

Maserati has announced prices for the new GranSport Spyder, ahead of the arrival of the first cars in May with the legendary Italian car maker's range topping 285 kmh sports car now available from \$260,000.

"The Maserati GranSport has provided a fresh re-interpretation of the Maserati legend and the Spyder adds to this the visceral pleasure of open top motoring,' says Edward Butler, General Manager for Maserati in Australia and New Zealand. "It shares with the GranSport Coupe the breath taking performance from the racetrack-bred 295 kW V8 engine, the remarkable handling, roadholding and ride comfort offered by the Maserati Skyhook Suspension and the exclusive customisation possibilities of the Officine Alfieri Maserati programme with Maserati's unique styling and adds open top motoring. What more could be wanted from performance motoring?"

The Maserati GranSport Spyder is an open-top version of the GranSport Coupe, the car that has been widely praised for providing the Maserati Coupe with an aggressive new temperament with improved performance, looks and a sharper, more responsive edge.

The GranSport Spyder loses nothing with its conversion to soft top motoring, from its 4.2 litre V8 boosted for its application in the GranSport to 400 bhp/294 kW and its emotive howl that can be enhanced at the press of a button, to reworked suspension, wheels and tyres. Roof up or down, the GranSport Spyder dispatched the dash to 100 kmh in just 4.9 seconds and goes on, where the law permits, to a top speed of 285 kmh.

As with the GranSport Coupe, there are also visual changes. A pronounced spoiler hugs the bottom of the front bumper and on the sides under-door skirting harmonises the look of the car. This is completed by the 19" wheels inspired by the race cars that compete in the Trofeo Maserati.

The interior is a blend of carbon, leather and BrighTex® fabric and endow the cabin with the look and feel of a racing car.

### Technical Specification

	GranSport Spyder
Engine	90° V8, crankcase and cylinder heads in hardened aluminium silicon alloy. Crankshaft in refined forged steel, balanced individually on five main bearings.
Ignition	Bosch integrated ignition-injection system, electronic drive-by-wire acceleration control.
Timing gear	Chain-driven twin overhead camshafts per cylinder bank command; four valves per cylinder with hydraulic tappets.
Bore and stroke	92x79.8 mm
Total displacement	4244 cc
Compression ratio	11:1
Maximum power	295 kW (400 CV) at 7000 rpm
Maximum torque	451 Nm (46 kgm) at 4500 rpm
Transmission	Transaxle architecture with longitudinal Maserati gearbox rigidly connected to the engine. Mechanical six-speed Cambiocorsa transmission with electro-hydraulic operation and electronic management operated by paddles behind the steering wheel, triple cone synchronisers 1st and 2nd, and double cone on 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th. Asymmetrical limited-slip differential (25% under acceleration, 45% on lift-off), hypoid bevel gear pair, final drive 3.73 (11/41). Dry twin-plate clutch, diameter 215 mm (8.46 in) with flexible couplings and hydraulic control.
Chassis	Constructed in high resistance sheeting and with an integrated tubular frame in the rear that supports the suspension and gearbox. The front end bears the weight of the suspension and engine.
Front suspension	Double wishbones with arms and hubs in forged aluminium; progressive rate steel dampers or optional continuously variable aluminium gas dampers with adaptive damping and acceleration sensors on each wheel (Skyhook system), co-axial coils and springs.
Rear suspension	Double wishbones with arms and hubs in forged aluminium, additional radius arm to control toe-in; progressive rate steel dampers or optional continuously variable aluminium gas dampers with adaptive damping and acceleration sensors on each wheel (Skyhook system), co-axial coils and springs.
Brakes	Brembo braking system with four cross-drilled ventilated discs. Front 330 mm x 32 mm, rear 310 mm x 28 mm; alloy four-pot callipers with

	differentiated diameter: front 46- 38 mm with ceramic insulating seals; rear 34-30 mm. Brake pads: Ferodo HP1000 Bosch 5.7 four-channel anti-lock braking system. Electronically controlled braking corrector (EBD)
Tyres	Pirelli
Front tyres	235/35 ZR19, 8 J x 19
Rear tyres	265/30 ZR19, 9,5J x 19
Wheels	19" wheel rims in light alloy and with a Trofeo design
Bodywork	A load-bearing steel body with the panels and the internal frames crafted from galvanized sheets on two sides, two door spider, two seater, longitudinally mounted front engine, rear wheel drive
Length	4303 mm
Width	1822 mm
Height	1305 mm
Wheelbase	2440 mm
Front track	1525 mm
Rear track	1538 mm
Dry weight	1630 kg
Kerb weight	1730 kg
Fuel tank	88l
Top speed	285 km/h (at 7550 rpm)
0-100 kmh	4,95 s
Fuel consumption	
ECE	28.3 l/100km
EUDC	13.0 l/100km
Combined	18.6 l/100km
CO2 emission	Combined 434.7 g/km

## Equipment and Features

### Interior and on-board electronics

Interior in leather and BrighTex technical fabric  
 Front wraparound sports seats. Positions can be controlled electronically  
 Easy Entry system to access rear seats  
 Sporty steering wheel in carbon and leather that can be adjusted for height and reach  
 Aluminium pedals  
 Carbon console and central tunnel  
 'Start' button for ignition  
 Becker 'On-Line Pro' CD player (can read MP3 files, with CD-R support and memory card)  
 Automatic climate control with rear vents  
 Electric front windows  
 Electrically operated and heated wing mirrors

### Safety

Driver and passenger front airbags  
 Front side bags concealed in door panels  
 Front seat belts with pre-tensioners  
 Puncture repair kit with 12v air compressor  
 Fog lights

### Handling

MSP electronic traction and stability control program (integrates ABS, EBD, ASR and MSR)  
 19" alloy wheels with 235/35 ZR19 front tyres and 265/30 ZR19 rear tyres  
 Mechanical six-speed Cambiocorsa transmission  
 Dual-disc clutch  
 Independent front and rear suspension with 'antidive' and 'antisquat' geometry  
 Drive-by-wire electronic accelerator  
 Sports exhaust system controlled electronically via 'Sport' button