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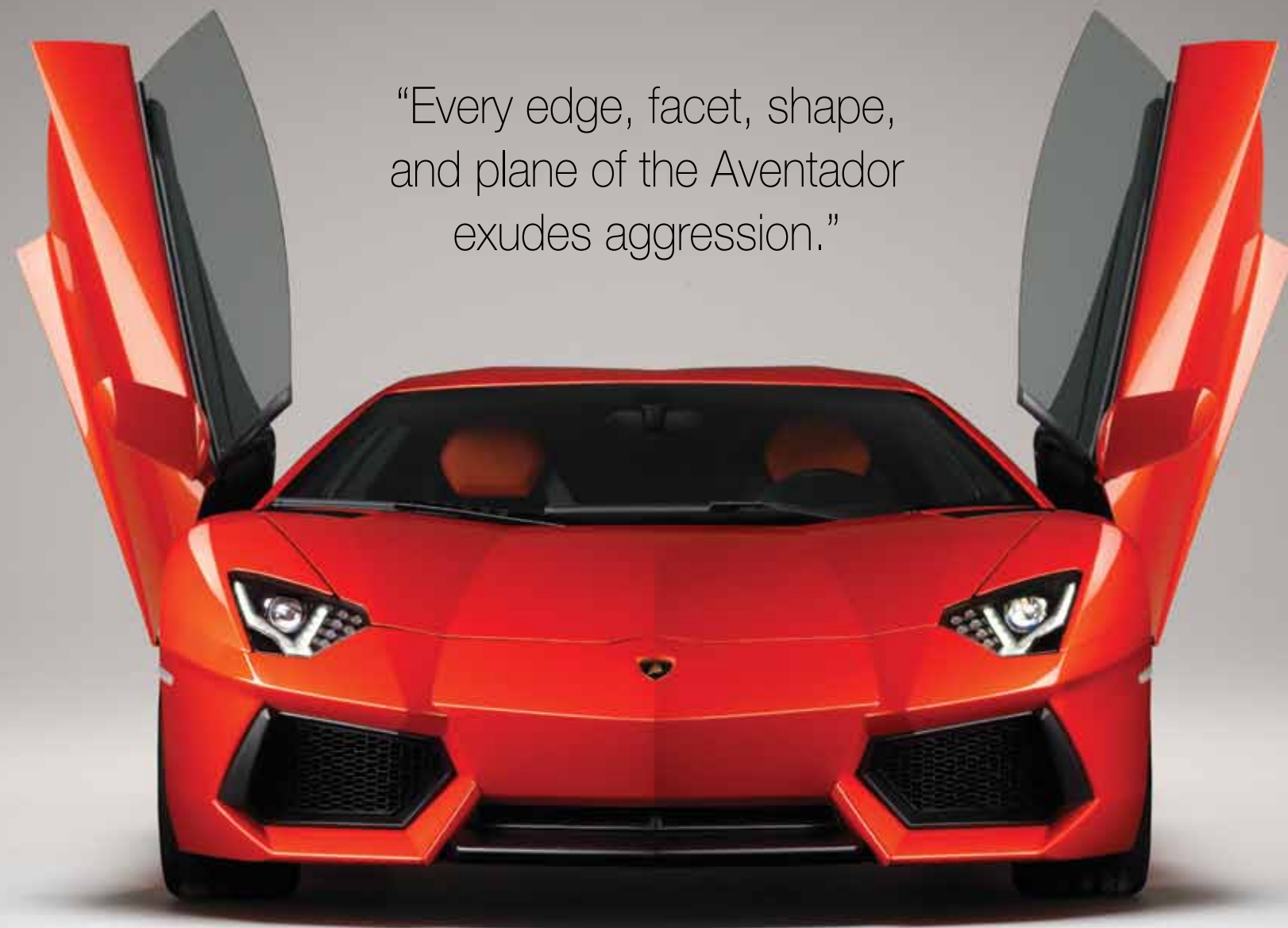
# AVENTADOR

A New Breed of Exotic

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A funny thing has been happening for the better part of a decade. I get into a finely woven tapestry of metal, fabric, rubber, and wire, each a lifeless piece of the material by itself, but the sum of which produces an emotional and physiological response that is beyond my comprehension. There are cars that stir the soul for no reason other than the feeling you get behind the wheel, then there are the cars that take your breath away from the moment you see them. The Aventador is breathtaking!

## REV UP YOUR PULSE

Every edge, facet, shape, and plane of the Aventador exudes aggression. The interior is a cohesive blend of geometric angles and aggressive looking materials. From the moment you open its signature vertically opening doors, you're in for a treat. After you press the start button, which is shielded in a similar manner to the switches for military weapons, the 7" TFT display instrument cluster lights up the dash like a fighter plane. The mighty V12 behind you bursts to life with a melodic roar that rivals a fine instrument. Instantly, the car blips the throttle to around 3000rpm. The sound alone is enough to get

your pulse racing; the growl announces to everyone around you that something special is coming.

## DRIVING AVENTADOR

Driving the Aventador is actually very easy. The car shrinks around you and doesn't feel nearly as wide and long as you may expect. The cockpit visibility is surprisingly good, which is comforting considering the staggering performance figures of this vehicle: 0-60 in 2.9 seconds, and a top speed of 217mph. The suspension, though firm because of its performance credentials, soaks up bumps much better than I had expected. It also has a front axle lifting system, which raises the front of the car to clear speed bumps, large angled driveways, and sloping hills. The drivetrain sports an automated 7 speed manual transmission. While I'm not a fan of these single clutch automated transmissions, the Lamborghini has the best one I've driven. It's not quite as smooth as some of the latest generation dual clutch cars in traffic, but the transmission is very smooth considering how much power it needs to handle. In Strada, or street mode, the Aventador is very comfortable and easy to drive, with automatic shifting and quick upshifts, and a very





calm and quiet nature. You could very easily drive it every day, to the store and back and not want for anything, except maybe a little more cargo space.

#### SHIFT INTO HIGH GEAR

The Aventador completely changes its character when you put it in its race-oriented Corsa mode. The shifting is firmed up considerably, and the all-wheel drive system is more aggressive in its power delivery. Throttle response is very good, and power is abundant from very low rpms all the way up to the Aventador's stratospheric 8250rpm redline. With 690hp on tap, the car gets up to speed in a hurry. Some restraint is required as this car gets through the gears at a staggering pace. The sheer speed of this beast is fantastic, and I'd say it's the fastest new unmodified car you can buy under \$1 million dollars. The key in this recipe is the Aventador's advanced Haldex all-wheel drive system,

which when coupled with the F1-style pushrod suspension, ensures that every last horsepower gets to the pavement. When approaching triple digit speeds, the Lamborghini doesn't skip a beat – especially when it's time to stop. It's six piston brake calipers and 400mm carbon-ceramic brake discs stop the car with a pace even quicker than that of its acceleration. The sound of the car can only be described as music for your soul, like a symphony waiting for the cue from your right foot.

My verdict of the Aventador: It is a car that *must* be experienced to be believed! This is a kind of car that takes you away from reality and makes you feel like a kid again. The thing that separates the Aventador from the raging bulls of old is that you can drive the car every day and have no regrets. Stop by Lamborghini of Miami and experience this car for yourself — you won't be disappointed.













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