



Going to extremes

SPECIALIST Alfa Romeo tuner Autodelta has produced extreme versions of the new Alfa GT and restyled Alfa 156.

The latest Autodelta work includes an interpretation of what a GTA version of the latest Alfa Romeo 156 would be like if such a car was to come from the factory and a version of the Alfa GT for those owners for whom 184kW isn't enough.

The Alfa Romeo 156 GTA AM offers an epic 245kW from a bored-out version of the 3.2-litre V6 engine used in the normal Alfa GT. The large-capacity engine extends torque output to 353Nm and there is a new 7300rpm red line.

The power boost means that 0-100kmh comes up in a breathtaking 5.3 seconds.

The Alfa GT Super uses a supercharged version of the 3.2-litre V6 engine to lift power to 239kW. The top speed is increased to 287 kmh and the blast to 100kmh takes 5.4 seconds.

Like its smaller sister, the 147 3.7 GTA, Autodelta's 156 GTA AM boasts a Ferrari-derived larger throttle, bespoke stainless exhaust system, manifolds and downpipes.

There's a stronger clutch to cope with the extra power and 353Nm of torque at 4700 rpm, quadruple tailpipes at the back, and custom-built 8.5 x 18-inch light alloy wheels wearing 235/40 tyres.

The 156 GTA AM has been equipped

with a limited slip differential (with 30 per cent progressive lock), uprated 355mm front brakes with AP racing six-pot calipers and sports suspension.

Based on the very successful Alfa Romeo GT, the Autodelta GT Super has a 239kW engine endowed with extra power and torque by the addition of a centrifugal Rotrex supercharger, running its own oil feed system and additional oil cooler independent from the engine, with an intercooler.

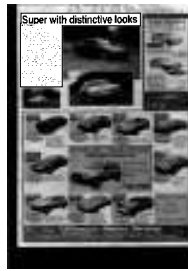
Choosing to adopt the Rotrex supercharger is the result of 2½ years of durability and reliability testing of the unit in a wide range of Autodelta Alfa Romeo models.

In order to match fuelling and ignition timing, the factory ECU has been remapped and the supercharger has inbuilt safety features to control boost levels.

Like the Autodelta 156 3.7 GTA AM,

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and its smaller sister Autodelta 147 3.7 GTA, the GT Super has been fitted with limited slip differential to rein in the extra power, along with sports suspension with coil over dampers.

The top speed of 287kmh is easier to achieve with the adoption of a longer sixth gear (which is not an overdrive) than the standard Alfa GT.

Autodelta's own styling and manufacturing arm Creativestudio is responsible for the distinctive look of both the 156 GTA AM and the GT Super.

In contrast with the factory-built Alfa Romeo 156 GTA — which is no longer

available in New Zealand — Autodelta's Alfa 156 GTA AM boasts the more recent Giugiaro-styled front, complemented by a specially designed full bodykit which include front wings, front and rear bumpers, rear wheel arches, door panels and boot spoiler.

The GT Super features new front and rear bumpers, discreet rear boot spoiler and a redesigned dual exhaust pipe with a touch of retro feel, which contributes to the GT Super's unique engine sound.

Autodelta's 156 GTA AM and GT Super, like all Autodelta models, are strictly customer-built, with their own plaque carrying the serial number.

