



CHAPTER 1

What Are Supercars?

Cars get us where we need to go. We drive them to school and work. We drive them to the grocery store or a friend's house. If we need to go someplace, a car can get us there. But some people want a car that is more than a way to get around. They want a car with high **performance**, **luxury**, or **technological** features. Performance is how well something works. Luxury means great comfort. Technological means using science and engineering. These car owners want to drive a **supercar**.

A supercar is a sports car. It is designed to provide a high-level driving experience. Drivers of supercars expect excellent **acceleration**, **handling**, and **maneuvering**. Acceleration is the act of moving faster. Handling is the way a car moves when it is driven. Maneuvering is a skillful way of moving.

One place to see a Maserati supercar is at an auto show.