

# Riding in style

The top 10 most expensive cars that appeared at this year's Shanghai International Auto Show represent the height of luxury



**1. Ferrari FXX**  
**Price:** US\$1.6-4 million  
**Engine:** 6.3 liter V12 producing over 800bhp  
**0-60 mph:** 3.7 seconds  
**Appeal factor:** Comes with a seat and pedals configured for the consumer and has a shift-time of under 100 milliseconds. One of the world's most exclusive sports cars and the ultimate way to paint the town red.



**4. Rolls-Royce Phantom Drophead Coupé**  
**Price:** US\$790,000 upwards  
**Engine:** 6.7 liter V12 producing 453bhp  
**0-60 mph:** Less than 6 seconds  
**Appeal factor:** Nothing quite says luxury like a Rolls-Royce and China is now the renowned company's third-largest market. According to the manufacturer's plans, only 200 models will be made worldwide.



**2. Maybach 62S**  
**Price:** US\$1.19 million  
**Engine:** 6.0 liter V12 twin turbocharged producing 612bhp  
**0-60 mph:** About 5.2 seconds  
**Appeal factor:** This car oozes wealth. The S version, specially designed for the Asian market, is the new sportier version of its longer-wheelbase 62 model.



**5. Ferrari 612 Scaglietti**  
**Price:** US\$580,000  
**Engine:** 5.7 liter V12 producing 540bhp  
**0-60 mph:** 4.2 seconds  
**Appeal factor:** In 2005, two of these cars drove around China in 45 days. The body control is firm and uncompromising, and steering is light and direct. This four-seat coupe is an unconventional twist on the typical two-seater sports car.



**3. Spyker D12 Peking-to-Paris**  
**Price:** US\$800,000  
**Engine:** 6.0 liter V12 producing over 500bhp  
**0-60 mph:** Around 5 seconds  
**Appeal factor:** Named after the 1907 Peking to Paris three-month driving rally, in which Spyker placed second. This car can reach up to 295 km/h. A fashion statement for those that need to be above the road.



**6. Bentley Continental GTC**  
**Price:** About US\$470,000  
**Engine:** 6.0 liter V12 twin turbo generating 552bhp  
**0-60 mph:** 5.1 seconds  
**Appeal factor:** Bentley's Continental exudes a refined British style complete with German underpinnings. Bentley expects to sell at least 250 of this model in China.



**7. Mercedes-Benz S65 AMG**

**Price:** US\$400,000

**Engine:** 6.0 liter V12 twin turbo; 604bhp

**0-60 mph:** 4.2 seconds

**Appeal factor:** China is the second-largest market for the S class. With a top speed of 155 mph, the full-size luxury AMG sedan is perfect for CEOs in a hurry.



**10. Maserati GranTurismo**

**Price:** US\$240,000

**Engine:** 4.2 liter V8; 405bhp

**0-60 mph:** 5.2 seconds

**Appeal factor:** Pininfarina styling adds to the pure sexiness that only Italian cars seem to muster, offering controlled performance just right for Chinese expressways.



**8. Spyker C8 Double 12S**

**Price:** About US\$400,000

**Engine:** 4.2 liter V8; over 400bhp

**0-60 mph:** Less than 4 seconds

**Appeal factor:** This little-known brand is a Chinese favorite, receiving the luxury sports car of the year award from QQ in 2006. The 12S is the road-going version of the Le Mans racer, the most powerful of the Spyker lineup.



**9. Porsche 911 GT3 RS**

**Price:** Around US\$260,000

**Engine:** 3.6 liter V6; 415bhp

**0-60 mph:** 4 seconds

**Appeal factor:** Perhaps the ultimate street racer to rev up and carve the streets on the mainland. The RS builds on the speed factor of the already sporty GT3 to give the ultimate demon driving experience.

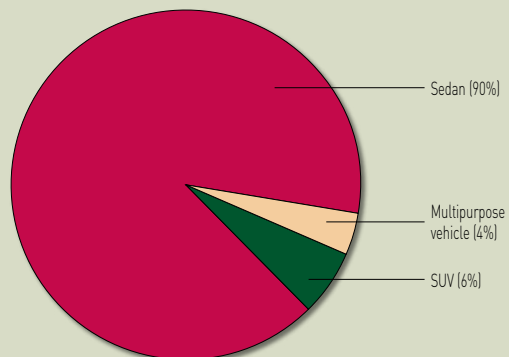
## Best-selling auto brands

January-June, 2007

Brand/model name	Units
VW Santana	109,500
VW Jetta	100,900
Buick Excelle	91,400
Toyota Camry	80,600
Chery QQ	68,200
FAW-Xiali Vela	67,200
Honda Accord	64,400
Mazda Family	61,300
Nissan Elantra	57,500
Ford Focus	55,700

## Market share by type

January-July, 2007



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