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Vehicle Profile: The 2012 Audi R8

The supercar you'll drive every day.

Have you ever heard drivers of high-end sports cars talk about taking their performance machines for a drive "weather permitting?" The 2012 Audi R8 owner can drive his or her supercar every day, and doesn't need to ask the weather's permission. That alone, among the many talents of the Audi R8, tends to redefine the meaning of "super" in supercar.



When Audi designed the R8 supercar, there was never a question that it would be a car the owner could enjoy every day. In naming the Audi R8 to its "2012 10Best: 10 Favorites over \$80K" list, *Car and Driver* magazine said, "'Everyday supercar' is a hackneyed phrase but not quite so hackneyed as 'textbook example.' Ironically, together these...tags perfectly describe the ever-fresh R8. Its...mechanicals are both user-friendly and rewarding to all the senses." The 2012 Audi R8 4.2 Coupe, powered by a mid-mounted 430-hp V8, starts at an MSRP of \$114,200.

Keeping company with the R8 4.2, Audi offers the R8 5.2 Coupe, for a 525-hp V10 adrenaline rush, the R8 Spyder, also in 4.2 and 5.2 versions, for top-down driving bliss and the very special R8 GT and R8 GT Spyder with 560-hp V10s, in very limited numbers.

The 2012 Audi R8 4.2 Coupe and Spyder will vault you and a lucky passenger from zero-to-60 mph in just 4.4 seconds, but the exhilaration these models deliver far transcends that single impressive performance measurement. Audi infused the high-revving 4.2 V8 with racing-derived technology such as sodium-cooled valves and Fuel Stratified Injection (FSI[®]) direct injection, along with an ultra-high 12.5:1 compression ratio. Audi knows something about endurance in racing, having won one of the world's most prestigious road races, the 24 Hours of Le Mans, 10 times in the last 12 years. The dry-sump lubrication system in the R8 comes from pure racecar practice and ensures a consistent supply of oil, even under high-g racetrack cornering. The V10 engine shares this technology and can blast the R8 from zero-to-60 mph in just 3.7 seconds.

In the R8 Coupe models, the glass rear hatch puts the mid-mounted engine on display for all to admire. They'll admire the roar as you pull away, too. Mounted in the Audi Space Frame (ASF[®]) aluminum chassis structure, the V8 or V10 keeps company with the best supercar suspension and drivetrain technology. That includes double-wishbone front and rear suspension with Audi Magnetic Ride, huge ventilated disc brakes and, the trump card, standard quattro[®] all-wheel drive.





Audi pioneered the use of all-wheel drive in rally racing and then in high-performance road cars, eventually migrating this all-road handling technology to its full line of vehicles. Yes, having quattro® helps make the Audi R8 a foul-weather driver, something few supercars can claim to be. Equally as important, quattro, with its 40:60 front to rear torque split, gives the R8 4.2 and 5.2 models intensified grip on all roads, all year long.

The 2012 Audi R8 4.2 and 5.2 models offer a choice between a six-speed manual and the R tronic® sequential automatic with paddleshift manual control. With R tronic also comes Audi Launch Control, which allows for faster starts in track driving by controlling wheel slip.

The Audi R8 models blend classic sports car interior design with pure Audi comfort and luxury. Interior room is generous for two with the R8 4.2 featuring a leather/Alcantara interior combination and the R8 5.2 offering soft Nappa leather. In the R8 Spyder models, special thermal-resistant leather helps reduce the seat surface temperature by up to 68 degrees on hot, sunny days.

The Spyder soft-top roof lowers or raises in just 19 seconds, and you can operate it while driving at up to 31 mph. Adding to the Spyder models' every day driving traits, the soft-top roof uses triple-layer insulation to keep the interior quiet and comfortable in any weather.

A wide array of leather and carbon fiber options let you personalize your R8 while the Audi signature infotainment features include available Audi Multi Media Interface (MMI®), Audi MMI® Navigation plus and a Bang & Olufsen® sound system.

Looking for the perfect dream car? Come in and see how the Audi R8 models satisfy the supercar enthusiast in a purely Audi fashion.

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