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2022 Maserati MC20

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Maserati reenters the supercar realm

Back in high school, half the kids would yell “Ferrari!” to be cool, the other half “Lamborghini!” We used to add “Maserati!,” just to throw them off, since none of them had thought of that and may not have even known about it. But it was more than fair to add it to the club. Over the past couple of decades—as Ferrari and Lamborghini have become about as common as Porsche had long been—and as Maserati came back to our shores, but with sedans and grand tourers—it would seem there has been a Maserati supercar-sized hole in the marketplace. Not anymore.

They did dabble in this in 2004-05, with the MC12, a limited production of just 50 cars (25 per year) for the purpose of homologating it as an FIA GT Championship race car.

The MC12 is the spiritual forebear of the new Maserati MC20, though the new supercar share no bones—it’s completely modernized, designed and built from scratch.

The MC20 is on course to begin production in 2021, as a 2022 model. They have, however, built just three pre-production prototypes

(typically a combination of manufacturing line trial and hand assembly)—and no sooner did they reveal it in Modena, Italy in September, than they brought one to Phoenix for us to see up close in October. They also brought one of those rare MC12 racers (shown at top right).

This sample is a stunner, in Bianco Audace (bold white) satin finish. It will also be available in Nero Enigma, Rosso Vincente, Giallo Genio, Blu Infinito or Grigio Mistero (black, red, yellow, blue or grey), for a wide range of visual personality.

The prior MC12 was powered by a 630-hp 6.0-liter 48-valve double overhead cam V12. The MC20 hits 621 supremely efficient horsepower from a lighter, more fuel-frugal 3.0-liter V6 (the car weighs in at just 3306 pounds), propelling it to 60 mph in just 2.9 seconds.

Maserati proclaims the MC20 brings elegance, sports performance and luxury comfort—targeting key historic identity points for the brand. Based on static display of the prototype, as well as the production car’s specification, we’d say they’ve hit the mark. ■

