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2017 Fiat 124 Spider Abarth Offers Sportier, More Responsive Driving Experience for Performance Enthusiasts

- 2017 Fiat 124 Spider Abarth features sport suspension, mechanical limited slip differential, Sport Mode selector and sport-tuned, chrome quad-tip exhaust
- Available Brembo braking system and Recaro seats for added sportiness
- Powered by turbocharged MultiAir 1.4-liter engine for 164 horsepower and 184 lb.-ft. of torque, available with manual transmission or automatic transmission with paddle shifters
- Aggressive appearance with unique front and rear fascia, 17-inch Gun Metal aluminum wheels, Gun Metal exterior accents and available hand-painted hood stripe, offering a one-of-a-kind appearance
- 2017 Fiat 124 Spider delivers best-in-class horsepower and torque
- Fiat 124 Spider models will be available in studios beginning this summer

March 22, 2016, Auburn Hills, Mich. - Since the [introduction of the Fiat 500 Abarth](#) at the 2011 Los Angeles Auto Show, the DNA of Abarth has connected with driving enthusiasts in search of a sharp, wicked, fun-to-drive machine. Continuing the legacy of Karl Abarth's performance-inspired vehicles known for their rich racing heritage, the 2017 Fiat 124 Abarth will debut at this year's [New York International Auto Show](#).

The Fiat 124 Abarth is the heir of the roadster that drove Fiat to its first European Rally Championship win in the 1970s. Applying the Abarth formula, the new 124 Spider is designed and built for thrills and performance. Key Abarth features include rear-wheel drive, a sophisticated suspension and a four-cylinder turbocharged MultiAir 1.4 Turbo engine with best-in-class 164 horsepower that is available with a six-speed manual or six-speed automatic gearbox with paddle shift.

The 2017 Fiat 124 Spider Abarth is the latest addition to the [Fiat 124 Spider lineup](#), offering added performance features for a sportier, more spirited driving experience. While all Fiat 124 Spider models deliver responsive handling and excellent power-to-weight ratio in a robust rear-wheel-drive package, the Abarth model builds on the Spider's engaging driving dynamics to offer even more fun for performance enthusiasts.

"Our new Fiat 124 Spider is an iconic roadster that combines classic Italian styling with modern performance and technology," said Olivier Francois, Head of FIAT Brand, FCA – Global. "The addition of our new 2017 Fiat 124 Spider Abarth further enhances the driving experience and offers yet another head-turning, fun-to-drive vehicle to our customers."

Performance characteristics

The 2017 Fiat 124 Spider Abarth features the proven turbocharged 1.4-liter MultiAir four-cylinder engine, delivering 164 horsepower and 184 lb.-ft. of torque and is paired with either a six-speed manual transmission or a six-speed automatic transmission with paddle shifters. The Abarth-exclusive Sport Mode changes the calibrations of the engine, automatic transmission, electric power steering and dynamic stability control system to ensure a sporty, responsive and performance-oriented driving experience.

A mechanical limited slip differential, featuring a low torque bias ratio, provides improved traction and handling, as well as improved launch performance and power delivery during cornering. The Abarth's unique sport suspension includes mono-tube Bilstein front and rear shock absorbers for increased traction and more precise handling. The available Brembo braking system with 17-inch alloy wheels offers monoblock aluminum calipers with four pistons,

allowing for improved braking.

Aggressive appearance

With a streamlined silhouette and a stretched bonnet, the Fiat 124 Spider Abarth has an aggressive appearance, with unique front and rear fascia, black side sills, 17-inch Gun Metal aluminum wheels and a sport-tuned, chrome quad-tip exhaust with a unique exhaust sound. The Gun Metal header, mirror cover and roll bar complement five available paint colors: Bianco Gelato (White Clear Coat), Rosso Passione (Red Clear Coat), Nero Cinema (Jet Black Metallic), Grigio Argento (Gray Metallic) and tri-coat Bianco Perla (Crystal White Pearl).

The interior design reflects the performance-oriented details for which cars sporting the Scorpion badge are famous. There is Rosso (red) stitching throughout, including on the leather-wrapped steering wheel, wrapped instrument cluster hood, lower instrument panel and parking brake. A matte black instrument panel bezel, unique instrument cluster, aluminum-accented sport pedals and unique gear shift knob help to differentiate the Abarth model. Unique Nero (black) leather/microfiber seats are standard, while leather seats in Nero (black) or Nero/Rosso (black/red) are available. For true performance enthusiasts, leather and Alcantara Recaro seats are also available in Nero (black).

2017 Fiat 124 Spider

The all-new 2017 Fiat 124 Spider revives the storied nameplate, bringing its classic Italian styling and performance to a new generation. Paying homage to the original 124 Spider nearly 50 years after its introduction, the 2017 Fiat 124 Spider delivers the ultimate Italian roadster experience with driving excitement, technology and safety combined with iconic Italian design.

The 2017 Fiat 124 Spider lineup also includes the Classica and Lusso models. To celebrate the return of the classic nameplate, the first 124 vehicles will be offered as a limited-edition Prima Edizione Lusso, featuring an exclusive color combination and commemorative badging. The all-new Fiat 124 Spider will arrive in FIAT studios in North America beginning in summer 2016.

FIAT Brand

FIAT brand celebrates its 120th anniversary. For more than a century, some things haven't changed. Head-turning Italian design and the ultimate fun-to-drive factor come standard with every FIAT.

FIAT is the only brand in the industry to offer standard turbo powertrains that deliver at least 30 mpg across its entire product lineup. The all-turbo lineup includes the all-wheel-drive Fiat 500X compact crossover, the Fiat 124 Spider roadster and the five-passenger Fiat 500L utility vehicle. FIAT is part of the portfolio of brands offered by leading global automaker and mobility provider Stellantis. For more information regarding Stellantis (NYSE: STLA), please visit www.stellantis.com.

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