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Alfa Romeo SBK Edition Mito

Alfa Romeo has been involved with the World Superbike series since 2007, when the [MiTo](#) and the [Giulietta](#) started sharing duties as safety car. After six years, Alfa decided the time was right to introduce a couple of special-edition MiTos honoring the affiliation: The SBK Limited Edition and the SBK Special Series

SBK Limited Edition

The Limited Edition is the relative fire-breather of the pair. It's fitted with a 170-hp, turbocharged 1.4-liter inline-four—the same powerplant found in the [Fiat 500 Abarth](#)—which Alfa claims will propel the SBK Limited MiTo to 62 mph in slightly more than seven seconds.

Outside, the Limited has new rocker panels, an aggressive diffuser-look piece at the rear, 18-inch aluminum wheels, and red-painted Brembo calipers. The cabin gets a leather-wrapped steering wheel and shift knob with contrasting red stitching, Sabelt-sourced front seats with wraparound carbon-fiber detailing, and a numbered plate on the dash. The 200 SBK Limited cars will be painted black or red, and buyers can opt to get the roof done in black, red, or white.



SBK Special Series

The SBK Special Series is the everyman's MiTo variant, assuming the typical buyer knows about World Superbike. It's available with every powertrain but the 170-hp turbo four found in the SBK Limited Edition and a 70-hp four: The list therefore includes an 85-hp, turbocharged two-cylinder; a naturally aspirated, 78- or 105-hp, 1.4-liter four; or the same 135-hp, turbocharged 1.4-liter inline-four from our [Fiat 500 Turbo](#). Three diesel options also are available.

For eye candy, the Special Series MiTo gets 16-inch aluminum wheels, chrome-plated rear spoiler and exhaust finishers, titanium-colored mirror caps, and an SBK logo on the rear. The SBK logo again appears on the headrests, and the dashboard features carbon-look trim. The same rocker panels, rear diffuser, 18-inch wheels, and red-painted Brembos from the Limited Edition can be optioned here, too. What the Special does have over the Limited: It can be had in one of *four* colors rather than two: black, red, blue or white. The same three roof colors also are available on the Special.



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Forthcoming Attractions

Sunday 28 Oct - Concours d' Elegance
Wednesday 14 Nov - Monthly Meeting
Saturday 24 Nov - Dyno Day
Sunday 2 December - Prize Giving



Congratulations

Walter and Laroshelle Daniell on the birth of their daughter.
Michael Hanekom and Ame Gotze on their engagement.

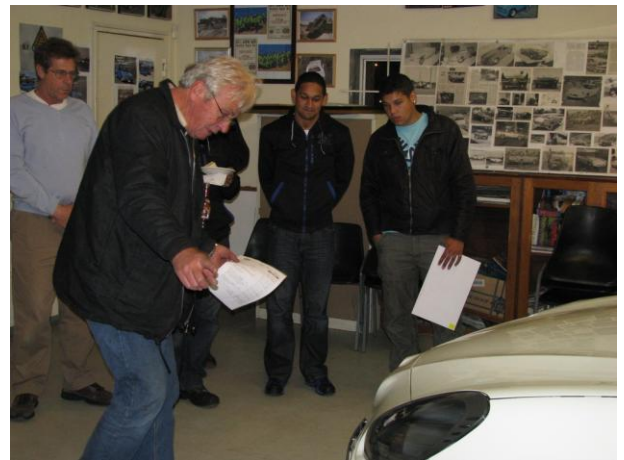
Model display / Concours talk

As we entered the last quarter of 2012, with all those economic and other stress taking its toll on some of us, a very relaxed and in enjoyable spirit, informative evening with a lot of mingling with friends was just the prescribed medicine.

Whilst a static display of Alfa Romeo models, courtesy of Wesley and Norman, caught the eye, Darryl entertained us with practically pointing out some important details on entering the forthcoming Concours 'd Elegance. Please gentleman and ladies, book your intention to attend this event as once again a lot of effort is vested in the preparation of the event by the organiser(s).

See you there !

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