



700 HP announced for the new GUMPERT fast tourer designed by TOURING SUPERLEGGERA

First image of the new TORNANTE

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The international stage of the 2011 Geneva Motor Show will witness a new world premiere. TOURING SUPERLEGGERA will unveil its design concept for GUMPERT. *The GUMPERT TORNANTE by TOURING* is a static style model projected and engineered to match a new central engine chassis with V8-powered driveline. The *Tornante* is scheduled as an addition to the GUMPERT model range as of 2012.

In the development of the 2-seater coupe, TOURING was commissioned a design adding elegance, space and comfort to a package rooted in motorsports and competition engineering. The result aims at opening a new class with attributes of superior efficiency, performance and pleasure: the Fast Tourers.

The car's performance and dynamic properties generated tight constraints for the designer. While respecting aerodynamics, ground effect, engine and brakes ventilation, special attention was given to comfort and ergonomics.

From two fairly different perspectives, GUMPERT and TOURING share the philosophy to remove everything that is not essential. Hence the shape is clean, efficient, and well-balanced. Innovative proportions were achieved in the rear section. A typical feature is the gull-wing opening of both the doors and the wide rear hood.

Featuring composite body panels over a light chrome-molybdenum steel space frame with carbon fiber monocoque, the *Tornante* aims at lightness and torsional stiffness. This principle mirrors the original Superleggera construction method patented by Touring in 1936.

The *Tornante* has the genes of the GUMPERT *apollo* and inherits its impressive V8 Biturbo engine. The 4.2 liter unit delivers 700 HP in the basis version. The drivetrain is also an *apollo* derivative, featuring as standard for the sake of comfort the TT40e gearbox with paddle shift control.

The built-in double-wishbone suspension scheme from the *apollo* is adjusted to the requirements of the Fast Touring mission profile.

Alongside the basic version, an alternative powered Tornante is also planned for 2012.

The *GUMPERT TORNANTE by TOURING* will be unveiled at the Geneva Motor Show on Tuesday, 1st March 2011 at 14:45 on the booth of TOURING and GUMPERT (Hall 2, booth 2055/2057).

[Click here to download the image of the Tornante](http://www.touringsuperleggera.eu/Images/tornante1st.jpg)
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