

# 88TH GENEVA INTERNATIONAL MOTOR SHOW 2018



- Chiron Sport<sup>1</sup> is a new version of the Chiron<sup>2</sup>
- Bugatti hones the Chiron and gives the Sport version, which has the same power output and performance data, significantly improved handling and even greater agility
- Dynamic handling package with stiffer suspension and new Dynamic Torque Vectoring function
- Weight reduction of 18 kilograms
- Chiron Sport corners significantly faster: lap times on Nardò handling circuit five seconds better than with Chiron
- Bugatti has developed the Chiron Sport for customers wanting an even sportier driving experience with their Chiron, with improved lateral dynamics on winding roads
- Chiron Sport distinguished by a new wheel design and four-pipe exhaust deflector

- Chiron Sport is the first production vehicle in the automotive industry with carbon fibre windscreen wipers
- Base price is €2.65 million net (US market: US\$3.26 million including transport, customs duties, taxes and fees)
- Customers can choose individual colour and trim options to give their car an even sportier appearance
- First deliveries are planned for the end of the year

Bugatti has honed the Chiron and is offering a Sport version of its 1,500 PS super sports car two years after its world debut at the Geneva International Motor Show. At the same venue this year, the French luxury brand is presenting the Chiron Sport which offers significantly improved handling and even greater agility with no change in the power or performance data. For this purpose, Bugatti has developed a dynamic handling package and reduced the weight of its car by about 18 kilograms. As a result, the Chiron Sport reaches higher cornering speeds and can lap the Nardò handling circuit in the south of Italy five seconds faster than the Chiron. The main differences between the appearance of the Chiron Sport and the standard version are a new wheel design and new four-pipe exhaust deflector. The basic price of the Chiron Sport is €2.65 million net. A base price of US\$3.26 million including transport, customs duties, taxes and fees has been set for the US market. In addition, there is an optional colour and trim package allowing customers to individually tailor the sporty appearance of their Chiron Sport. It is planned to deliver the first vehicles to customers at the end of the year.

“We have developed the Chiron Sport for customers wanting an even sportier driving experience with their Chiron, with improved lateral dynamics on winding roads,” says Stephan Winkelmann, President of Bugatti Automobiles S.A.S. “What was important for us was to leave unchanged the unique character of the Chiron, its combination of ultimate performance, longitudinal acceleration and maximum speed with luxury, comfort and everyday usability.”

This is why the extreme power and performance data of the Chiron as well as the ease and convenience of driving remain unchanged. There is however a significant improvement in the handling of the Chiron Sport.

“The Chiron Sport has become perceptibly more nimble and its new agility, especially in tight corners makes for a much more emotional experience for the driver on winding roads and handling circuits,” Winkelmann continues.

## **DYNAMIC HANDLING PACKAGE AND LIGHTER WEIGHT MAKE CHIRON SPORT FASTER**

The Chiron Sport benefits from a new dynamic handling package. The Bugatti developers have defined a stiffer suspension. This includes a new control strategy for the shock absorbers, which react 10 percent more stiffly than on the Chiron on average. The steering has also been modified without sacrificing its outstanding direct feel and its calculable performance. These new settings only take effect in the Handling mode of the Chiron Sport, which is therefore distinguished from the EB mode more clearly for the driver.

In addition to these changes, the rear-axle differential has been optimised and the car now features a Dynamic Torque Vectoring function that distributes torque individually to the wheels on each side, significantly improving the steering behaviour and agility of the vehicle, especially in tight curves. This change is effective in all driving modes.

One of the modifications which make the Chiron Sport more nimble is a weight reduction of about 18 kilograms, thanks to the use of new lightweight parts. The greatest savings were possible as a result of the new lightweight wheels, together with increased use of carbon fibre, for example for the stabiliser, the intercooler cover or the newly developed windscreen wipers. The Chiron Sport also features lighter glass in the rear window and a new, lighter exhaust deflector.

As a result, the Chiron Sport has become even more responsive and corners even faster. On the handling course of the Nardò test circuit, Bugatti developers recorded a lap time which is five seconds faster than the base Chiron model. Due to its design the Nardò circuit is especially well-suited as a reference track for the Chiron, as the super sports car can reach its full handling potential even at cornering speeds in excess of 200 km/h.

## **BUGATTI IS THE FIRST MANUFACTURER TO DEVELOP A CARBON FIBRE WINDSCREEN WIPER**

The windscreen wiper arms developed by Bugatti for the Chiron Sport are an interesting technical detail. This is the first production car to feature windscreen wiper arms made from carbon fibre. This new development means that Bugatti no longer needs the articulated joints which normally feature on conventional wipers. The function of these joints has been integrated into the carbon fibre structure of the wiper arms. In addition, the wiper arm tips, which are made from aluminium, are produced by a weight-saving 3-D printing process. This means that the new carbon fibre wipers are 77 percent or 1.4 kg lighter than their predecessors.

In addition, thanks to the new material, the wiper arms have a new profile that allows improved aerodynamic properties.

## **NEW WHEEL RIMS AND EXHAUST DEFLECTOR DISTINGUISH CHIRON SPORT FROM CHIRON**

At first glance, the Chiron Sport can be recognised by its new "Course" alloy wheel rims and the new exhaust deflector, which has four round tailpipes instead of the rectangular design used on the Chiron. In addition, the Sport version has a number of design features that underline its identity as a Chiron Sport. For example, the engine starter button and the driving mode selector knob on the steering wheel as well as the marketing plate have an anodised black finish, the "Sport" logo is in evidence on the door sill strips and there is an insert on the central console with an embroidered "Chiron Sport" logo.

## **MORE COLOUR AND TRIM OPTIONS AVAILABLE FOR AN EVEN SPORTIER LOOK**

In addition, Bugatti's design team has created a package of colour and trim options for the Chiron Sport allowing customers to give their vehicles the sportiest look possible. The Chiron Sport on show in Geneva features all the options available.

The vehicle body has a classic duo-tone colour scheme. The A-colour at the rear of the vehicle is determined by visible grey carbon; Italian Red paintwork at the front represents the B-colour. Apart from red, the colours available are "French Racing Blue", the silver tone "Gris Rafale" and a dark grey "Gun Powder".

The distinctive Bugatti side line, a C-shaped trim strip made from aluminium alloy, is painted in the B-colour, in this case "Italian Red". This red tone is also to be found on the brake calipers, the EB logo on the hubcaps, the underside of the rear spoiler and in the labelling on the intercooler cover. Here, it creates an exciting contrast with the "Gun Powder" grey of the carbon fibre intercooler cover and the same tone which is used for paintwork on the wheel rims, the aluminium bezel of the Chiron's iconic rear lights, the EB logo on the rear and the famous Bugatti horseshoe on the radiator grille. A red "16" is positioned prominently on the black-painted grid of the radiator grille — referring to the number of cylinders which gives the Chiron engine its unique position.

Black is the dominant colour of the interior. All the controls of the car have a black anodised finish. The steering wheel and selector lever are covered with suede leather. In addition, Bugatti has used three materials for the styling of the interior: Alcantara for the roof liner including the A-pillar and sun blinds, the rear wall trim, the sill trims, the lower part of the central console, the insides of the seat side cushions and the boot lining. Smooth leather is used for the seats, the inside door trims, the islands on the dashboard including the instrument cluster trim, the airbag container on the steering wheel and the armrest and insert of the central console. Finally, the dashboard itself, the door trims, the rears of the backrests and the steering column housing are made from exposed carbon fibre.

The B-colour of the exterior, "Italian Red" on the Geneva show car, is used to create restrained but distinctive accents in the interior, for example on the stitching, the safety belt, the surround of the C-shaped light bar in the centre of the vehicle, the back of the rear-view mirror and the lining of the central console stowage compartment.

Including this optional colour and trim package, the Chiron Sport on show in Geneva costs €2.98 million net (US market: US\$3.672 million gross), which probably makes it the most expensive production car on display at this year's show.

The International Motor Show is being held at the Palexpo exhibition centre in Geneva from 8 to 18 March 2018. The Bugatti stand is in Hall 1.

## ABOUT BUGATTI

Bugatti Automobiles S.A.S. is the manufacturer of the ultimate production super sports car. The Chiron is the latest interpretation of Bugatti's brand values "Art Forme Technique" which embody the brand's origin in Art, its elegant and timeless design and its technological developments in the extremely high performance range. The Chiron is not only designed for maximum speed but also to meet the highest possible demands in terms of luxury, comfort, everyday drivability and durability. The Chiron represents the best in all these areas and embodies a concept that makes it a unique super sports car.

Since it was established in 1909, the French luxury brand has had its headquarters at Molsheim, Alsace, where 450 Veyrons were hand-crafted from 2005 to 2015. The production of the Chiron

started in the autumn of 2016. Currently, more than 300 of these super sports cars, which are being produced in a strictly limited series of 500, have been sold.

The French luxury brand, which has been part of the Volkswagen Group since 1998, employs about 300 people. With 34 dealers and service partners in 17 countries in Europe, North America, the Arabian Peninsula and Asia-Pacific, Bugatti is a global player.