



SUNBEAM ALPINE VENEZIA

For the Italian Look, go to Italy

THE NEW SUNBEAM Venezia Superleggera was recently introduced in the historic courtyard of the Doge's Palace in Venice: a suitable setting in which to present this handsome combination of British engineering and Italian styling.

The Venezia is essentially a luxury model sports sedan (101-in. wheelbase) on the practical 2-plus-2 theme, offering good cruising performance (up to 95 mph) and adequate luggage space as well as around-town practicality.

The mechanical components are pure Sunbeam from the Rootes Group in England: 1592 cc, 4 cyl, 94-hp engine, 4-speed gearbox with overdrive, disc brakes at front, drums at rear, Sunbeam suspension bits and so on.

The English components, totaling about 40% of the completed car, are shipped to Italy where the Touring Superleggera Company at Milan completes the construction. The body is of aluminum panels framed in tubular steel and fully insulated to avoid the kettledrum effect often associated with this type of construction.

The interior of the Venezia is plush. The front seats, wide-contoured and separate, are adjustable both fore-and-aft as well as for lean-back; there are armrests for all passengers and the carpet is thick pile. In addition to the usual lighting equipment, a red safety light is fitted to each front door and lights when the door is opened. There are amber repeater lights on each front fender supplementing the front and rear turn indicators, full instrumentation, including tachometer, a lockable glove box, and a fully padded and hooded instrument panel.

The Venezia is being built for sale in Italy with a price tag of 2.5 million lire (about \$4000), and, alas, there are no plans at present to export it to England or the U.S. —Nancy Pierce



SPECIFICATIONS

Wheelbase, in.	101.0	Overall width	61.5
Front track	51.5	Overall height	54.0
Rear track	48.5	Ground clearance	6.5
Overall length	176.75	Turning circle, ft.....	36