



MASERATI LEVANTE

Does Maserati's latest SUV have that Italian style? Tim Barnes-Clay takes a drive in the Levante to find out

Every Ferraris, awesome Alfas, luscious Lamborghinis and muscly Maseratis. They are all revered – and they are all Italian. But will Maserati's latest SUV water the iconic image of Italian stallions down?

It's true, Italian sports car makers are not celebrated for their SUVs, but Lamborghini and Alfa Romeo are bringing out high-riding models soon. Therefore, Maserati is ahead of the curve with the ushering in of the Levante.

Maserati has decided that we Brits buy diesels by the bucket-load, so an oil-burning Levante is what I was given to test for a few days. It is the only engine option available to us at the moment, although there is also a Ferrari-derived petrol unit on the continent.

Maserati's PRs are keen for journalists to try the Levante because, apparently, we are influencers – and the Italian firm wants us to tell the world that an SUV from an illustrious manufacturer is not weird. And you know what? Maserati has a point.



