

# More performance, luxury and refinement for the Alfa Romeo 159

-by Liana Reiners

(22/09/2011)

Great news for buyers in the market for a compact executive vehicle is that Alfa Romeo has revitalised its 159 range. With this local relaunch, the Italian manufacturer is striking right at the heart of the D segment, which is traditionally ruled by the Germans.

Customers shopping at this end of the market are very badge-conscious. They are financially astute and want a car that reflects their prestige and status, but also represents a good value-for-money package. The 159 delivers on all these requirements, offering performance, luxury, refinement and affordability.



Two engine choices are available for the 159. The first is a brand new 1750 cc turbocharged petrol unit that develops 147 kW between 4 750 and 5 500 r/min, with 320 Nm of torque at 1 400 r/min. This new powerplant is mated to a six-speed manual gearbox and boasts direct fuel injection, two continuously variable valve timing units, a turbocharger and a revolutionary scavenging control system. This engine takes the Alfa Romeo 159 to a top speed of 235 km/h and propels it from 0 to 100 km/h in 7,7 seconds.



The second powerplant in the 159 line-up is Alfa Romeo's V6 3,2-litre petrol unit. Pushing out 191 kW and a peak torque of 322 Nm at 4 500 r/min, this engine is not new to the 159 range, but it is now available without the Q4 all-wheel drive system when mated with the six-speed manual gearbox. When paired with the automatic six-speed gearbox, the Q4 all-wheel drive system is standard.

To coincide with these drivetrain changes, Alfa Romeo has introduced a new range structure, featuring three trim levels – Progression, Distinctive and TI. All models feature seven airbags, Isofix attachments on the rear seats, follow-me-home headlights, stability control (VDC), traction control, brake assist with EBD and hill holder as standard.

## Pricing for the Alfa Romeo 159:

Alfa Romeo 159 1750 TBi Progression	-	R340 000
Alfa Romeo 159 1750 TBi Ti	-	R370 000
Alfa Romeo 159 3.2 V6 Distinctive	-	R398 500
Alfa Romeo 159 3.2 V6 Ti	-	R428 500
Alfa Romeo 159 3.2 V6 Q4 auto Distinctive	-	R430 000

