

New Mercedes-AMG GTs, Volvo XC40, Pajero Sport



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This week's #RideRoundup features the three new Mercedes-AMG GTs - the AMG GT Roadster, AMG GT C Roadster, and sporty AMG GT R, as well as the new Volvo XC40 and Mitsubishi Pajero Sport.

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Three new members have been added to the AMG GT family - the AMG GT Roadster, AMG GT C Roadster, and the AMG GT R.

In the entry-level model, the AMG GT Roadster, the AMG 4.0-litre V8 biturbo unit produces an output of 350kW and 630Nm of torque. The AMG GT C Roadster with its output of 410kW and peak torque of 680Nm slots in between the AMG GT S and AMG GT R.



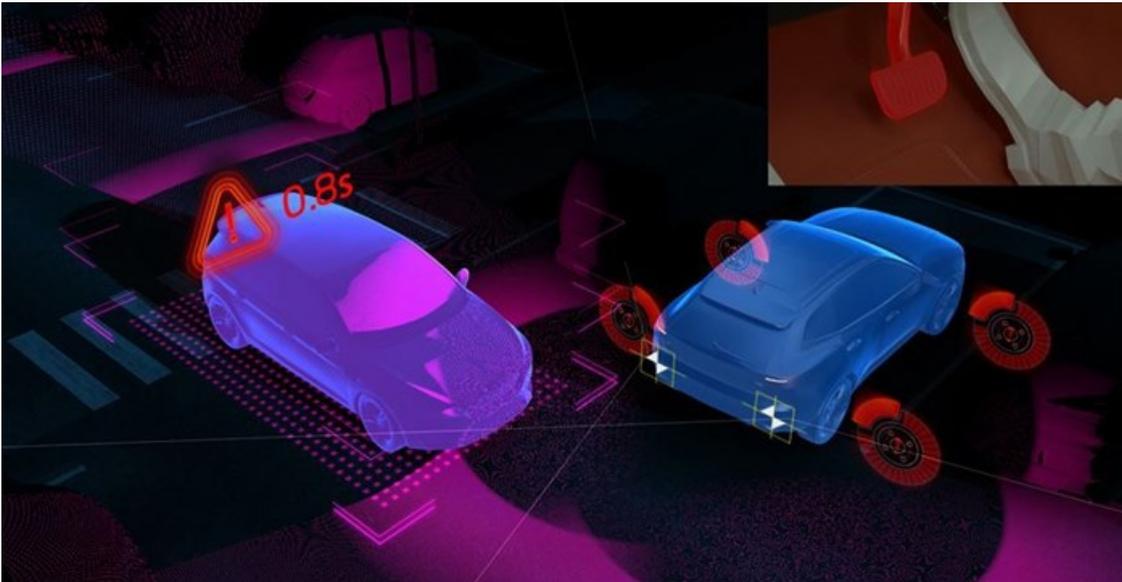
At the top end of its product range is the new AMG GT R with a V8 biturbo engine rated at 430kW and 700Nm of torque. It has an extensively modified suspension, new aerodynamics and intelligent lightweight construction. Acceleration from 0-100 km/h takes 3.6 sec and the top speed is 318km/h.



Pricing:

- Mercedes-AMG GT Roadster: R2,199,900
- Mercedes-AMG GT C Roadster: R2,599,900
- Mercedes-AMG GT R: R2,689,900

Volvo XC40



This Spring will see the launch of the new Volvo XC40 premium compact SUV - Volvo's first car built on the new compact modular architecture (CMA) chassis.

Safety and driver assistance features include Volvo's semi-autonomous pilot assist system, the latest generation of 'city safety', run-off road protection and mitigation, cross traffic alert with auto brake and the 360° surround view camera which helps drivers into tight parking spaces.

Mitsubishi Pajero Sport



Mitsubishi has launched its all-new Pajero Sport, a luxurious purpose-built sport utility vehicle. The new-generation Mitsubishi SUV reportedly offers improved driving dynamics, including an 8-speed automatic transmission for both the 2WD and 4WD models – the latter including low-range as well as Mitsubishi's latest version of its Super Select 4-II 4WD system which now also boasts electronic off-road assistance.

The new-generation high-performance MIVEC 4-cylinder turbo diesel engine produces 133kW at 3500rpm. The 430Nm of torque at a modest 2500rpm, plus the 8-speed automatic transmission with intelligent shift control, results in effortless driving dynamics.

The newcomer boasts double wishbone coil springs with a stabilizer bar in the front and multi-link suspension with stabiliser bar in the back. The quiet drive, thanks to its strong ladder-frame design which absorbs all levels of NVH, gives the new Pajero Sport a big sedan car-like ride and handling.

Pricing:

- Pajero Sport 2.4 D4 MIVEC 2WD 8-speed A/T: R569,995
- Pajero Sport 2.4 D4 MIVEC 4WD 8-speed A/T: R599,995

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