

Fiat 500 Abarth Venom

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Italian automaker Fiat is tapping into its Chrysler ties by having the latter's in-house aftermarket division, Mopar, partner with Italian parts supplier Magneti Marelli to develop and produce a line-up of Fiat 500 Abarth models. The first of these special edition vehicles made its debut in Las Vegas and has been christened as the 500 Abarth Venom. A host of modifications were added to the 500 Abarth to give it that special edition feel, including carbon fiber components on the hood and side mirror housings and a large matte-black Scorpion graphic on the roof. The inclusion of the former also allows the little compact car to cut its weight by 200 lbs, which would serve it well when combined with a performance modification. On that note, Mopar reprogrammed the car's ECU unit while also adding a sport exhaust system that allows the 500 Abarth Venom to increase the output on the car's 1.4-liter turbocharged engine from the standard 160 horsepower to 200 horsepower.[...]

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