

## Alfa Romeo Giulietta (nee Milano, 149)

What you see on these pages is the all new Giulietta as presented at this year's Geneva Motor Show. Some of you may remember that the 147 was being replaced by two cars, the smaller three door hatchback MiTo, and the larger five door hatchback Giulietta. Many thought that Alfa would just name this car 149 following the practice used on the larger 155/156/159 series. Then it was announced that the name Milano would be used. That lasted just a very brief while after there was outrage that the car would be named after the city the company was founded in but barely has any ties to anymore. Scrounging around the name bin, Giulietta was resurrected. And while most of us may have fond thoughts of the 1950's and 1960's cars when we hear the name, there was a Giulietta produced in the late 1970's up through the mid 1980's. Both of those series were Rear wheel drive while this car continues the current front wheel drive trend.

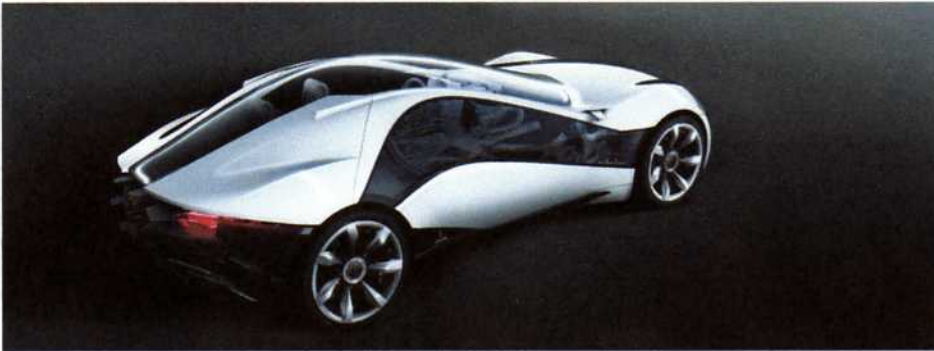
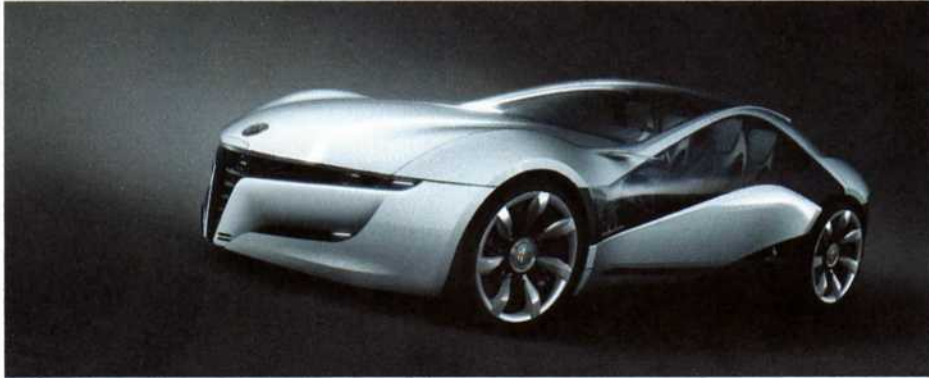
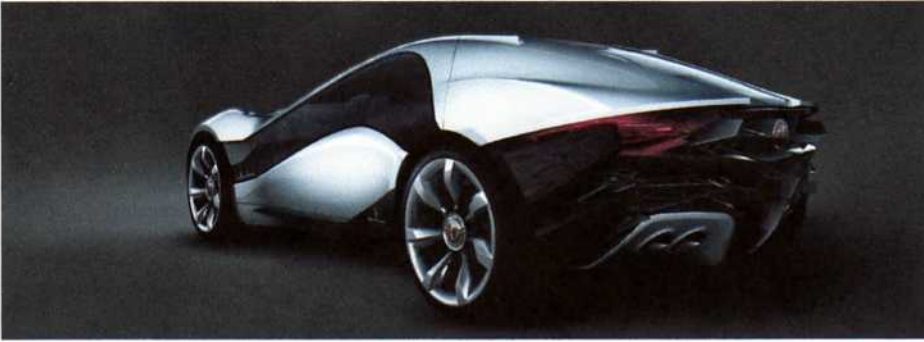


Past versions of the Giulietta were berlinas with coupe and spider versions, while the new car will only come the way you see it here. And while this car was intended to be sent State-side with possible co-production at a North American facility, the current verdict is to keep it away for the time being. Available gas engines in Europe range from a 1.4 ltr. 118 hp mill to the turbocharged 232 hp 1750 Tbi while the diesel range goes from a 104 hp 1.6 ltr. to an 168 hp 2.0 ltr. Alfa's DNA (Dynamic, Normal, All-Weather) driving mode selector and the Q2 electronic front wheel-drive differential will be offered along with the option for a dual-clutch automatic.



# BERTONE PANDION

Alfa commissioned Bertone for a concept car to help celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. While not confined to show off anything that will be made, Bertone went as far in the opposite direction and stretched the possibilities with the Pandion (Osprey).



First off, these pictures will not even come close to showing the details that make this car so unique. The most obvious feature is the articulating doors/sides. Instead of the door swinging out or up, 7/8th of the side lifts up creating very large “wings.” Another new feature is the placement of glass along the side and top of the vehicle. The interior is also very unique with uncommon materials. And lastly, the rear, and to a lesser extent, the front grille look like they have loose metal floating (or is it falling off). If you can, take a closer look at this car online to see the details.

This concept was based on a Maserati Gran Turismo chassis with an Alfa 4.7 liter V8. Bertone also laid out a 2 + 2 interior, where the + 2 would have to be people without legs.

The one interesting design note I think you should pay attention to is the front fascia. Along with the Pininfarina car, I think you’re looking at a modified version of what’s to come from Alfa in the next couple of years.

