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## **2018 Alfa Romeo Stelvio – the New “Crossover of Texas” Champion – Wins Three Awards From the Texas Auto Writers Association**

*Stelvio Takes Home Top Crossover Honors From Texas Truck Rodeo Event*

- 2018 Alfa Romeo Stelvio named “Crossover of Texas” and “Luxury Crossover of Texas” and took home “Most Drives” honor
- All Stelvio models feature a perfect 50/50 weight distribution, class-leading power and performance and an eight-speed automatic transmission with available steering column-mounted aluminum paddle shifters with gear shifts in less than 100 milliseconds
- Stelvio comes very well-equipped with many standard premium features, including a direct-injection 280-hp turbocharged and intercooled 2.0L engine, delivering 0-60 mph in 5.4 seconds, DNA drive mode selector, genuine leather interior, remote start with passive entry, bi-xenon headlamps, dual exhaust, class-exclusive carbon-fiber driveshaft, flat-bottom Formula One-inspired steering wheel, 7-inch TFT and much more
- Stelvio Ti (Turismo Internazionale) adds 19-inch wheels, genuine wood interior accents, an 8.8-inch widescreen entertainment and information display, heated seats, heated steering wheel and more
- Stelvio Quadrifoglio recently set a [Nürburgring lap time record](#) of 7 minutes, 51.7 seconds, making it the world's fastest production SUV
- The innovative Q4 all-wheel-drive (AWD) system – standard on all Stelvio models, including the Quadrifoglio – provides additional driving confidence and superior control
- Stelvio and Stelvio Ti are on sale now with an MSRP of \$41,995 and \$43,995, respectively

October 19, 2017, Auburn Hills, Mich. - The all-new [2018 Alfa Romeo Stelvio](#) was crowned “Crossover of Texas” and also took home honors for “Luxury Crossover of Texas” and “Most Drives” at the annual Texas Truck Rodeo hosted by the Texas Auto Writers Association (TAWA).

“On the heels of the Alfa Romeo Giulia Quadrifoglio's multiple honors – including our coveted ‘Car of Texas’ trophy – earlier this year, our journalists were most intrigued to test out the Italian brand's Stelvio utility and with no doubt we came away very impressed,” said Nic Phillips, President of TAWA. “With so many highly competitive crossovers to choose from these days, Alfa Romeo has absolutely infused its Italian heritage and racing pedigree into a CUV that delivers sporting dynamics while still forging a very practical vehicle that people will get a smile from driving each and every day.”

A total of 64 pickups, SUVs, crossovers and commercial vehicles were entered in the competition and 75 TAWA members attended the event. Members cast their votes after two days of on- and off-road vehicle evaluations. Consideration is given to everything from exterior/interior styling and off-road capability to the entrant's overall utility, value and performance.

At TAWA's Texas Auto Roundup earlier this year, the 2017 Alfa Romeo Giulia Quadrifoglio was crowned “ [Car of Texas](#)” and also took home honors for “Performance Sedan of Texas” and “Most Drives” at Circuit of The Americas (COTA).

The Stelvio lineup brings world-class performance, state-of-the-art technologies, seductive Italian style and an exhilarating driving experience to the premium mid-size SUV segment.

Crafted by Alfa Romeo artisans at the Cassino plant in Italy, the all-new 2018 Stelvio lineup is a testament to Alfa Romeo's perfect balance of engineering and emotion, creating a premium mid-size SUV for driving enthusiasts that stands out in one of the largest and fastest growing segments in the United States.

#### **About TAWA**

The Texas Auto Writers Association, Inc. was founded in 1985 by automotive journalists who wanted to provide an avenue of professional growth, development and networking. These professionals sought to create an automotive event that was unique to Texas and the result was the TAWA Truck Rodeo. Since 1992, Truck Rodeos have been held in San Antonio, Houston, Dallas, Fort Worth, Granbury and Spring Branch, and now Dripping Springs. In 2003, TAWA created an event for sedans, sports cars, and other vehicles not eligible for the Truck Rodeo. The Texas Auto Roundup, as the event is called today, has been held annually at the Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth. For more information, visit [www.texasautowriters.org](http://www.texasautowriters.org).

#### **Alfa Romeo**

Born in 1910 in Milan, Italy, Alfa Romeo has designed and crafted some of the most stylish and sporty cars in automotive history. That tradition lives on today as Alfa Romeo continues to take a unique and innovative approach to automobiles. The Alfa Romeo Stelvio sets a benchmark in performance, style and technology in an SUV. The award-winning Alfa Romeo Giulia delivers race-inspired performance, advanced technologies and an exhilarating driving experience to the premium midsize sedan segment. In early 2023, Alfa Romeo will offer its first compact SUV with the all-new Tonale. The globally available Tonale is part of a radical evolution taking place at Alfa Romeo, which looks ahead to a new era of electrification and connectivity. Alfa Romeo is part of the portfolio of brands offered by leading global automaker and mobility provider Stellantis. For more information regarding Stellantis (NYSE: STLA), please visit [www.stellantis.com](http://www.stellantis.com).

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