



Marvels in Automotive Design

## 2001 Audi TT

### *Quattro*

The Audi TT Roadster was the first roadster built by the Audi brand. The first generation (1998 – 2005) was based on a new platform, with new engines and a new approach. It proved a success for Audi.

In 1995, the TT Concept-car was shown at the Frankfurt Motor Show. It was an unusual styling for the Volkswagen Group and the premium Audi brand. But it became reality in September 1998 when the coupe was launched, followed by the roadster in August 1999. The name was taken from the famous Tourist Trophy from the Isle of Man race.

The Audi TT Roadster was built on the same platform with the Audi A3, the Volkswagen Golf, and the Skoda Octavia. But it featured a different styling, with a rounded shape that was unseen on any Audi before. It has a balanced design, with nearly the same proportions for the hood, cabin, and trunk.

The TT was offered as a front-wheel drive or as a quattro. The term “quattro” is Italian for “four,” which is appropriate given its association with Audi's all-wheel drive system. It was reported by MOTORTREND that the “All-wheel drive takes away the push in the corners that's so prevalent in the front-driver TT model, allowing the Quattro car to corner amazingly flat”.

This Audi TT quattro is equipped with a 1.8 Liter turbocharged 4-cylinder engine producing 225 horse power, mated to a 6-speed manual transmission. MOTORTREND continues “The extra horses propel the 225-horsepower car 0-60 mph in an estimated 6.2 seconds, about 1 second quicker than the 180-horsepower version. The ride is firm, but comfortable by sports car standards, and handling is tight. Point it where you want to be, and it's there--no delay.”

Inside options include a Bose Premium Sound System with 6-Disc CD change, heated seats, and stitching on the leather seats called Baseball Optic Leather, which looks like a baseball glove. Car color is Nimbus Gray Pearl Effect.