Designated as the replacement model to the 360 Modena, the new Ferrari F430 has some rather large shoes to fill. However, the folks at the Ferrari factory will seldom disappoint. With much of the engineering work done at the Ferrari Formula 1 racing facility, it’s fair to say that the F430 is a street-legal race car.

Starting with the basics, the F430 comes equipped with a new 4.3 liter V-8 developing 490 horsepower without a turbocharger or supercharger. The 11.3 to 1 compression ratio requires the use of not one, but four knock sensors. With a curb weight of just under 3,200 pounds, you’ll see 60 mph from a standing start in just four seconds. Top end is north of 190 mph, if you dare.

The F430 is the world’s first production car to feature as standard equipment the Ferrari electronic differential (E-Diff) that was initially developed for the F1 program. This controls the amount of the car’s substantial power sent to each of the rear wheels. Also new is the rotary switch mounted on the steering wheel (as common to the F1 drivers as the “manettino”), which directly controls the integrated systems governing vehicle dynamics. With these systems, limited wheel spin and as you might expect, incredible handling and road holding are yours.

Besides a conventional manual transmission, you can also specify the F1 paddle shift 6 speed gearbox which is in essence a manual transmission without a clutch. With it, you can bang off upshifts in just 150 milliseconds. (That’s right-milliseconds). You (and your insurance agent) will be pleased to know that the F430 can stop as well as it can go. For extreme braking capability, order the optional carbon-ceramic brakes from the $675,000 Enzo, just $14,000 additional. Other options include an upgraded audio system, your choice of 12 colors for your leather upholstery and Bluetooth capability so you can use your cell phone while keeping both hands busy with the business of piloting your F430, something we highly recommend.

If you would like your own full-size F430, we’d suggest you hurry on down to your local dealer as Ferrari traditionally builds cars in limited numbers. Be prepared to write a check for approximately $175,000 and don’t even ask about maintenance costs—it’s been written that engine oil will set you back $72 a quart. Makes your new Revell scale model kit seem like the bargain of the century, don’t you think?

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