

La Metamorfosi

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Stellantis recently brought the all-new 2024 Alfa Romeo Tonale PHEV—a premium compact SUV that’s part of a radical evolution referred to as “La Metamorfosi”—to Arizona for us to see and briefly drive.

Presented by Alfa Romeo North American marketing manager Steph Goldstein, Tonale defines a new era of luxury, electrification and connectivity, along with a range of driver assistance systems, in pure Alfa form.

All US Tonale trims are plug-in hybrids (PHEVs), with 33 miles of pure electric range as well as best-in-class 285 hp and 347 lb-ft of torque, riding atop a rapid-response Frequency Damping Suspension (FDS) system.

Not only were we among the very first to see it, our visit also included a quick drive to whet our appetites, and whetted they were.

We can tell you right now it punches all the right buttons—from power and performance, to styling and that distinctive Italian flavoring.

Tonale joins the compact crossover market

segment, already well populated, but where Alfa Romeo recognized a need—and an opportunity—for a both premium and high-output entry just like this. While Italian supercar SUVs well into six-digit prices may be intriguing, this sporty all-wheel-drive crossover in the \$40s easily revealed the performance potential in the pedal beneath our feet, even in a tightly radar-controlled area of the Valley.

Three trim levels each have clearly defined missions and specifications. Tonale Sprint trim, the gateway to the Alfa Romeo experience, can be sported up via many options. Ti trim enhances Tonale’s elegance. And Veloce hits the twin peaks of sport and luxury.

Alfa Romeo Tonale has already shot to the top of multiple quality and satisfaction indexes. Tonale joins Giulia and Stelvio (both also with Quadrifoglio versions) to complete the 2024 Alfa Romeo US lineup. The new Tonale now enters our press fleet, and we look forward to a full week with it soon. ■

SPECIFICATIONS

ASSEMBLY	.....FCA Italy S.P.A., Italy
ENGINE	.....1.3L turbo-4 PHEV
HP/TORQUE	.....285 hp / 347 lb-ft
ELECTRIC MOTOR	.....positions P1, P4
HP	.....121 hp
BATTERY	.....15.5 kWh Li-ion 306V nickel manganese cobalt graphite, prismatic cell, refrigerant gas cooling
BATTERY WEIGHT	.....276 lb
TRANSMISSION	.....6-speed auto w manual mode; paddles optional Ti, standard Veloce
DRIVETRAIN	.....AWD
0-TO-60 / TOP SPEED	.....under 6 sec / 125 mph
SUSPENSION	.....F/R: MacPherson strut
STEERING	.....elec power
BRAKES	.....Brembo calipers: F: 13.53; R: 12.08
WHEELS	.....18x7.5, 19x8, 20x8
TIRES	.....225/55/R18, 225/45/R19, 235/40/R20
LENGTH / WHEELBASE	.....178.3 / 103.8 in
GROUND CLEARANCE	.....5.6 in
TURNING CIRCLE	.....37.86 ft
HEADROOM (F/R)	.....38.8 / 38.2 in
LEGROOM (F/R)	.....41.7 / 38.0 in
CARGO CAPACITY	.....22.9 / 50.5 cu.ft
WEIGHT	.....4133 lb
TOW CAPACITY	.....2000 lb
FUEL / CAPACITY	.....TBA / 11.2 gal
RANGE	.....total 320 mi / pure elec 33+ mi
MPGTBA (city/hwy/comb)

2024 ALFA ROMEO TONALE LINEUP

Sprint\$42,995
Ti44,995
Veloce47,495



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