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World Premiere for Maserati Levante Trofeo at the 2018 New York International Auto Show

- **Top of the line Levante makes waves in New York: one of the most powerful and fastest production Maserati cars ever, storms high-end SUV segment**
- **New Levante Trofeo launch edition shown at NYIAS, a limited series intended for select enthusiasts in the U.S. and Canada**
- **3.8-liter Twin Turbo V8 engine mated to the Q4 Intelligent All-Wheel Drive system delivers 590 hp and 538 lb.-ft. (730 Nm) peak torque**
- **Outstanding performance and exhilarating driving experience: 0-60 mph in 3.7 seconds (0-100 km/h in 3.9 seconds) and a top speed faster than 187 mph (>300 km/h) in absolute style and comfort**
- **New carbon fiber exterior design cues accompany 22-inch forged aluminum wheels and an exclusive interior featuring sport seats wrapped in full-grain “Pieno Fiore” natural leather**
- **New shift lever with improved functionality, Full Matrix LED headlights, a specific “Corsa” Driving Mode with Launch Control and the Maserati Integrated Vehicle Control (IVC) system for improved driving dynamics**

New York, 28 March 2018 – Maserati reveals the first Levante built around a V8 engine at the New York International Auto Show. It is the Levante Trofeo, the ultimate Maserati of SUVs, capable of accelerating in style from 0-60 mph in just 3.7 seconds (0-100 km/h in 3.9 seconds) and reaching a top speed of over 187 mph (>300 km/h).

The Levante Trofeo is equipped with one of the most powerful engines ever fitted in a Maserati. A 3.8-liter Twin Turbo V8 engine that has been engineered to perfectly mate with the Q4 Intelligent All-Wheel Drive System and delivers an astounding 590 hp at 6,250 rpm and 538 lb.-ft. (730 Nm) of peak torque at 2,250 – 5,000 rpm.

The engine boasts the highest output per liter (156 hp/liter) of any Maserati powerplant ever produced and, like all Maserati gasoline engines, is assembled by Ferrari in Maranello, Italy.

The chassis of the fastest Levante ever has been tuned to handle the higher power output and provides an exhilarating driving experience with no compromise in terms of comfort. This tuning ensures the Levante Trofeo continues to embody the essence of the Maserati GranTurismo philosophy with supercar performance.

“It’s proof that when you play with the elements you end up in a storm,” says Maserati CEO Tim Kuniskis. *“In the case of Trofeo, the engineers and designers in Modena knew that the driveline parameters were more than able to cope with additional power and they also knew that Maserati had access to the finest engines on earth. So, they were up to the challenge of making the finest luxury SUV also one of the fastest.”*

The unmistakable Levante design has reached new levels of sportiness in this top of the line Trofeo. The elegant restyling was mainly focused on the lower front fascia and the rear bumper and is underlined by the 22-inch forged aluminum “Orione” wheels – the largest ever fitted on a Maserati – available in both polished and matte finishes.

The side air intakes in the lower fascia feature a new, more aggressive design, defined by two aerodynamic wings that give a sense of further stability, visually “pushing” the weight of the car’s nose towards the massive front wheels. And to help improve the airflow distribution, Trofeo is outfitted with carbon fiber side bezel blades and a carbon fiber splitter.

The rear end also looks wider and more muscular with a sharper carbon fiber horizontal element and body-color lower extractor that embrace the oval quad exhaust tips.

In front, the Levante Trofeo has Full Matrix LED headlights, a front grille with double vertical bars in a piano black finish and

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lower honeycomb mesh fascia, as well as body color door handles, oval exhaust tips in a dark finish and performance painted brake calipers in red, blue, black, silver or yellow. And to cap it off, specific “Saetta” Trofeo logos adorn the iconic c-pillars of the coupé styled SUV.

Specific details, like the lower splitter, the blade side bezels in the front air intakes, the side skirt inserts and the rear extractor are made of ultralight, high-gloss carbon fiber, giving the Levante Trofeo a polished racing look. Even the hood is new, featuring two aggressive vents for better cylinder head cooling. And under the hood, the engine cover is also made of high-gloss carbon fiber featuring a V8 inscription and the iconic Trident logo, while cylinder heads and intake manifolds are painted red.

Interior designers have come up with elegant ways to create a distinctive environment within the Levante Trofeo cabin. The sculpted sport seats feature a premium full-grain “Pieno Fiore” natural leather available in black, red and tan, all with contrast stitching and “Trofeo” logo stitched on the headrests. “Pieno Fiore” is like no other leather used in the automotive industry for its natural, soft feel and for the unique character it develops throughout the years.

A new matte carbon fiber trim and paddle shifters, specific instrument cluster graphics, floor mats with metal Trofeo badges and a Maserati clock with a unique dial elegantly underline the exclusive sporty character of this extraordinary Levante, which is outfitted with a standard 1,280-watt, 17-speaker Bowers & Wilkins premium surround sound audio system for exceptional listening enjoyment.

The production of the Levante Trofeo starts this summer at the refurbished Maserati plant in Mirafiori (Turin), Italy. The fastest Levante in Maserati history is initially intended for overseas export markets, including the U.S. and Canada.

Power under control

Maserati engineers developed the mighty 3.8-liter Twin Turbo V8 engine to accommodate the Q4 Intelligent All-Wheel Drive system, providing it with a new crankcase design, specific crankshaft assembly, new oil pump and auxiliary belt and a different wiring layout.

New turbochargers feature increased flow, while redesigned cylinder heads with specific camshafts and valves, different pistons and new connecting rods allow the ability to reach the maximum power targets in combination with specific engine calibration mapping.

The Levante Trofeo is definitely one of the fastest SUVs ever built with a top speed of over 187 mph (>300 km/h). Thanks to its remarkable weight/power ratio of 8.1 lbs./hp (3.6 kg/hp) the Trofeo needs only 3.7 seconds to reach 60 mph (3.9 seconds for 0-100 km/h) and only 113 feet (34.5 meters) of braking distance to get back to a complete stop.

The ideal 50:50 weight balance and the low center of gravity - common to all Levante models - in combination with the finely tuned double-wishbone front / Multi Link rear suspension and the larger tires fitted to the 22-inch forged aluminum wheels, endow the new Trofeo with remarkably balanced handling and lateral stability.

The new “Corsa” Driving mode with Launch Control functionality in addition to the existing Normal, I.C.E., Sport and Off Road modes has been adopted to enhance the athletic character of the ultimate Maserati SUV. “Corsa” driving mode further improves engine response and opens exhaust valves in acceleration, as well as provides faster gear shifting, lower air suspension height levels, sportier Skyhook damping and optimized Q4 Intelligent All-Wheel Drive settings and interacts with Traction Control and ESP systems to maximize driving pleasure.

The Maserati Integrated Vehicle Control (IVC) system has been incorporated for the first time in a Levante, for impressive driving dynamics, better performance and a genuine Maserati driving experience, by helping to prevent vehicle instability, instead of correcting “driver mistakes” as a traditional Electronic Stability Program (ESP) system does.



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Limited series Levante Trofeo launch edition

As an introduction to its upcoming new model, Maserati is showcasing a limited Levante Trofeo launch edition at the Javits Center in New York. The show car is in the special matte Grigio Lava paint with matte finished 22-inch wheels and red brake calipers. This limited series Trofeo is exclusively intended for a small number of Maserati customers in the U.S. and Canada.

The Levante Trofeo launch edition will be available in eight unique exterior colors including the following exclusive exterior features: 22-inch forged aluminum wheels with three-season performance tires or new 21-inch wheels with all-season tires, in a gloss finish and dark details, like black daylight openings (DLO) and fog light rings, as well as Black Chrome Maserati badges, Trofeo “Saetta” logos, side air vents and trunk accent.

The Trofeo launch edition interior is even more individual, featuring natural “Pieno Fiore” leather sport seats available in black, tan or red with contrast stitching. Black leather with blue or yellow stitching is exclusive to the launch edition and all feature the new matte carbon fiber wave interior trim. A serialized badge integrated on the center console featuring the customer’s name (or a personalization), has also been added to underline the unique character of the Trofeo launch edition.

Other Maserati models showcased at NYIAS 2018

Besides the new Levante Trofeo, the following Maserati models are showcased at the 2018 New York International Auto Show that will be open for the public from March 30th to April 8th at the Javits Center.

Ghibli S Q4 GranSport, the sportiest expression of the Maserati sports sedan featuring the Nerissimo Carbon package,

Ghibli S Q4 GranLusso, the epitome of luxury in the premium sedan class;

Levante S GranLusso, the 424 hp Maserati of SUVs in its more luxurious trim;

Quattroporte GTS GranSport, the 523 hp Twin Turbo V8 Maserati flagship sedan with the Nerissimo Carbon Package;

GranTurismo Convertible Sport, the iconic Italian four-seat convertible featuring Bianco Birdcage exterior paint.

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Maserati produces a full range of unique motor cars immediately recognizable for their extraordinary personality. Thanks to their style, technology and innate exclusivity, they satisfy the most exacting, refined tastes and are a constant point of reference in the automobile industry. The current line-up includes the flagship Quattroporte executive sedan, the Ghibli sports sedan, the Levante “Maserati of SUVs” and the sporty GranTurismo and GranTurismo Convertible. The range has never been more complete, offering V6 and V8 engines, rear- or all-wheel drive, a selection of sophisticated materials and outstanding technical solutions. With its tradition of successful automobiles, Maserati continues to redefine the concept of Italian sports motoring on an ongoing basis through design, performance, comfort, elegance and safety.

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