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Saluting the Skies

2021 BUGATTI CHIRON SPORT 'LEGENDS OF THE SKIES' EDITION

Bugatti's origins are closely intertwined with aviation. Many of their early racing drivers were flying aces, daredevils, and pilots for the French Air Force. Company founder Ettore Bugatti had a passion for planes, designing one in 1937 that would break speed records. The outbreak of World War II halted his efforts, but he never forgot his love with gleaming winged machines. Paying tribute to that kind of starry-eyed fascination, as well as those steel-nerved legends of aviation, Bugatti is releasing a Chiron Sport 'Legends of the Skies' limited edition.

Twenty examples will be offered, each featuring matte-gray 'Gris Serpent' paintwork, a modern interpretation of the color found on 1920s airplanes. A white gloss stripe runs the center of the vehicle while exposed black carbon fiber side

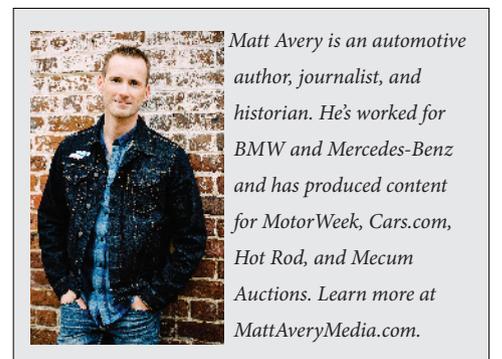
sills are highlighted with the colors of the French flag. The horseshoe radiator grille mesh is laser-cut and features a pattern reminiscent of planes flying in formation in an air parade. The design is also emulated in the seatback stitching.

Inside, the cabin is finished in light brown fine 'Gaucho' leather, harkening to the natural leather found in plane cockpits of decades ago. There is turned aluminum trim and on the door panels, hand-sketches of a racing scene between a French-built 1916 Nieuport 17 biplane and a Bugatti Type 13—the first vehicle to bear the Bugatti name and one that laid the foundation for the brand's robust racing heritage.

These new vehicles feature 1,479 horsepower, a top speed of 260 mph, and will cost \$3.43 million when they arrive later this year. [U](#)



Each vehicle receives an aluminum console inlay bearing the special edition's propeller motif as well as a sequence number.



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