

Audi R8 Spyder

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The R8 series is the very top of the Audi line. In the overall Volkswagen AG family it slots in just below the VW Phaeton. Total R8 production is 24 cars per day in a dedicated plant with an average seniority of almost 30 years. These hand-built vehicles spend eight days in construction, from start to finish. The final assembly area has 14 stations with each car spending 35 minutes in each one. The all-aluminum R8 Spyder has a US Base price of \$162,700 and features a 5.2 litre V-10 engine. The 525hp engine is attached to an automated 6 speed manual transmission and moves the car through Audi's Quattro all-wheel drive system. Out of curiosity, I went to the Audi site and used the "Build Your Audi" feature to see what the US price would be for an R8 Spyder as provided in this kit. The result, \$187,900 or including local sales taxes, \$205,750.50. I think I'll stick with the model.



This is a Revell Germany tooling and it captures the look and the details of the real R8 quite well. The kit is a follow on to the Audi R8 Coupe from a few years ago and it shares the bulk of the parts with that kit. The body, however, and some of the odd bits are totally new to match the Spyder. The mould quality is excellent although there is some flash on some of the smaller parts. Early test fitting show no significant fit problems.

All of the measurements check out with published data from Audi. Most importantly it looks right. Final judgment will be made after completion.

If you like Audi products or Supercars this is a definite must have for the shelf. As I said I went to the Audi site to research, so I have a color selected for this build. This will be a great addition to my VW Corporate collection; now Revell may we have a VW Phaeton and Bugatti please?

Thanks to Revell for the review sample