



Grande Punto Abarth 1.4 turbo (155 hp)

The launch of the Grande Punto Abarth is a tribute to the army of little Fiats from days gone by, that were given a tough, dynamic and sporty edge by the “magic hands” at Abarth: scorpions with a real sting in the tail, igniting the passion of thousands of drivers with a taste for challenge, speed, and Italian flair. Today, the Grande Punto Abarth is aiming to evoke the former glory of those high-performance vehicles by offering the public, especially younger drivers, the chance to enter the world of competitive racing in complete safety and at affordable prices.



The Grande Punto Abarth is fitted with a 1.4 turbo petrol engine, delivering 155bhp. Combined with a 6-speed manual gearbox, the engine gives the car a top speed of 129mph, accelerating from 0-62mph in just 8.2 seconds. The Grande Punto Abarth is not just a high performing little car – it is also safe, and respectful of the environment. Safe because the tuning is not limited to the engine and the aerodynamics: the car’s brakes and chassis set-up have also been redesigned to cope with the improved performance. It is also eco-friendly because, despite having far more horsepower than the model on which it is based, it complies with the same legislation on noise and emissions (Euro 4 approved engine).

Developed by Abarth’s designers along with the technicians who produced the Grande Punto Fiat (one of Europe’s most successful cars), the Grande Punto Abarth is factory-built, and is subject to all the regulations and checks applied to standard models.



The raw power and elegance of the Grande Punto Abarth are instantly visible. Compared to a standard Punto, the track has been widened by 6 mm, it has 17” alloy wheels and the addition of red stripes bearing the Abarth name along each side. The front bumper is specially designed and houses the headlights set in a dark surround, while the larger air intakes, adapted to cater for the new engine’s cooling requirements, are enhanced with an exclusive Abarth design. Finally, the sidskirts, the wheel arch rims and black plastic underbody complete the fairing on the lower section, profiled to boost aerodynamic performance and extending as far as the tapered rear bumper. The Abarth badge is of course clearly visible, positioned in the centre of the front grille, the rear hatch and even on both sides, at door handle height.

However, most of the Abarth treatment relates to performance: the engine, brakes and chassis set up. The 4-cylinder 16v engine (1368 cc turbocharged with an IHI fixed geometry turbocharger) delivers 155 bhp at 5500 rpm with a maximum torque of 206 Nm at 5000 rpm. When “power boost” mode is activated, the maximum torque increases to 230 Nm at 3000 rpm (a good 10% more), and



the electric power-assisted steering modifies the setting to give a sportier feel. There are disc brakes on all wheels, and the front brakes are ventilated with Brembo fixed four-piston calipers.

The suspension is based on the tried and tested set up of the Fiat Grande Punto (MacPherson strut and anti-roll bar at the front and torsion beam suspension at the rear), suitably modified: the anti-roll bar has been thickened (diameter 19 mm), the front springs are 20% firmer, and the ride height has been lowered by 10 mm. After this treatment, the vehicle provides impeccable road holding while maintaining a high standard of comfort. Evidence of the importance given to safety when the car was designed (especially for younger drivers), is that the ESP comes as standard and cannot be deactivated.



The Abarth touch is equally apparent inside the car: the charismatic figure of the scorpion on one side of the dashboard, for example, while the “carbon effect” central console is decorated with a textured cube motif. That’s not all: the instrument panel has a sporty design, with the same look for the steering wheel and gear stick, finished in black leather with red stitching. Last but not least, the seats have also been beautifully designed with built-in head restraints, lumbar support and excellent lateral thigh support (on request, the seats and central dashboard section can be finished in full grain leather).



Grande Punto Abarth (155bhp) technical specification sheet

Engine

- 4 cylinders in line, 4 valves per cylinder, 1368 cc
- Power output: 155 bhp at 5500 rpm
- Max torque : 206Nm at 5000rpm (230Nm @ 3000rpm in “sport” mode)
- Drive-by-wire accelerator controls with no mechanical connection
- Turbocharged by IHI RHF3-P10.5 fixed geometry turbocharger
- CO2 emissions : 162g/km
- Fuel Cons (mpg (l/100km)) :
 - urban 29.4 (9.6) / extra-urban 53.3 (5.3) / combined 40.9 (6.9)

Transmission

- 6-speed gearbox
- Dual cable external gearbox control

Suspension and steering

- Front with MacPherson strut and anti-roll bar
- Torsion beam suspension at the rear
- Lowered sports suspension
- Electric power steering with “power boost” mode

Brakes

- Fixed front calipers: Brembo M4x40, dual piston
- Ventilated front discs \varnothing 305 mm x 28 mm
- Rear calipers with piston \varnothing 54 mm
- Rear discs \varnothing 264 mm x 11 mm

Bodywork

- Deep front and rear bumpers, spoiler, sideskirts
- Length / Width / Height : 4041mm / 1726mm / 1490mm
- Kerb weight : 1185kg

Wheels & Tyres

- Aluminium alloys, 7” x 17”
- Tyres: 215/45-17

Performance

- 0-100km/h (62mph) : 8.2 seconds
- Maximum speed : 129mph