



FERRARI 488 SPIDER: A Beauty and a Beast

THIS IS EVERY SUPERCAR ENTHUSIASTS' WILDEST DREAMS, AN EXPERIENCE THEY'RE WILLING TO KILL FOR. WHAT'S MORE TO LIKE THAN BEING ABLE TO SIT BEHIND THE WHEEL OF FERRARI'S 488 NEW FLAGSHIP? YES, FERRARI 488 SPIDER IS HERE AND **HIGHEND** HAD A PRIVILEGE TO CRUISE AROUND ITS BACKYARD, ITALY.

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Sit back and enjoy the ride in the comfort of Ferrari 488 Spider as we tested out the car while taking a glimpse of the quaint city of Forlì, in Emilia-Romagna, Bologna.

But firstly, let's absorb the beauty and the beast of Ferrari 488 Spider. Once the engine starts, you will be in awe by the comfort, which is also perfect for a woman driver. Wait until the RHT (Retractable Hard Top) manage to convert by itself. Just like the previous Ferrari 458, once you press the button, by 14 seconds it can be opened

and closed even up to 45 km/h. It is a car that marries extraordinary prowess of the 488 GTB coupe's mid-rear V8 with the joy of tackling even the most challenging roads like some of the routes on this test drive. Undoubtedly, driving this beast will blow you away by the powerful performance and effortless driving pleasure. The exterior is designed by Ferrari Styling Centre, features radical new styling honed around its aerodynamic requirements which brilliantly reflects the drop-top driving pleasure focus on its sportiness and performance. Moreover, its aerodynamics have



been improved to smooth the air flow both over and under the car.

Now, let's reveal what's in the heart of Ferrari 488 Spider, which is the powertrain. The heart of every Ferrari is its engine, which no doubt must deliver the classic Ferrari power unit qualities, including blistering performance combined with high revs, razor-sharp responsiveness, powerful pick-up through the rev range and an exhilarating soundtrack. The new V8 featured in 488 Spider is the Maranello engineer's latest response to the daily challenge to constantly set a new benchmark

of excellence. This power offers the highest performance ever with zero turbo lag and a unique exhilarating soundtrack. It delivers 670 cv at 8,000 rpm with a specific power output of 172 cv/l, which is a new record for a road-going Ferrari, and a maximum torque of 760 Nm in seventh gear and a throttle response time of just 0,8 seconds at 2000 rpm in third gear. Indeed, it would be a divine driving Ferrari 488 Spider, and this year Ferrari 488 Spider comes in Blue Corsa, adding to the famous Red Ferrari.



Leonardo da Vinci's
Canal Harbour



CRUISING THROUGH EMILIA-ROMAGNA

During the media test drive, **HighEnd** stayed at a sprawling winery resort, Borgo Condé in the countryside with a fantastic scenery in Fiumana di Predappio. As we stepped into the mountain and hills road, the condition of the road is perfect to test out the Maranello engineers' masterpiece. As the sun comes up, in the background of a breathtaking view of the resort, all of the 12 colourful Ferrari 488 Spider are all set, greeting us in the cold morning.

In 200 km route through Emilia-Romagna, the first 80 km starts off from Borgo Condé and stops for a coffee break under the feet of San Leo, a splendid old fortress that is built at the top hill. Driving up and down the hills of the road, while sitting on the passenger seat in the hands of a top expert test driver, Mr. Roberto Ricchi, **HighEnd** is bedazzled by the excitement yet comfortable driving and of course with the absent turbo lag, making the driving in the countryside breeze sublime.



Then we continue driving south to have a lunch at the port town of Cesenatico, with a soothing view of floating boats by Leonardo da Vinci's canal as the background. On our way back to the resort, finally **HighEnd** take over the wheel on the last 50 km from Cesenatico. It was one amazing ride, driving around freeway and the city with only shifting on the fourth gear for a couple of times, simply just want to be safe. Still, hands down, the exhilarating driving pleasure of Ferrari 488 Spider is beyond words.

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