

2018 Mille Miglia: Sealing and Inspection

- A special edition celebrating the 90th anniversary of Alfa Romeo's first win in the Red Arrow race gets under way
- To celebrate the historic milestone and to transfer the passion from legendary models to current production, a [special site](#) with 90 photos telling this unique story has launched
- Piazza della Vittoria in Brescia hosted the rite that sets the scene for the thrills of the race: sealing and inspection
- Not just a formal procedure, but the first opportunity for fans to enjoy a close look at the stars of the race

May 16, 2018, Brescia, Italy - The Mille Miglia has been the supreme expression of the passion for cars for more than 90 years. It was created in 1927 as a mass start race beginning and ending in Brescia, over a route leading down to Rome and then back up the Italian peninsula that totalled 1,600 kilometres or 1,000 imperial miles ("mille miglia").

In 1928, during the race's second edition, Alfa Romeo won both the individual and the team titles, with all eight of its cars successfully completing the course. To celebrate the 90th anniversary of the first in a long series of victories, the "[Alfa Romeo: Mille Miglia in 90 places](#)" project has been created to retrace the most significant stages in a unique story through 90 photos of the most emblematic locations.

But before the start itself, no Mille Miglia would be complete without the technical checks yesterday at the showground, including the sealing and inspection, which took place this morning in the lovely setting of Piazza della Vittoria, one of main squares of the city known as the "Lioness of Italy." The process involves two stages, one for the crews – permits, certificates and driving licences – and one that checks the car's technical features. Sealing involves the application of a lead seal to confirm that the inspection has been passed and that the car is as specified in the race documents and, above all, it constitutes final approval to take part in the event.

But above all, technical aspects aside, sealing and inspection is one of the times when fans have the opportunity to take a close look at the historic cars taking part in the race, and in Brescia all eyes are on the stunning 1928 Alfa Romeo 6C 1500 Super Sport, with coachwork by Farina, which is celebrating the 90th anniversary of its memorable victory in the 1928 Mille Miglia. The car will be carrying the race number 30, also borne by the winning car driven by Giuseppe Campari and Giulio Ramponi.

There was also applause and awe at the sight of the legendary 6C 1750 Gran Sport, victorious in 1930 with Tazio Nuvolari and Giovanni Battista Guidotti, which competes with race number 31. Along the route, there will be time to return to the famous "overtaking without lights" episode and the setting of a new average speed record for the entire course. Other major attractions are the 1954 1900 Super Sprint, an extremely rare racing spider, and the elegant 1900 Sport Spider coupé built in 1956. After the inspections, they are all ready for their engines to roar to life once more in a race through some of Italy's most beautiful locations.

Alfa Romeo's secret and its unique status lie in the wonder inspired not only by its historic models, but also by the current production cars, which, with Stelvio and Giulia, embody the brand's new identity. Stelvio is Alfa Romeo's first SUV and has rewritten the rules for its class by setting new performance benchmarks, while Giulia is the sports sedan where functional and dynamic beauty combine to achieve peerless performance. They belong to the official fleet of 30 vehicles that the brand is making available to the organizers as official cars. There could be no better way of getting first-hand experience of the Alfa Romeo DNA, steeped in history and competition and with the vigour of a legendary past.

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