



New 'ultimate Alfas

Autodelta, the legendary name in producing extreme versions of Alfa Romeo's fastest cars, has added two new versions to its range of ultimate Alfa — their interpretation of what a GTA version of the latest Alfa Romeo 156 would be like were such a thing to come from the factory and a version of the awarding Alfa GT for those owners for whom 184 kW isn't enough.

The Alfa Romeo 156 GTA AM offers an epic 245kW from a bored out version of the 3.2 litre engine used in the normal Alfa GT that extends torque output to 353Nm, with a new 7300rpm red line. This means that 100kph comes up in a breathtaking 5.3 seconds.

The Alfa GT Super uses a super charged version of the normal 3.2 litre V6 engine to lift power to 239 kW, giving it a top speed of 287kph and the ability to blast to 100kph in 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, a stronger clutch to cope with the extra power, 353 Nm 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.

To help achieve the deadly quick driving response and higher performance levels than the standard model, as it is expected from a true sports saloon, 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 6-pot calipers and a sports suspension.

Based on the very successful Alfa Romeo GT, Autodelta's 239 kW engine has been endowed with extra power and grunt by the addition of a space-efficient, centrifugal



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The 156 GTA AM has a sports suspension.

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 two-and-a-half 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, 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, and sports suspension with coil over dampers. The top speed of 287 kmh 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, overt sporty 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.