

SPORTY AND ELEGANT

The Levante Trofeo is the top-of-the-line version, packing a 580-hp twin-turbo 3.8-liter Ferrari V8. Swathi Suresh reports



Maserati has a habit of setting the standards in luxury even amongst its Italian compatriots. Maserati has an indelible mark etched in the annals of the automotive world and it certainly justifies the high praises with the latest Levante Trofeo. With its latest models, it is a definite head-turner with its sporty and elegant exterior and all the head turning might even cause a few strained necks! Its powerful Ferrari Twin Turbo V8 engine, eight speed automatic transmission and 580 HP of raw power, provides the driver with unbridled performance thus, limiting this vehicle to only the sturdiest control and skill on the road. All this power comes paired with the due level

of beauty and elegance, with an elegantly restyled, carbon finished exterior and an exclusive interior wrapped in "Pieno Fiore" full-grain natural leather giving maximum comfort. All this makes Maserati Levante Trofeo – the go to for a mid-size luxury crossover SUV.

The Performance

The Engine of this titan purrs on command with a potential to roar on the roads. It comes equipped with a powerful Ferrari Twin Turbo 3.8 L V8 engine which delivers 580 HP worth of power and a peak torque of 730 Nm at 2,500-5,000 rpm. These powerful engines don't simply rely on the skill of the driver alone, however. The vehicle comes fully equipped to

allow the vehicle to navigate busy city streets and unleash on the freeways with an option of its signature "Corsa" mode. Simply put, it is a step up from the traditional 'Sport' mode in most SUV's but that is the simplification of it. On the ground, once, activated in tandem with the 'Launch Control', the 'Corsa' mode provides the driver of this SUV, what can only be described as – a GT mode in the guise of an SUV. The vehicle truly flies on the roads with stupendous acceleration (0-100 km/h in 4.1 seconds) and impeccable control.

The Peripherals

The Levante is the best in the class of luxury and peripherals for an SUV. This stamp of approval comes with a strong suite of HUD





and console controls. In addition, additional performance enhancing design peripherals really give it that oomph in performance! From the 'Skyhook' suspension which gives near instantaneous damping to each wheel to the additional carbon fibre air vents for that aggressive look the exterior is not just a cosmetic addition.

However, driving becomes a treat visually, due to the aforementioned cluster of HUD and the console; highly ergonomic and easy to reach, the amount of information on display is rather therapeutic to witness. The multimedia setup on the Levante Trofeo is a class unto its own – with a Bowers & Wilkins sound system alongside an Android Auto and Apple Car Play.

The Level – 2 autonomous driving technology, incorporating Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS), keyless entry and Maserati's own 'Maserati Stability Program' (MSP) adds a new layer of driving safety while requiring the driver to maintain a 'both-hands-on-the-wheel'. Equipped with an array of sensors, cameras and forward looking radar – the driver will never be left wanting for safety on road. Passengers are kept safe with assisted door closure system and boot closure via sensors situated under the rear bumper elevates the style quotient of the Levante Trofeo heads and shoulders in its class. [OER](#)

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TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS	LEVANTE TROFEO
Engine Layout	Petrol 90 V8, twin-turbo - direct injection (GDI)
Displacement (cc)	3,799
Max. power output (hp @ rpm)	580@ 6,750
Peak torque (Nm @ rpm)	730 @ 2,500 - 5,000
Fuel Consumption	15.9-16.0 l/100km
0-100 km/h (sec)	4.1
Top speed (km/h)	302 km/h
Stopping Speed	34.5
Gear box	ZF 8 speed Automatic
Transmission	Q4 Intelligent All-Wheel Drive with rear Limited-Slip Differential
Front Suspension	Double-wishbone, adjustable Air Springs, Skyhook shock absorbers
Rear Suspension	Multi-Link, adjustable Air Springs, Skyhook shock absorbers
Length/width/height (mm)	5020/1981/1698
Wheelbase (mm)	3,004
Kerb Weight (kg)	2,170