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# GRIP

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This brand-new car magazine format provides information on everything that happens between the front and rear axles. Driving a car means mobility. Speedy, high-resolution cameras record what is invisible to the naked eye. Edgy, contemporary music and fast editing techniques turn this car magazine into top-quality visual entertainment. Presenter Matthias Malmedie is always right on the scene as a reporter and vehicle tester.

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### 1. Mad Max-Gallardo and Luxury Budgets

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### 2. Ultimate Power Limos and Top 3 German Fastbacks

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### 3. US-Muscle Cars and Sportscar Search

Almost 1,600 hp - distributed over just two cars: When Dodge Challenger SRT Hellcat Redeye with 808 hp and Ford Mustang Shelby GT 500 with 771 hp meet, the rubbers in the rear go up in smoke without a second thought. These two coupes are the ultimate U.S. muscle cars: massive V8 engines, supercharged by huge superchargers. The last dinosaurs, politically deliciously incorrect gas guzzlers, cars that can barely run on power. But which one can not only go straight fast in a drag race, but also turns corners well? And which one paints the longest black lines? Matthias and Niki will find out in a tough duel! And: luxury car expert Hamid Mossadegh is looking for a top-class sports car for 41-year-old entrepreneur Manuel Post. The passionate car fan has not yet dared to try a Ferrari, Lambo or Porsche - until now! After a long search, Hamid finds a Ferrari 488 GTB, a Lamborghini Huracán LP 610-4 and a Porsche 911 GT3 RS that could fit into Manuel's prey scheme. But after tough negotiations, will they fit the budget?

#### 4. High-End Luxury Limos and McLaren

The new Mercedes-Maybach S 680 4MATIC takes on the Bentley Flying Spur W12. The GRIP test team of Matthias Malmedie and Hamid Mossadegh checks out the ultra-luxurious twelve-enders worth a total of almost 650,000 euros. You can't get more pomp and power than that - these things are power amplifiers! Matthias and Hamid test the 2021 versions. They start at around 220,000 euros. And if you tick all the extras, you can add exactly 105,178.15 euros to the basic price - as in the case of the Mercedes-Maybach. Regardless of whether it's the W12 in the Bentley or the V-twelve in the Mercedes-Maybach: With 635 and 612 hp respectively, both bi-turbos are always extremely well-fed to get the luxury liners weighing around 2.4 tons up to speed quickly. As the GRIP test team, Matthias and Hamid want to find out: Which high-end luxury limo scores more points? This thing is perhaps the most spectacular "speeding sunbed" currently being let loose on the roads: The McLaren 765LT Spider is one of the most exclusive sports cars in the world - not least because only 765 of them will be built. The Briton shreds up to 100 km/h in just 2.8 seconds, and doesn't stop until it tops out at 330 km/h. The V8 biturbo pushes out 765 hp, plus plenty of carbon and lightweight construction - in the case of the test car for a whopping 530,000 euros. Matthias Malmedie has the exclusive opportunity to feel the wickedly expensive Brit bolide on the noble carbon and to answer the interesting, bizarre and funniest questions of the GRIP community. What have the fans come up with this time? And what the hell does a Mazda MX-5 have to do with it?

#### 5. Power SUVs and Second-Hand Motors

Matthias and Niki test what are currently the most extreme power SUVs in coupe form. The question posed by the GRIP test drivers: Are the new Audi RS Q8 with 600 hp and the BMW X6 M Competition with 625 hp really the "Swiss Army Knives" among SUV coupes, combining off-road versatility with high-end sports car performance on asphalt? Or are they just sinfully expensive dazzlers in prologue dress? In various challenges, Matthias and Niki find out what the big things with their ultra-powerful V8 biturbos can actually do. Not only acceleration, design and off-road qualities are on the agenda, but also a fast lap on the challenging Bilster Berg racetrack! Luxury car expert Hamid Mossadegh is looking for a used sports car for client Henrik Humpe aka "Mr. Propeller" with a unique equipment at a maximum budget of 175,000 euros, which should also have a lot of power (at least 500 hp) and have run little (max. 20,000 kilometers). The options are: Porsche 911 GT3 (991), Corvette ZR1 (C7) and Ferrari 488 GTB.

#### 6. Hypersport-Cabrio and Top 3 US Pickups

You can't get more extreme and, above all, faster than this at the moment: These wickedly expensive open-air rockets offer power in abundance and look incredibly spectacular. With their 720 and 770 hp respectively, the McLaren 720S Spider and the open-top Lamborghini Aventador SVJ Roadster are not only 350 km/h fast, but also reach 100 km/h in well under 3 seconds. All this at prices of up to 373,000 euros. But which super-exclusive hypersport convertible from Italy and the UK is better? The idea of deriving a light commercial vehicle from a passenger car is almost as old as the automobile itself, as they ideally combine the advantages of both classes - sedan comfort and high utility value. These cult boxes are rare nowadays, however, and therefore a real eye-catcher on the road. Whoever is on the road in such a special "car truck" is the "King of Coolness". But the cars not only look super cool, they are also very practical. Det presents its top 3 coolest Ami car pickups in the 10,000, 20,000 and 30,000 euro categories.

## **7. Racecar Rollercoaster and Tough Negotiations**

It bears the somewhat sober abbreviation STO - which stands for Super Trofeo Omologata. From now on, it's all goose bumps: This bull is virtually the direct offshoot of the Super Trofeo variant - and it's street legal! The performance data leave you speechless - as does the price. 640 Cavalli from the legendary V10 naturally aspirated engine meets a mere 1,339 kilograms and rear-wheel drive. Plus racing technology at its finest everywhere. And GRIP test driver Matthias Malmedie gets to let this machine off the chain exclusively - on the asphalt roller coaster of the Autodromo Vallelunga north of Rome. It doesn't get any louder, harder or more gnarly than this Lambo. However, many manufacturers have already promised to build a race car for the road. Has Lamborghini finally done it with the STO? And what makes a thoroughbred race car? Luxury car expert Hamid Mossadegh is given a challenging assignment by entrepreneur Frank Bittkow: He is to find an iconic V8 muscle car for a budget of 95,000 euros, but please in perfect condition and with rarity value. But which car with a fat eight-cylinder engine is the best for his customer? A Corvette C2 for 100,000, a Plymouth Barracuda AAR for 115,000 or a Pontiac GTO for 102,000 euros? One thing is clear: Each of these US classics is still too expensive, which makes price negotiations a tough nut to crack for Hamid. The Hamburg native absolutely needs Frank's dream car, but it also has to fit into the budget. So Hamid has to be clever. Will it work?

## **8. Rear-Wheel-Drives and Top 3 Hanger Convertibles**

Both devices have a mid-engine, deliver plenty of power and send their power exclusively to the rear axle. They also look extremely crisp and run at 300 km/h without any problems. GRIP test drivers Matthias Malmedie and Niki Schelle want to know: Which super sports rear-wheel drive car is better - Audi R8 V10 RWD or Corvette C8 Stingray? The Corvette has already shown what it can do against the Porsche 911 Carrera S. Now it's up against the Lord of the Rings. Now it's up against the Lord of the Rings - V10 versus V8, 5.2-liter displacement versus 6.2. Who will be the rear-wheel drive king in the end? In the 70s/80s, these cars appeared: Roll-bar convertibles - that is, open cars with a huge roll bar. They were created for safety reasons, as driving a convertible was considered extremely dangerous at the time and protection was needed in the event of a rollover. At that time still smiled at because of their optics needing getting used to, these vehicles have meanwhile absolute cult status and are therefore popular. GRIP used car expert Det Müller presents his three favorites, which can already be had for under 5,000 euros, and gives tips on what to look out for when buying.

## **9. Tuning-Icons and 700hp Sportscars**

GRIP test driver Matthias Malmedie and tuning icon Philipp Kaess battle it out with the most high-end and latest tuning cars currently available in Germany: Techart GTStreet RS and TIKT AMG GTR Pro "Bastard". 1,500 hp in a duel! On one side: TIKT, which regularly dominates the Tuner Grand Prix. On the other side: Porsche specialists Techart, who raise the Turbo S to the level of the Bugatti Chiron. Tuning doesn't get any hotter than this! But which is the king of tuning cars with over 700 hp? High-performance sports cars are the passion of real estate entrepreneur Abdullah Maywand. He now wants to top his existing fleet with a super sports car. That's why the 39-year-old asked the GRIP luxury car expert to get him a sports car with a lot of steam: 700 hp or more - and with few miles on the clock. Hamid has a maximum budget of 450,000 euros. That sounds lavish, but Hamid knows that the air for possible vehicles in this horsepower and price league is very thin. Especially if the car is no more than three years old. Nevertheless, Hamid finds a Lamborghini Aventador SVJ, a Porsche 911 GT2 RS and a Ferrari 812 GTS. Will he find the right car for Abdullah, the client?

## 10. Performance SUVs and Limited Editions

They are the last of their kind-because cars like the Porsche Cayenne Turbo GT will no longer exist: With its 640 hp, it's pure unreason on wheels. Why pack so much power and racetrack talent into a high-legged SUV? Porsche did it anyway and immediately set a record with the Turbo GT: It circled the Nordschleife in 7:38.925 minutes - no SUV has ever been faster in the Green Hell! But the Dodge Durango SRT Hellcat also holds a record - namely the record for the most powerful production SUV in the world! The 7-seater pushes 710 hp in this country - no one else can do that. But who will win the politically incorrect challenges on "GRIP Opponent Day"? We do things with the two extreme SUVs that really shouldn't be done anymore... Felix Dossmann is a successful entrepreneur and IT specialist. The sports car and car enthusiast from Göttingen has wanted a special and limited sports car for years. That's why he asks luxury car dealer Hamid Mossadegh for help: He should find him a car that was only built in limited numbers and has at least 500 horsepower. Felix has set aside 300,000 euros for his dream. He has never spent so much money on a car before. Car expert Hamid knows that he has a tough nut to crack with these specifications, because cars in this class usually cost considerably more. Hamid checks out a Porsche GT3 RS, a McLaren 625 LT and a Mercedes SLS AMG. Can he bring the right dream car to the starting line?

## 11. High-End Electric Cars and Daily-Driver Ferraris

They are the spearheads of Porsche and Audi in terms of e-mobility and go by the names Taycan Turbo and RS e-tron GT. Over 1,300 electric horsepower, distributed over just two cars. These electric shockers can hit 100 km/h in barely more than 3 seconds, which makes most gasoline-powered supercars look old. But the two high-end electric sports cars can do more than just accelerate - at least that's what the manufacturers believe. In the case of the Taycan, the pendulum swings more in the direction of sport, while the RS e-tron GT focuses more on everyday practicality and GT comfort. But which of the wickedly expensive brute electric cars is better? Matthias and Niki find out in a GRIP duel! Hamid is looking for a Ferrari as a daily driver for contractor Roland Kollotzek. The 50-year-old has a rather unusual request: a used V12 Ferrari for everyday use! The specifications: The car should not be older than eight years, must have a twelve-cylinder engine, produce at least 600 hp and, since it is supposed to be an everyday car, also have a good level of comfort (equipment/chassis, etc.). The budget: only 150,000 euros! An extremely tough nut to crack for luxury car expert Hamid Mossadegh, because GT Ferraris with 12 cylinders and at least 600 hp only start at 160 to 170,000 euros. Condition of these vehicles? Difficult! Especially since cars from Italy - according to experience - have to be meticulously maintained and cared for in order to function smoothly in everyday life.

## 12. Island Challenge and BMW

Audi is upgrading the R8 RWD (RWD = Rear Wheel Drive): The suffix "Performance" means a whopping 570 hp in the future - and thus at least 30 horses more. There are also many parts from the LMS GT4, the thoroughbred track sports car from Ingolstadt, and a lot of fine-tuning to the chassis and cockpit. By dispensing with all-wheel drive and numerous carbon parts, the RWD weighs just 1,590 kilograms. For many, this makes it the sportiest R8 in terms of handling. Just the right tool for GRIP test drivers Matthias Malmedie and Niki Schelle on their island challenge on the dream roads of Gran Canaria and the spectacular Circuito de Maspalomas! The Spyder takes them on a very special test of courage on an airfield that ends abruptly in the sea. And in the Fast Lap on the track, it's the Coupé's turn. 635 PS, plus acceleration like a super sports car from zero to one hundred in 3.0 seconds - and even room for four passengers: the 305 km/h BMW M5 CS is one of the most extreme machines of the year. This M5 offers more of everything: more power, more looks, more carbon, more performance - and for significantly more money. Only in terms of weight did it go down: The "Club-sport" is said to be around 70 kilos lighter than its "smaller" brother, the M5 Competition. GRIP test driver Matthias Malmedie knows that the community is keen on this high-end power limo. That's why he'll be answering all the fans' questions about it in a spectacular Q&A, including a special kind of duel against a Trabant with a whopping 26 hp or the preparation of a

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milkshake &quot;à la Malmedie,&quot; among other things.