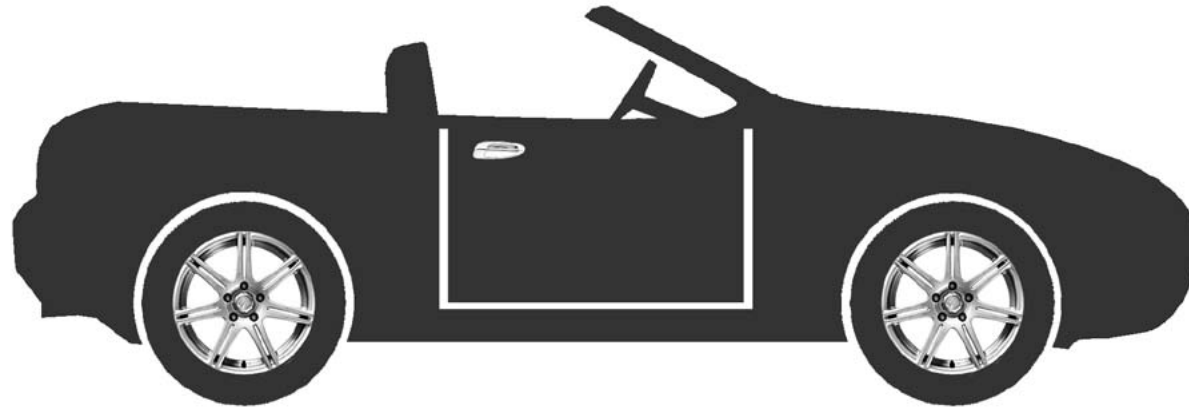


Sportscar / convertible



Typically good-looking, sportscars are also expected to have brisk performance, precise handling and good braking. A sportscar is designed primarily to be fun to drive and is thus typically impractical for more than two people. Most sportscars have only two doors. Although a sportscar may have four seats, the rear seats are often too small for comfort and are therefore usually used mainly for storage.

Sportscars commonly have removable roofs. If so, they're usually called either *convertibles*, *cabriolets*, or *softtops*. Softtops have folding cloth roofs.

Many modern sportscars have sliding metal roofs that convert the vehicle from an open car to a closed car at the press of a button. Those convertibles with sliding metal roofs tend to be more comfortable and practical than conventional softtops.

Older sportscars with folding cloth roofs commonly leak. So, in autumn the owner may fit a more robust roof made of a stiffer material such as hard plastic or fibreglass. These harder, not-foldable roofs are called *convertible hardtops* or *removable hardtops*. In a traditional sportscar, the owner will usually refit the foldable softtop in spring.

