

OPEN TOP BULL ON THE LOOSE

BY DAVE STALL

In 1963, Ferruccio Lamborghini decided he could build a supercar and compete with the likes of Ferrari, Aston Martin and Jaguar, to name a few. A very important element of branding the company was a logo: it had to be the right logo! It had to be a logo that once you saw it, you knew exactly what supercar you were looking at.

The logo is shaped like a shield, filled with a black background and outlined in gold, with “Lamborghini” across the top—but why a bull in the center of the logo?

There are two reasons. The first one is that it is a representation of the founder, Ferruccio Lamborghini. Born on April 28, 1916, his zodiac sign is Taurus the bull.

The second reason is that the owner had a passion for bullfighting—he attended as many bullfights as he could—plus

he felt the bull represented him perfectly. There is a lot more history about the logo, but I want to discuss the EVO Spyder.

After driving the Lamborghini Huracán Performante at Thermal Raceway last year, then on the streets of San Diego (see our May/June 2018 issue), I didn’t think Lamborghini could make the Huracán any better. I was so wrong.

They removed the top! Not being a convertible guy, I was skeptical, but once behind the wheel that all changed. A bonus is that the top will come up or go down in 17 seconds and can be operated at up to 30 miles per hour.

The drivetrain is a holdover from the Performante, a 5.2-liter V10 producing 640 horsepower, backed by a 7-speed dual clutch automatic transmission, with solid paddle shifters mounted to the

steering column.

Add a sophisticated exhaust system, along with three driving modes. Strada (Street) is the base mode, very quiet, and auto-shift produces a very smooth experience. Click up once to Sport, your exhaust tone gets throaty, and the car can be shifted automatically or manually, your choice. Then my favorite mode, Corsa (track)—oh my, I have just woken the bull! The Lamborghini comes alive not only with exhaust tones, but performance as well. Upshifting, it growls; downshifting, it burps and pops not unlike an F1 car. Plus folks around you know you have arrived.

To keep the EVO in line, Lamborghini has developed LDVI (Lamborghini Integrated Vehicle Dynamics). This is the brains behind the EVO Spyder—depending on driver input, the Lamborghini reacts to give the driver the best performance available. LDVI can anticipate the wishes of the driver, shifting from underlying feedback logic to a feed-forward one—from reaction to anticipation.

The suspension is integrated with the whole car in mind, even giving the driver the ability to raise and lower the nose to

SPECIFICATIONS

CHASSIS	.....aluminum & carbon fiber hybrid
BODY SHELL	.....aluminum & composite skin, soft top
ENGINE	.....5.2L 90° V10 w contin var intake & exh cams
ENGINE MGMT	.....Bosch MED 17 Master Slave
COMPRESSION RATIO	.....12.7:1
COOLING SYSTEM	.....water and oil systems
LUBRICATION	.....dry sump
HP/TORQUE	.....640 hp / 442 lb-ft
TRANSMISSION	.....7-spd LDF dual-clutch, shift characteristics variable via ANIMA
DRIVETRAIN	.....AWD Haldex Gen V electronic w mechanical self-locking rear differential
ACCEL 0-TO-62 MPH (100km/h)	.....3.1 sec
ACCEL 0-TO-124 MPH (200km/h)	.....9.3 sec
TOP SPEED	.....202 mph
BRAKING 62-TO-0 MPH	.....105.6 ft
SUSPENSION	.....aluminum double-wishbone; steel springs, hydraulic dampers, MagneRide electromagnet damper control
STEERING	.....electromechanical power; Lamborghini Dynamic Steering (LDS) w variable ratio
BRAKES	.....hydraulic dual-circuit w vacuum brake servo unit; carbon ceramic discs, ventilated and cross-drilled: F: 380x38mm, 6-piston aluminum calipers; R: 356x32mm, 4-piston calipers;
ESC/ABS	.....electronic stability control & anti-lock brakes can be adjusted via ANIMA; ESC can be deactivated
WHEELS	.....F: 8.5Jx20"; R: 11Jx20"
TIRES	.....Pirelli P Zero: F: 245/30R20; R: 305/30R20
LENGTH / WHEELBASE	.....177.95 / 103.15 in
WIDTH	.....(excl mirrors) 76.1 in
HEIGHT	.....46.46 in
TURNING CIRCLE	.....35.76 ft
CARGO CAPACITY	.....(100 liters) 3.53 cu.ft
WEIGHT3400 lb
FUEL CAPACITY(83 liters) 26.42 gal
MPGtbd
BASE PRICE\$287,400

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eliminate scraping coming into driveways or over speed bumps. Along with all the technology in the Lamborghini, you also get 4WD (all-wheel drive) and 4WS (four-wheel steering), which add to the intelligence of the car and the relationship between the driver and car. This system was flawless. U-turns are amazing.

The EVO's aerodynamics were designed for performance. The front splitter develops an airway under the car, and added flaps aid the overall load force as well, five times higher than the previous Huracán model. With an added rear spoiler, the aero keeps the Huracán planted to the road in cornering, braking and acceleration.

The steering system on the Lamborghini Huracán EVO Spyder is equipped with electronic power steering, which adapts to all your driving styles seamlessly.

The interior is as well done as the exterior, all with functionality and maximum performance and comfort. You get an 8.4-inch touchscreen—located on the lower portion of the center dash—that controls heat, AC and the entertainment system with the sweep of a finger or two (two fingers control volume of the sound system).

My last words are: this car is worth every penny! ■

PRICING AS DRIVEN

BASE PRICE **\$287,400**

INCL: longitudinal mid-rear mounted naturally aspirated 5.2L 90° V10, IDS (Iniezione Diretta Stratificata) fuel stratified coupled w multi-point injection, electronically controlled, continuously variable intake & exhaust valves timing, 4WD and 4WS with full-electronic management system, torque vectoring by brake on all wheels, hybrid chassis in aluminum & carbon fiber, front & rear double wishbone suspension, power vacuum brake system w ABS, carbon-ceramic brakes, electronic parking brake, ESC, Lamborghini Doppia Frizione (LDS) 7-spd dual clutch transmission, Lamborghini Piattaforma Inerziale (LPI) inertial platform, Lamborghini Dinamica Veicolo Integrata (LDVI), full-LED headlamps & tail lights, automatic climate, heated and electrically foldable external mirrors.

CC BRAKES W RED CALIPERS 1400

BIG FORGED COMPOSITES PACKAGE 7900

METALLIC PAINT 14,000

Q-CITURA ON ALCANTARA 3300

LAMBORGHINI TELEMETRY 5300

LIFTING SYSTEM + 4000

RIMS AESIR 20" DIAMOND 3300

STYLE PACKAGE - FULL 2800

EMBROIDERED LAMBORGHINI SHIELD ON HEADREST 1000

WINDSCREEN FRAME FINISH 400

FLOOR MATS W LEATHER PIPING 600

EVO-TRIM SPORTIVO ALCANTARA SEATS 4700

MULTIFUNCTIONAL STEERING WHEEL IN ALCANTARA 1000

CONTRAST STITCHING 900

OPTIONAL STITCHING 250

AMBIENT LIGHT PACKAGE 1100

AD PERSONAM INTERIOR 3780

SMARTPHONE INTERFACE & CONNECTED SERVICES 3600

FULLY ELECTRIC & HEATED SEATS 3200

GAS GUZZLER TAX 2100

DESTINATION CHARGE 3695

TOTAL **\$355,725**

