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# WHAT CAR?

Britain's biggest and best car buyer's guide Reprinted from Awards 2018

## CAR OF THE YEAR 2018

The Alfa Romeo Giulia is our Best Sports Car



OUR VERDICT



**Light, fast, grippy  
– and practical**

Why Alfa's Giulia Quadrifoglio is the ideal all-rounder, and a genuine Porsche beater

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**Best buy** More than £50,000-£100,000

**Alfa Romeo Giulia Quadrifoglio**

LET'S DEAL WITH the elephant in the room first: where's the Porsche 911 got to? You'd normally expect to see one here, but this year the middle price point has been hijacked, almost out of nowhere, by the intoxicating Alfa Romeo Giulia Quadrifoglio.

To outclass one of the best sports cars of all time, the super-Giulia had to be truly exceptional. The brilliance starts with its responsive turbocharged six-cylinder engine, which pumps out 503bhp to give this four-door saloon an almost unbelievable 0-62mph time of 3.9sec.

But the Giulia Quadrifoglio is much more than just a hot rod in a straight line. Its light but delightfully quick, precise steering, massive front-end grip and planted rear axle make for a performance car that is not only exceptionally agile and involving but also trustworthy when you're pushing hard. Of course, switch off the electronic driving aids and it'll happily replace Jekyll with Hyde.

That it can also carry four adults and their luggage in comfort over scraggy UK roads and comes with a huge standard kit list for thousands less than the 911 hands it the win.

**KEY FACTS**

List price £61,595  
 Target Price £60,844  
 Monthly PCP cost £699

**Performance**  
 0-62mph 3.9sec  
 Top speed 191mph

**Running costs**  
 Official economy 34.4mpg  
 CO<sub>2</sub> 189g/km  
 Company car tax band 36%  
 Insurance group 46

**Safety**  
 Euro NCAP crash rating



98% 81% 69% 60% (2016)

**Best What Car? deal**

£57,388

**True MPG**



23.5

**Winner**  
**Sports car**  
 Alfa Romeo Giulia Quadrifoglio

This is quite a moment. While Alfa Romeos of recent years have usually been beautiful, they've rarely been as good to drive as you'd expect of a company with such a rich heritage of making fantastic sports cars. But that ends with the Giulia Quadrifoglio, a car with which Alfa has once again risen to the top.

We're talking about a comfortable, roomy, well-equipped saloon with handling to rival the 718 Cayman and the performance to worry the 540C. That's a formidable combination that proved impossible to overlook when deciding our winner.

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