTO version will be priced at 993,000 euros, with full options fitted. However, this does not include the cost of the base car or taxes...

For more details visit Vandenbrink's website at vandenbrinkdesign.com



V10 AUDI R8 DUE LATE 2008

SUPER-R8'S V10 TO BE BASED ON RS4/R8 V8 AND WILL OFFER OVER 500BHP



V10-engined R8 spotted testing near the Ring. Initial rumours that the V10 would be a diesel now disproved

The ultimate version of Audi's R8 is hardly a secret any more, but a few more details of the flagship model have emerged recently. Confirming our earlier news story, the V10 engine will be completely new and not related to the V10s in either the RS6 or the Lamborghini Gallardo. Instead it is essentially a development of the high-revving V8 from the RS4 and R8.

Engineers tell us that this new engine will shade BMW's 500bhp M Power V10 – as found in the M5 and M6 – in

terms of outright power and revs. Considering BMW's figures, that means the new 5.2-litre engine should be good for around 520bhp and rev beyond 8250rpm.

We'll have to wait a little longer than expected before we get to drive the V10 R8 though, as Audi has decided to delay its introduction due to the higher than expected demand for the current R8. We don't expect the V10 version to be released until late in 2008, but from what we're hearing, it should be worth the extra wait.