



## Automobili Lamborghini at the Techno Classica 2012 in Essen

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**Sant'Agata Bolognese/Essen, March 14 2012.** Automobili Lamborghini presents itself at this year's Techno Classica in Essen in Hall 7, together with all brands of the Volkswagen Group under the motto 'Sporting Elegance'.

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At the Lamborghini stand you can admire two legendary twelve-cylinder classics from the super sports car maker in Sant'Agata Bolognese. The twelve-cylinder engine of a Lamborghini Miura, currently being restored in the Sant'Agata Bolognese workshops, is also on display. An expert in the field of oldtimer spare parts will also be giving tips on keeping Lamborghini classics supplied with original spare parts.

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Both the vehicles on display are from the large collection of historic Lamborghinis in the Lamborghini Museum at the company headquarters in Sant'Agata Bolognese.

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### Lamborghini Countach LP 400

The green Lamborghini Countach LP 400 is the sole surviving prototype of the Lamborghini Countach LP 400 that caused such a sensation when it was presented at the Geneva Car Show in March 1973. Its chassis number is 112001, which makes it the same model as the red car that was revealed to the public for the first time in Geneva.

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The first Countach LP 400 had a longitudinally mounted V12 cylinder 4 liter central engine, providing maximum performance of 375 hp at 8,000 rpm. Its extremely flat and wedge-shaped body gave the vehicle a maximum speed of 315 km/h, which was incredible at the time. The spectacular design of the Countach was the result of working closely with Nuccio Bertone. The name Countach is an expression of admiration in Piedmontese dialect that one of Bertone's team is supposed to have uttered when he first saw the prototype.

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The Countach received its technical finishing touches at the start of its career through the work of Bob Wallace, Lamborghini's top level engineer and test driver. It was also the first model with scissor doors, which would be a distinguishing feature of Lamborghini's future models and unlike the Miura,



the engine was mounted longitudinally in the rear (Longitudinale Posteriore / LP), an arrangement Lamborghini would keep to this day.

The Countach was continuously modified until 1989, remaining in production for over 25 years.

### **Lamborghini LM 002**

The gold-colored car on display is the last LM 002 to leave the Sant'Agata Bolognese production line in 1992 and is also the only one of the 301 LM 002s produced to have a right-hand drive. The car was comprehensively restored a short time ago in the facility at Sant'Agata Bolognese and is now once again part of the Lamborghini Museum's fascinating collection.

The project of an off-road vehicle was originally commissioned by the American company MTI (Mobility Technology International) in the late 1970s under the name 'Cheetah' but it was completely revised in 1981 by the engineer Giulio Alfieri with the LM 001 model. The vehicle was fitted with a Countach rear engine and was followed by the LMA with a front engine.

The definitive version was the LM 002 model, launched in 1986. It was fitted with a 5.2 litre V12 engine that provided up to 450 bhp and its body was made of aluminum and fiberglass. It had a four-wheel drive, reduction gear and three self-locking differentials (the central lock could be locked completely). Its maximum speed was over 200 km/h and it achieved 120% increases. The LM 002 was fitted with tires developed specially by Pirelli, which ensured an excellent 'slide' over soft terrain. Purchasers included a good many personalities from the Arab world. This vehicle anticipated the SUVs with their large engine capacity that would come onto the market less than a decade later.

### **Lamborghini original Spare Parts**

Preserving Lamborghini models from the history of Automobili Lamborghini, which now goes back nearly 50 years, is in the interests of both Lamborghini and of the many enthusiastic collectors throughout the world. Lamborghini-authorized service centers have been specially trained to work with classic Lamborghinis. A web portal enables catalogs of all models to be retrieved and the required spare parts to be ordered from anywhere in the world. If a special part is not available, it can be manufactured immediately using the old drawings. At the Lamborghini stand at Techno Classica, there will be an expert in the field of oldtimer spare parts to give tips on keeping Lamborghini classics supplied with original spare parts.



## **50 Years of Lamborghini**

In 2013 Automobili Lamborghini will be celebrating its fiftieth anniversary. A host of international anniversary events are planned for the coming year that will involve customers, dealers and Lamborghini enthusiasts equally. The celebrations will reach their high point in May 2013, when friends of the company will flock to Sant'Agata Bolognese from all four corners of the globe. Lamborghini will also be showing the flag this year at the most important classic and oldtimer events.

### **Automobili Lamborghini S.p.A.**

Founded in 1963, Automobili Lamborghini is headquartered in Sant'Agata Bolognese, in Northeastern Italy. There it manufactures some of the world's most sought-after super sports cars. With the introduction of the best-in-class Aventador LP 700-4 in 2011, Lamborghini has marked another milestone in the history of luxury super sports cars. With more than 120 dealerships worldwide, Automobili Lamborghini is building on a succession of dynamic and elegant super sports cars including the 350GT, Miura, Espada, Countach, Diablo, Murciélago, Reventón Coupe, Reventón Roadster, Gallardo LP 560-4 Coupé and Spyder, Gallardo LP 570-4 Superleggera and the open version LP 570-4 Spyder Performante.

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