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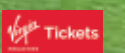
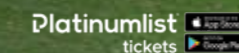
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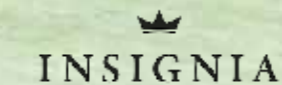


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# 2024 AUDI A6 E-TRON CONCEPT

Luxury-Class Design Electrified



The automotive industry is witnessing a paradigm shift towards electrification, and Audi, a pioneer in this transition, introduces the 2024 Audi A6 e-tron Concept as a testament to its commitment to sustainable mobility. This concept car exemplifies Audi's vision for the future of electric vehicles (EVs), blending cutting-edge technology, elegant design, and

high performance.

#### Exterior Design:

The exterior of the 2024 Audi A6 e-tron Concept exhibits a seamless integration of aerodynamics and aesthetics. It retains the signature Audi design language with a modern twist. Aerodynamic efficiency is optimized

through a sleek and streamlined profile, and distinctive LED lighting elements add a futuristic touch. The concept car strikes a balance between sophistication and boldness, making a statement on the road.

#### Interior Comfort and Innovation:

Stepping inside, the A6 e-tron Concept offers





a glimpse into Audi's vision of a luxurious and technologically advanced cabin. The interior reflects a commitment to sustainability, with the use of eco-friendly materials and a focus on creating a serene and comfortable space for occupants. Innovative features include a state-of-the-art infotainment system, intuitive controls, and advanced connectivity options, aligning with the evolving expectations of modern drivers.

#### **Electric Powertrain and Performance:**

At the heart of the A6 e-tron Concept lies an advanced electric powertrain designed for exceptional performance and efficiency. Audi's engineering prowess is evident in the dual-motor setup, providing a combination of instant torque and exhilarating acceleration. The concept car aims to redefine the driving experience, offering dynamic handling and a smooth, quiet ride characteristic of electric vehicles.

**Range and Charging:** Range anxiety is addressed through Audi's commitment to providing an impressive electric range. The A6 e-tron Concept incorporates state-of-the-art battery technology, allowing for extended journeys on a single charge. Additionally, fast-charging capabilities enable users to replenish the battery quickly, contributing to the practicality of electric mobility.



#### **Technology and Connectivity:**

Audi's reputation for technological innovation continues with the A6 e-tron Concept. The vehicle is equipped with a suite of advanced driver-assistance systems, enhancing safety and convenience. Connectivity features include seamless integration with smartphones, intelligent navigation systems, and over-the-air software updates, ensuring that the vehicle remains cutting-edge throughout its lifecycle.

#### **Environmental Sustainability:**

Beyond the electric powertrain, the A6 e-tron Concept embodies Audi's commitment to

environmental sustainability throughout its life cycle. From the materials used in manufacturing to the energy efficiency of the vehicle, Audi strives to minimize its ecological footprint. The concept car aligns with the global push towards eco-friendly alternatives in the automotive industry.

#### **Market Impact and Future Prospects:**

As Audi unveils the A6 e-tron Concept, it marks a pivotal moment in the brand's journey towards electrification. The concept car not only showcases Audi's technical prowess but also serves as a glimpse into the brand's electric future. Anticipation is high among enthusiasts

and industry experts as they assess the potential impact of the A6 e-tron Concept on the electric vehicle market.

In conclusion, the 2024 Audi A6 e-tron Concept represents a compelling fusion of luxury, technology, and sustainability. It symbolizes Audi's dedication to shaping the future of mobility, redefining the electric vehicle landscape. With its striking design, innovative features, and eco-friendly attributes, the A6 e-tron Concept stands as a testament to Audi's commitment to delivering a premium electric driving experience.





# 2024 MERCEDES-AMG C 63 PERFORMANCE

## The Dawn of a New Era



S E Performance is a game-changer in the 55-year history of AMG. It brings state-of-the-art technologies derived directly from Formula 1™ to the road. A two-speed electric motor positioned on the rear axle supports the most powerful production four-cylinder in the world, a Handcrafted AMG 2.0-Liter turbocharged engine that is mounted longitudinally at the front.

Power delivery and torque build-up occur spontaneously and without delay: as in Formula 1™, the electric support of the exhaust gas turbocharger eliminates the turbo lag of the combustion engine, while the electric motor at the rear axle pushes powerfully from a standstill. The electric powertrain and 400-volt high-performance battery are AMG-exclusive, in-house developments and underline the engineering prowess of the Affalterbach-based developers. Just like in Formula 1™, the battery is specifically designed for fast power output and draw with innovative direct cooling of the cells. The combined system output is 671 hp and 752

lb-ft of torque. These are new benchmarks for the C-Class.

For the first time in a C 63, the fully variable AMG Performance 4MATIC+ all-wheel drive transfers power to the road and includes a Drift Mode for even more driving pleasure. Added to this is the standard-fit active rear axle steering, another unique feature in this segment.

“With the C 63 S E Performance, we are opening a new chapter in our brand history. Even 55 years after our company was founded, we at AMG continue to show the courage and the will to realize the creative, the special things. The new C 63 in particular is a real game-changer. With its revolutionary concept, it brings a completely new approach to the segment, which until now has been primarily characterized by the promise of pure performance. With a maximum system output of 671 hp, we do indeed keep this promise. But the intelligent P3 hybrid concept offers much more. I am sure

that with this technology, which incorporates a lot of know-how from Formula 1, we will also appeal to a new group of customers,” says Philipp Schiemer, Chairman of the Board of Management of Mercedes-AMG GmbH.

“With its performance hybrid drive and electrically assisted exhaust turbocharger, the new C 63 S E PERFORMANCE is a technological masterpiece that takes a new approach. The electrified powertrain offers a whole new driving experience. The immediate response of the electric drive at the rear axle, the rapid torque build-up as well as the fast power output and also draw of our battery are very special features. Add to this the standard-fit rear axle steering and the fully variable AMG Performance 4MATIC+ all-wheel drive with Drift Mode - the new C 63 once again illustrates the high level of technical expertise that AMG possesses,” says Jochen Hermann, Member of Executive Board – Chief Technical Officer of Mercedes-AMG GmbH.

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**Expressive design with powerful proportions and striking details.**

Form follows function: the design of the new C 63 S differs from the Mercedes-Benz C-Class in its more muscular proportions. The performance sedan is based on an extensively modified AMG bodyshell. The front end is 2 inches longer and the front fenders are wider. In terms of length, the sedan measures an extra 3.3 inches. The wider track width at the front axle results in 3 inches more overall width at the front. And the wheelbase has grown by 0.4 inches.

A new distinguishing feature, and one that is exclusive to the C 63 S, is the narrow air outlet in the center of the hood that transitions elegantly into the two power domes. A small but particularly fine detail: for the first time ever on a Mercedes-AMG production model, a round

badge with a black AMG emblem replaces the Mercedes star with laurel wreath on the hood. Further typical elements include the AMG-specific radiator grille with vertical struts and the AMG front fascia with a "jet-wing" design. Two electronically controlled AIR PANELS (behind the radiator grille and in the front fascia) allow the air to be regulated as required.

Matching side skirts, rear fascia with large diffuser as well as two trapezoidal, externally ribbed dual tailpipe trims round off the design. Exclusive details at the rear include the special airflow breakaway edge on the trunk lid, plug-in charging flap and model designation set against a red background. The C 63 S is fitted with 19-inch AMG alloy wheels and staggered tires as standard. Optional 20-inch wheels, also with staggered tires, are available, including a forged wheel design.

**Stylish interior, new generation of the AMG Performance Seat.**

In the interior, AMG sports seats with special upholstery and distinctive stitching pattern add refinement, and many options for individualization are available. Optional redesigned second-generation AMG Performance Seats feature side bolsters with weight-saving openings that also allow for better ventilation. The shape of the backrest tapers towards the bottom.

**MBUX multimedia system with hybrid-specific displays.**

The MBUX infotainment system includes various AMG- and hybrid-specific displays and functions that can also be extensively personalized. These include special displays in the instrument cluster, on the portrait-orientation multimedia central





display in the center console and on the optional head-up display.

**The AMG-specific E PERFORMANCE hybrid drive: combustion engine in the front, electric motor in the rear.**

In the new Mercedes-AMG C 63 S E PERFORMANCE, the Handcrafted AMG 2.0-liter four-cylinder turbo engine is combined with a permanently-excited synchronous electric motor, a high-performance battery developed in Affalterbach and fully variable AMG Performance 4MATIC+ all-wheel drive. The system output of 671 hp and the maximum system torque of 752 lb-ft enable impressive driving performance: the vehicle accelerates from 0-60 mph in an estimated 3.3 seconds.

The 201 hp (150 kW) electric motor is positioned at the rear axle, where it is integrated with an electrically- shifted two-speed gearbox and the electronically controlled limited-slip rear differential in a compact electric drive unit (EDU). Experts refer to this layout as a P3 hybrid. The lightweight high-performance battery is also located in the rear above the rear axle.

**Inspired by Formula 1, developed in Affalterbach: the AMG high-performance battery.**

When the electrification strategy was being defined, it was clear from the outset that all essential components would be developed in Affalterbach. At the heart of this is the AMG high-

performance battery (HPB). The development of the lithium-ion energy storage system is inspired by technologies that have already been proven in the Mercedes-AMG Petronas F1 Team's Formula 1 hybrid racing cars. The AMG high-performance battery combines high power that can be utilized frequently in succession with low weight to increase the overall performance of the vehicle. Added to this are the fast energy draw and high power density.

**94 hp continuous output and 201 hp peak output.**

The high-performance battery offers a capacity of 6.1 kWh, a continuous output of 94 hp and a peak output of 201 hp for ten seconds. The low weight of only 196 lbs (89 kg) helps to deliver the very high power density. Charging takes place via the installed 14V on-board charger with alternating current at a charging station, wallbox or household outlet. The battery is designed for fast power delivery and draw rather than longest possible range.

**The continual push for innovation: direct cooling of the battery cells.**

Every battery needs a defined temperature for optimum power delivery. The basis for the high performance AMG 400-volt battery is its innovative direct cooling system: a high-tech coolant flows around all 560 cells and cools them individually. The result is the battery is always in a consistent, optimal, operating temperature window, no matter how often it is charged or

discharged. Should the average temperature be exceeded when driving at high speeds, protection mechanisms are configured so that maximum performance can be obtained from the battery, with the temperature level subsequently lowered by direct cooling.

**Operating strategy: electrical power always available.**

The basic operating strategy is derived from the hybrid powerpack of the Mercedes-AMG Petronas Formula 1™ racecar. As in the premier class of motorsport, maximum power is always available when the driver accelerates aggressively - for example, to accelerate powerfully out of corners or when overtaking. The electric power can always be accessed and frequently reproduced via high recuperation performance and needs-based recharging.

**Eight AMG drive programs.**

The eight AMG DYNAMIC SELECT drive programs "Electric," "Comfort," "Battery Hold," "Sport," "Sport+," "RACE," "Slippery" and "Individual" are precisely tailored to the new drive technology and offer a wide range of driving experiences - from efficient to dynamic. The drive programs adjust important parameters such as response of the drive system and transmission, steering characteristics, suspension damping and sound. The boost power of the electric motor also depends on the selected drive program

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# 2024 MASERATI GRECALE FOLGORE

## The Everyday Exceptional



Maserati presents the Grecale, the new SUV and the embodiment of the concept of “The Everyday Exceptional”.

Once again, the new model bears the name of a wind. The Gregale (Grecale in Italian) is a northeasterly Mediterranean wind, and now also an SUV expected to play a major role in the Maserati range. Naming its cars after the most famous winds of the world is a tradition for the brand.

It all began in 1963 with the legendary Mistral. Ghibli, Bora, Merak and Khamsin would follow in turn. In 2016, the Levante, the first SUV in the Trident brand's history.

Passion, innovation, versatility and style are the ingredients of the Grecale, soon to be launched with a wide range of powertrains: conventional internal combustion engine, Mild Hybrid and, in the future, Full-Electric.

The new Maserati is the everyday exceptional: the thrill of luxury and pure innovation, in perfect balance. A car with great performance, unique, stylish lines and character, and the highest quality in its interiors, courtesy of the refinement of the materials selected for its finishes. Not to mention the high technical specifications and the 360° sound experience, taking as a starting point the typical Maserati roar of the engine, to the immersive acoustic experience provided by Sonus faber Premium (standard) and High Premium (optional) sound system. Grecale is also an everyday car, an SUV in which to take your children to school or to commute to work and face up to the everyday without compromise.

The new SUV embodies Maserati's all-Italian audacity in making luxury and exceptional performance part of the daily routine.

The Grecale is an SUV that stands out in terms of spaciousness and comfort, boasting an impressive set

of best-in-class features. It is best-in-class in terms of interior space, driveability, handling, acceleration (0-100 km/h in 3.8 seconds / 0-60 mph in 3.6 seconds—on the Trofeo), top speed (285 km/h 177 mph – again on the Trofeo), sound quality, extensive use of materials such as wood, carbon fiber and leather, and excellent standard specifications.

These pillars form the basis for the brand's research into style, making each and every model clearly recognisable. The inspiration for the Grecale therefore emerges organically from the brand's roots and its iconic character.

**Visual Longevity.** The Maserati approach to design is timeless, characterized by iconic elements with draws of full volume, directly inspired by architecture and art. The cars are sculptural forms devoted to performance, with a unique construction and exclusive proportions that transcend time and fashion.





**Unique by Design.** Maserati is immediately recognizable for the lines of its cars and its style. The approach to design cues evokes the brand's identity. It all begins with the iconic badge: the Maserati Trident. The distinctive design elements form an integral part of the overall stylistic vernacular, such as in the trapezoidal C pillar and the Trident-inspired design of the new rims.

**A Balance of Opposites.** The design elements are inspired by the brand's homeland and acts as an innovative reinterpretation of Italian architecture and craftsmanship. Not just design, but also know-how, transformed through curiosity and an openness to the stimuli from contemporary beauty, filtered through the characteristic style of Maserati. The uniqueness of the materials used in the car, speak of the artisan tradition that becomes an endeavour of handmade engineering, enriching the interior.

**Colors.** The same colors used in the interior recall natural environments. Color research constantly emphasises the link with craftsmanship, the desire to create unique transparencies and interferences between light and matter. The colors are somewhat unexpected, once again inspired by manufacturing, while picking up on contemporary environments.

**Innovative by Nature.** The dynamism and interaction of light become the key elements of the design research, oriented towards new and innovative interpretations. The concepts of pure performance and dynamism are combined with a metamorphosis of colors and materials. This theme is taken up especially in the Full-Electric version, for which specific color palettes have been created, based on the Northern Lights and the constant interaction embodied by light. The entire car is transformed and evolves into a process that is not an end in itself, but is functional and sensitive to environmental issues.

**Functionality and emotions come together in the Grecale**

The Grecale embodies the intrinsic values of being made in Italy, the values of Maserati and its new era. Ingenuity and the ability to reinvent itself and develop, always keeping an eye on the future without forgetting its DNA.

Starting from the flagship MC20, the brand has been reinvented, embarking on a new stage in its history, and with it new design elements are to be featured on all new models.

The MC20 super sports car provides the Trident brand with a new identity, opening the doors to an

entire range of cars whose earliest components can be seen in the Grecale.

It is inspired by architecture not only in terms of its forms, drafting and innovation, but also with regard to the quest for and identification of new materials and textures. The end result is the creation of a unique product in terms of its lines, as well as the sensation we can get from physical contact with it.

Like the MC20, the Grecale now takes on a vertical rather than a horizontal aspect, adapted here for the requirements of an SUV. The front is the new model's most distinctive side, featuring a low and imposing grille without being excessive, a sign that emphasizes the fact the car is a Maserati. In the Trofeo, the grille is shifted slightly forward, to make it bolder and accentuate its sporty character. Looking at the profile, the continuous contrast between purity of design and technology jumps out at you, much attention having been paid to the movement from the hood to the rear to bring out its sporty character. The contrast is clear between its highly fluid soft body with meandering, visual forms and its technical components emphasised by the use of carbon fiber. The distinction is highlighted between bodywork, finding purity in its most evident aspect and technical specifications.

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# 2024 ROLLS-ROYCE SPECTRE

The Marque's First Fully-Electric Motor Car



In 1900, Rolls-Royce co-founder, Charles Rolls, prophesied an electric future for the motor car. Having acquired an electric vehicle named The Columbia Electric Carriage, he foresaw its suitability as a clean, noiseless alternative to the internal combustion engine – providing there was sufficient infrastructure to support it. Today, more than 120 years later, the time has come for Rolls-Royce Motor Cars to fulfil the prophecy of its founding father.

This prophecy could not have been fulfilled without a more recent promise, when Rolls-Royce CEO, Torsten Müller-Ötvös, made a public commitment to electrification by announcing that he would bring a fully-electric Rolls-Royce to market within the current decade. Charles Rolls' prophecy and Torsten Müller-

Ötvös' promise led to an historic moment. In September 2021, the marque confirmed that it had commenced testing of Spectre, the first Rolls-Royce to be conceived and engineered from the very beginning as an electric car.

To ensure that this transformative motor car was sufficiently prepared for the most demanding consumer in the world – the Rolls-Royce client – the marque devised the most exhaustive testing programme it had ever conceived. Spectre is being subjected to a journey of more than 2.5 million kilometres, simulating more than 400 years of use for a Rolls-Royce. On its completion in 2023, Spectre will represent a prophecy fulfilled, a promise kept and an undertaking completed.

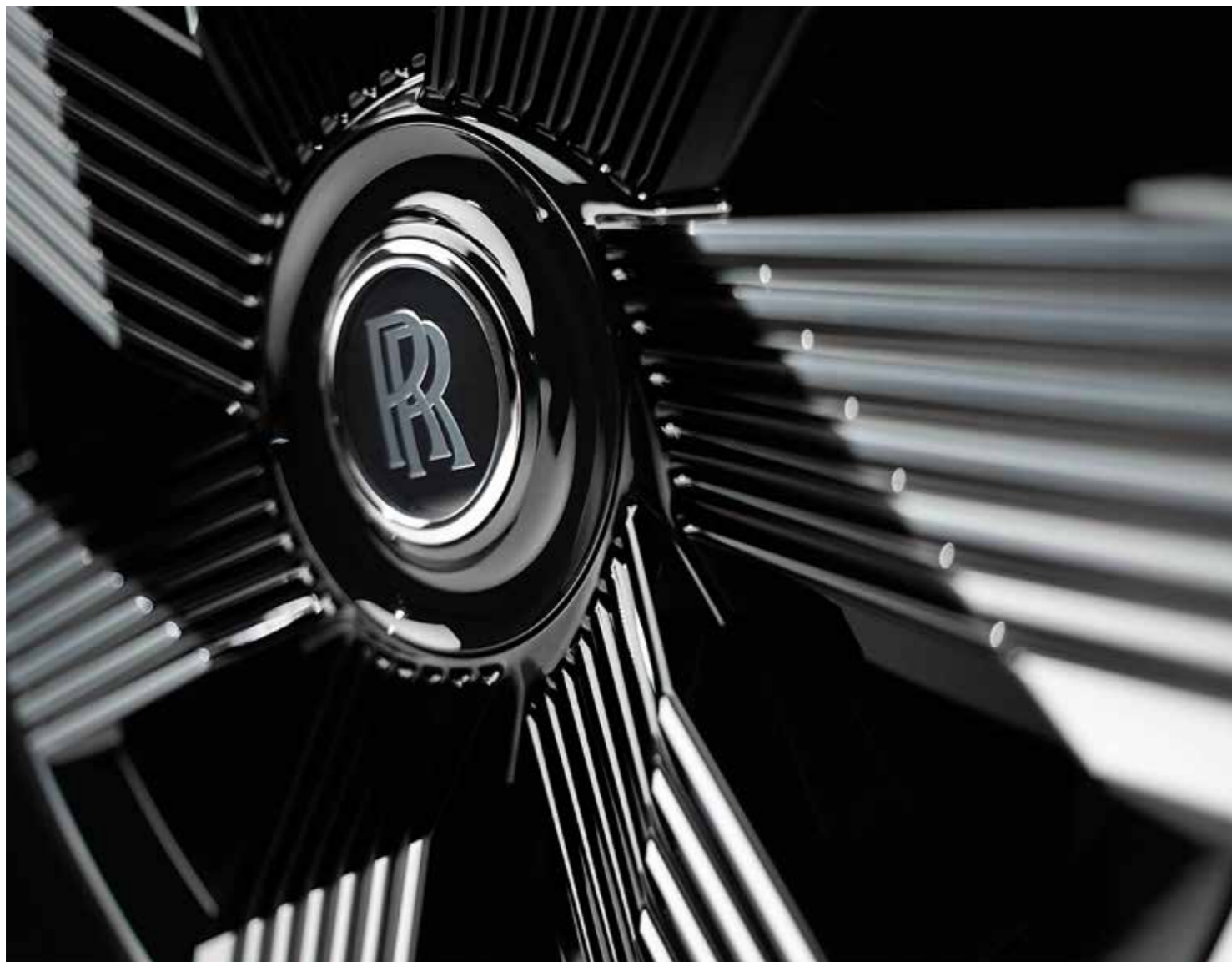
Spectre is not only an historic moment for

Rolls-Royce, but also an historic moment for electrification – with Spectre, the marque confirms that the technology has reached a standard that can contain the Rolls-Royce experience. To that end, Rolls-Royce has confirmed that by the end of 2030 its entire product portfolio will be fully-electric.

## THE FUTURE BEGINS

Spectre is more than a motor car. It is a statement of intent and a symbol of a bright, bold future as Rolls-Royce progresses into an all-electric era. This commitment to an all-electric powertrain will only enhance the Rolls-Royce experience – instant torque, silent running and the sense of one imperceptible gear have defined the characteristics of an extraordinary canon of products dating back to the very first Rolls-Royce, the 1904 10 H.P.





With Spectre, Rolls-Royce has harnessed a revolutionary 'Decentralised Intelligence' system that allows for the free and direct exchange of information between more than 1,000 vehicle functions, further elevating the marque's celebrated quality of ride. Its designers have captured a contemporary yet timeless aesthetic that significantly progresses the brand's iconography as it embarks on its electric age. Its craftspeople have created a suite of contemporary prêt-à-porter personalisation possibilities, including Starlight Doors and Illuminated Fascia, inspiring clients to realise their own Bespoke visions.

#### DESIGN

In unveiling Spectre, Rolls-Royce sets a new precedent in the creation of an entirely original

class of motor car: the Ultra-Luxury Electric Super Coupé. This designation refers to Spectre's indulgent proportions, specified in response to a commitment that there is no greater luxury than that of space.

The marque's designers are deeply rooted in the context occupied by their motor cars. Therefore, their inspiration is drawn from worlds far beyond automotive, including haute couture, modernist sculpture, nautical design, tailoring and contemporary art. In conceiving the principal sketches for Spectre, the marque's creatives were drawn to modern yacht concepts, specifically the clarity and precision of line, intelligent use of reflection and application of taper to emotionalise silhouettes.

From the front, Spectre's split headlight treatment is intersected by the widest grille ever bestowed on a Rolls-Royce. The vanes of the Pantheon grille are now smoother in section and a flusher fit, designed to help guide the air around the motor car's front.

The relaxed angle and polished stainless steel finish of the grille does much to enhance Spectre's presence using environmental reflection. Along with an aero-tuned Spirit of Ecstasy figurine – itself the product of 830 combined hours of design modelling and wind tunnel testing – the grille enhances the motor car's unprecedented drag coefficient, which at just 0.25cd makes Spectre Rolls-Royce's most aerodynamic motor car, ever.



This intelligent treatment has been married to the iconography of Spectre's spiritual predecessor, the Phantom Coupé. Spectre clearly acknowledges its forebear with its generous proportions and split headlight treatment – a contemporary Rolls-Royce design tenet. Spectre's sharp daylight running lights emphasise the motor car's imperious two-metre width and are offset with lower lamp clusters that appear darkened, at first glance, but hide jewellery box-like darkened chromium housings for the headlights. To affirm Spectre's expression after dark, the grille is softly illuminated, with 22 LEDs lighting up the sandblasted rear side of each of the vanes, their gentle glow reflected in the polished front surfaces for a subtle and three-dimensional night signature.

In profile, the sharp, vertical bow line at the front of Spectre draws the eye rearward to its monolithic flanks. The lower line – known as the 'waft line' – borrows directly from yacht design. Instead of exaggerating movement with busy detailing or appliques, Spectre's coachwork gently tucks into the sill, lightening the surfacing and creating an uncomplicated sense of motion by reflecting the road passing beneath it, much as the hull of a racing yacht reflects the ocean as it cuts through water. This 'waft line' is the visual representation of the 'magic carpet ride' and its upwards sweep toward the front is inspired by the gently lifting bow of an accelerating power boat.

The silhouette's most dramatic feature is Spectre's fastback, which recalls the most

evocative motor cars and watercraft in history. The seamlessness of the greenhouse surfacing significantly contributes to achieving the lowest drag coefficient ever for a Rolls-Royce. Following the roofline back, the tail lamps are set into the largest single body panel ever produced for a Rolls-Royce, which extends from the A-pillar to the luggage compartment. The jewel-like vertical tail lamps themselves are colourless for neutrality, in anticipation of the myriad of colourways selected by clients during the commissioning process. Their precision and reduced dimension complement the generous flow of the bodywork from the muscular shoulders backwards into the tail section with its characteristic tapering plan view.

# 2024 PORSCHE 718 SPYDER RS

The Most Powerful Version Yet of the Popular Mid-Engine Roadster



Thirty years after the presentation of the Boxster concept car, Porsche is launching the most powerful version yet of the popular mid-engine roadster: the new Porsche 718 Spyder RS. For the first time, the high-revving naturally aspirated engine from the 911 GT3 powers an open-top, mid-engine sports car.

“With an engine taken directly from racing, the 718 Spyder RS offers a driving experience like no other,” says Kjell Gruner, President and CEO of Porsche Cars North America. “Slicing around a tight corner with the top off and the engine soaring to 9,000 rpm is an experience you will never forget.”

The new 718 Spyder RS is a counterpart to the 718 Cayman GT4 RS. The same lightweight powertrain with its high-revving engine

characteristics also powers the Porsche 911 GT3 Cup racing car. The exceptionally light and pure soft top of the 718 Spyder RS makes the highly evocative sound of the engine an even more compelling experience. The effect is further heightened by a standard lightweight stainless steel sport exhaust system and the distinctive combustion air inlets on the sides behind the headrests.

### High-revving naturally aspirated engine and lightweight construction

The powertrain of the new 718 Spyder RS is identical to that of the 718 Cayman GT4 RS coupe. The four-liter six-cylinder boxer engine revs to 9,000 rpm and generates up to 493 hp and 331 lb.-ft. of torque. Combined with a short-ratio seven-speed PDK transmission, the six-cylinder engine catapults the two-

seater roadster from 0-60 mph in 3.2 seconds. Compared to the previous 414 hp 718 Spyder without the ‘RS’ designation, the 718 Spyder RS boasts an additional 79 hp, and accelerates to 60 mph 0.5 seconds quicker toward a top track speed of 191 mph.

Like every modern RS model, the new 718 Spyder RS is available exclusively with the seven-speed Porsche Doppelkupplung transmission (PDK). Gearshift paddles mounted on the steering wheel allow drivers to keep their hands on the wheel even when shifting gears manually. Alternatively, the driver can shift using the ergonomically designed selector lever on the center console. In addition to the more powerful engine, the Spyder RS weighs 59 pounds less than the 2023 Porsche 718 Spyder with optional PDK.

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#### Balanced aerodynamics.

The front end of the new Porsche 718 Spyder RS is almost identical to the front end of the 718 Cayman GT4 RS. The standard front lid is made of CFRP and features a wide air outlet above the bumper to channel the airflow. The two NACA ducts enhance brake cooling without adversely affecting the drag coefficient. Sideblades on the outer ends of the bumper contribute to downforce, while the front spoiler lip is slightly shorter than on the 718 Cayman GT4 RS, which is equipped with a large rear wing and therefore requires a larger front spoiler lip to achieve aerodynamic balance. Instead of a wing, the 718 Spyder RS features a striking ducktail spoiler that is both larger and reshaped compared to the 718 Spyder. All aerodynamic components are intricately coordinated. They maintain the car's aerodynamic balance and contribute to a high degree of driving stability. Lightweight soft-top design

The new 718 Spyder RS comes with a unique manually-operated, lightweight soft top. It

consists of two parts: a sunshield and a weather protector. Both are completely removable and can be stowed in the vehicle. The single-layer lightweight Spyder soft-top can be used with the sunshield alone, shading the driver and passenger. The passenger compartment remains largely open to the side and behind the passengers.

#### Sports suspension offers high precision and agility.

The chassis of the 718 Spyder RS uses a combination of components from the 718 Cayman GT4 RS and the 718 Spyder. It comes standard with Porsche Active Suspension Management (PASM) with sport calibration and has been lowered by 30 millimeters. It also features Porsche Torque Vectoring (PTV) with a mechanical rear limited slip differential, ball joint type suspension bearings and 20-inch forged alloy wheels. The behavior of the chassis is characterized by sharp steering precision, as well as agile and neutral handling. The ride height, toe, camber, and anti-roll bars are all adjustable.

Compared to the 718 Cayman GT4 RS, spring and damper rates have been reduced to achieve a more relaxed, characteristically convertible-style set-up. Like on the 718 Cayman GT4 RS, customers can optionally specify a front axle lift system. As with the 718 Cayman GT4 RS, it raises the front end by 1.1 inches while driving up to 37 mph.

#### Performance-focused interior.

Sporty characteristics define the inside of the car, too, with nothing but functional and ergonomic essentials. The Race-Tex covered GT Sport steering wheel features a yellow 12-o'clock marking. The standard Full Bucket seats are made of lightweight CFRP in a carbon-weave finish and offer a high degree of lateral support. The seat covers are made of black leather, while the perforated Race-Tex seat centers features a contrasting color with a black background. The contrasting colors are Arctic Grey and Carmine Red.

A 'Spyder RS' logo in the respective contrasting





color is embroidered on the headrests. The dashboard and trims are covered with leather. Available exterior colors include four standard and three metallic paints, including the new Vanadium Grey Metallic as well as the special colors Arctic Grey, Shark Blue and Ruby Star Neo.

#### Optional with Weissach Package

An optional Weissach Package is also available for the Spyder RS. Particularly lightweight, optional forged magnesium wheels can be ordered in combination with this very sporty

equipment package. When equipped with this package, the tailpipes of the sport exhaust system are made of titanium. Their design was inspired by the limited-edition 935 from 2018. Further exterior highlights include an exposed carbon fiber hood, carbon fiber combustion air scoops on the sides, and a carbon fiber Gurney flap on the rear spoiler. A visual highlight inside the car is the upper part of the dashboard covered with Race-Tex. The seat headrests gain embroidered "Weissach" logos, and the cloth top gains an embossed Weissach logo.

#### A Matching Porsche Design Chronograph

Exclusively available to buyers of the Porsche 718 Spyder RS is a handcrafted chronograph by Porsche Design, made by the Porsche watchmaking operation in Solothurn, Switzerland. Designed to match the configuration of the car, the case is made of titanium, the dial is made of carbon fiber and the strap is made of vehicle leather. The rotor on the back reflects the respective wheel design on the 718 Spyder RS.



# 2024 LEXUS UX 250H

## Super Luxury Crossover



The UX 250h carries over its dynamic drive and various luxury options into the new 2024 model year. An available power back door with kick sensor is now available across all models.

Only offered with a hybrid powertrain in the U.S., the 2024 UX 250h supports Lexus' work towards the realization of a carbon-neutral society.

Powered by the fourth-generation Lexus Hybrid Drive powertrain, the vehicle boasts 181 total system horsepower and a 17.1-foot turning radius. The hybrid system combines a 2.0-liter four-cylinder gasoline engine with two electric

motor/generators in a hybrid transaxle and is available in both front-wheel and all-wheel drive configurations.

### Exterior Design and Aerodynamics

The 2024 Lexus UXh features the Lexus spindle grille, featuring a block-shape mesh pattern with individual elements gradually changing in shape as they radiate out from the central Lexus emblem. The headlamp design completes the UXh's face with LED daytime running lights arranged in an arrowhead motif above the headlights to complement the Lexus L-shaped lighting signature.

The full-width rear lights project a distinctive nighttime signature formed by a sequence of 120 LEDs tapering toward the center, measuring just 1/8" thin at its narrowest point.

The vehicle's basic form flows out from the lines of the spindle grille to envelop the cabin. Crisp, prominent sculpted surfaces and dramatically flared front and rear fenders reflect the robust inspiration, while an aerodynamic profile, large wheels pushed to the corners, and an impressive front fascia create the agile, sporty stance.

The wheel arch moldings protect the body from



flying gravel off the tires and channel airflow over their edges to reduce turbulence and lift, contributing to the vehicle's stability.

A similar contribution is made by the rear combination lamps. Unique Aero Stabilizing Blade Lights begin at the top of the rear fenders and span the rear of the vehicle. By guiding airflow around the rear of the UXh, this design also reduces turbulence and lift, benefiting vehicle stability when cornering and driving in crosswinds. A wing-type spoiler at the rear edge of the roof, along with a flat underbody, contribute to vehicle quietness, fuel efficiency and aerodynamics.

The 2024 UXh is available in exterior colors including: Caviar, Obsidian, Redline, Nori Green Pearl, Grecian Water, Cloudburst Gray1, Iridium1, Eminent White Pearl1 and Cadmium Orange2. F SPORT models include six color options paired with an Obsidian roof: Redline, Cloudburst Gray1, Iridium1, Ultra White1, Ultrasonic Blue Mica 2.02 and Cadmium Orange2.

Standard on all UXh models are 18-inch run-flat tires. Five-spoke alloy wheels with a dark gray and

machined finish are found on Base and Premium models while F SPORT models are highlighted by split-five-spoke alloy wheels. Additionally, two other wheel options are available including one in a gloss black and machined finish and another in matte black.

#### A Solid Structure To Build On

Lexus instilled the UXh with an outstanding combination of handling agility and smooth, quiet ride comfort. Key to achieving this balance is building the UXh around the high-strength global architecture platform. Extensive use of high-tensile steel, high-strength adhesives and laser screw welding results in a highly rigid structure, an essential foundation for helping to achieve sporty handling and luxurious ride comfort.

By using aluminum for the side doors, fenders and hood and composite materials for the tailgate, the UXh has a low center of gravity at 23.4 inches. As a result, the UXh delivers a secure, agile feeling normally associated with lower sport hatches.

The MacPherson strut front suspension and trailing arm double wishbone type rear suspension,

both mounted to sub-frames, are specially tuned to deliver a combination of agility and comfort. Carefully refined details such as the quality of the damper oil, oil seals and friction control in the shock absorbers help make a positive impact on ride quality.

Active Cornering Assist (ACA), a function integrated with Vehicle Stability Control (VSC), helps the vehicle trace the driver's desired line through a turn by applying some brake control on the inside wheels, suppressing the tendency to understeer. As a result, the UX drives through corners with greater precision while maintaining stability.

#### F SPORT Performance

The 2024 Lexus UXh is offered in eight different models, including F SPORT Design and F SPORT Handling. The UX 250h F SPORT Design and F SPORT Handling models both have F SPORT wheels, grille, dark roof rails, a black roof, power tilt-and-slide moonroof, rain-sensing windshield wipers, fog and cornering lamps, automatic headlamp leveling and painted wheel arch molding.

Building on F SPORT Design, the F SPORT Handling model adds an Active Variable Suspension (AVS) for sharpened handling, stability and to improve overall ride comfort. Inside the F SPORT Handling, the UXh also receives an aluminum footrest and scuff plate in addition to F SPORT-exclusive sports seats, steering wheel, shift knob, meters and aluminum sports pedals.

#### Driver-Focused Interior

Inside the 2024 Lexus UX 250h, essential vehicle functions are grouped around the driver's side of the cabin allowing the driver to maintain a comfortable and natural feel while staying more in touch with the road. This space is highlighted by an available color head-up display in the driver's field of view, giving easy access to essential information such as a speedometer and shift position, and other information including navigational directions and the information displayed during the use of Dynamic Radar Cruise Control, Lane Tracing

Assist and Road Sign Assist. Standard Lexus Interface with a touchscreen display also enables easy operation for both driver and passenger.

Lexus designed the UXh cabin to evoke the feel of a luxury sedan, but with the higher seating position and versatility experienced in a crossover. Entering and exiting the UXh is made easier through optimal placement of the hip-point and unique shaping of the seat cushion. The human-centered approach shows clearly in the instrument panel's low, unobtrusive design and the slim A-pillar moldings, which are shaped to help improve visibility.

Ready to handle all device charging needs, the UXh is equipped with five USB ports in the cabin. Up front, two USB Type-C ports are located on the lower instrument panel with the available wireless charger just beneath. A USB Type-A port is also available inside the center console. For second-row

passengers, two Type-C USB ports are located at the bottom rear of the center console.

The UXh offers 8-way power adjustable front seats, with adjustable lumbar support for the driver, as well as manual forward/backward adjustment for the headrests. The UX 250h Premium model has standard heated and ventilated front seats, power tilt-and-slide moonroof, rain-sensing windshield wipers and an auto-dimming rearview mirror.

NuLuxe®-trimmed seating is offered in a choice of colors, including Black, Palomino and Birch. In addition to Black and Birch, F SPORT Design offers a NuLuxe® Birch with Lapis seat color while F SPORT Handling offers an exclusive seat in Black and Circuit Red. The dash trim finish is inspired by the grain of Japanese paper, known as washi. It's common in traditional Japanese homes and evokes a calm and warm feeling.



# 2024 HONDA PROLOGUE SUV

Stylish, Sporty, Spacious and All-Electric



With a name symbolizing the key role it plays in the company's electrification strategy, the all-electric 2024 Honda Prologue is a spacious, adventure-ready midsize SUV. With an anticipated EPA range rating of 300 miles<sup>1</sup>, DC fast charging capability and a neo-rugged design, the Prologue is ready to take on adventures around town and outside the city limits. Prologue has the size and ground clearance that puts it squarely in the midsize SUV class with the fun-to-drive dynamics, styling and generous interior space that fit perfectly in the Honda lineup.

Pre-sale activities for Prologue will start later this year with first deliveries slated for early 2024. Honda's first all-electric SUV will be available

nationwide with MSRP expected to start in the upper \$40,000s<sup>2</sup>, before the application of any government incentives or tax credits. Customers interested in the new Prologue can find more information and sign up for updates here.

"The arrival of the all-new Honda Prologue is a pivotal moment for the brand as Honda begins the transition to our zero-emissions future," said Lance Woelfer, assistant vice president of Honda National Auto Sales, American Honda Motor Co., Inc. "Prologue is aptly named as our first volume Honda EV, a stylish, sporty and spacious SUV that will take us toward our vision of 100% zero emissions vehicle sales by 2040."

Prologue is built on a state-of-the-art electric vehicle platform and multi-link front and rear suspensions optimized by Honda engineers to deliver a sporty driving experience with class-leading refinement. Honda will offer Prologue in both single-motor (front-wheel-drive) and dual-motor (all-wheel-drive) configurations with three trim levels – EX, Touring and Elite.

Class-leading standard features include the latest digital services technology and features with Google<sup>3</sup> built-in, and wireless Apple CarPlay and Android Auto™ compatibility<sup>4</sup>.

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**Modern Design with Neo-Rugged Styling**

Prologue styling was led by a team of designers in the Honda Design Studio in Los Angeles, who utilized virtual reality (VR) tools to create a simple and clean neo-rugged design concept. Prologue is low and wide with a sleek silhouette, and a capable and planted stance, anchored by available 21-inch wheels, the largest ever offered on a Honda.

Prologue's roomy interior and generous dimensions, including the longest wheelbase in its class (121.8-inches), position the SUV alongside the Passport in Honda's light truck lineup. Prologue is about 8-inches longer and 5-inches wider than the CR-V.

Honda engineers optimized Prologue's aerodynamics to maximize efficiency and driving range, while reducing wind noise inside the cabin. Even the intricate design of the wheels and the curvature and departure angle of its rear spoiler

minimize wake and reduce vortex.

To further build the Honda EV brand identity, Prologue debuts with a newly designed Honda name badge in a stylized typeface that captures the modern and clean design of Prologue. In addition, to align with Honda's global EV models, Prologue adopts e: series badging.

Prologue's seven available eye-catching exterior colors include North Shore Pearl, a new color inspired by the natural beauty and colors near Lake Tahoe, California.

**Modern and Spacious Interior**

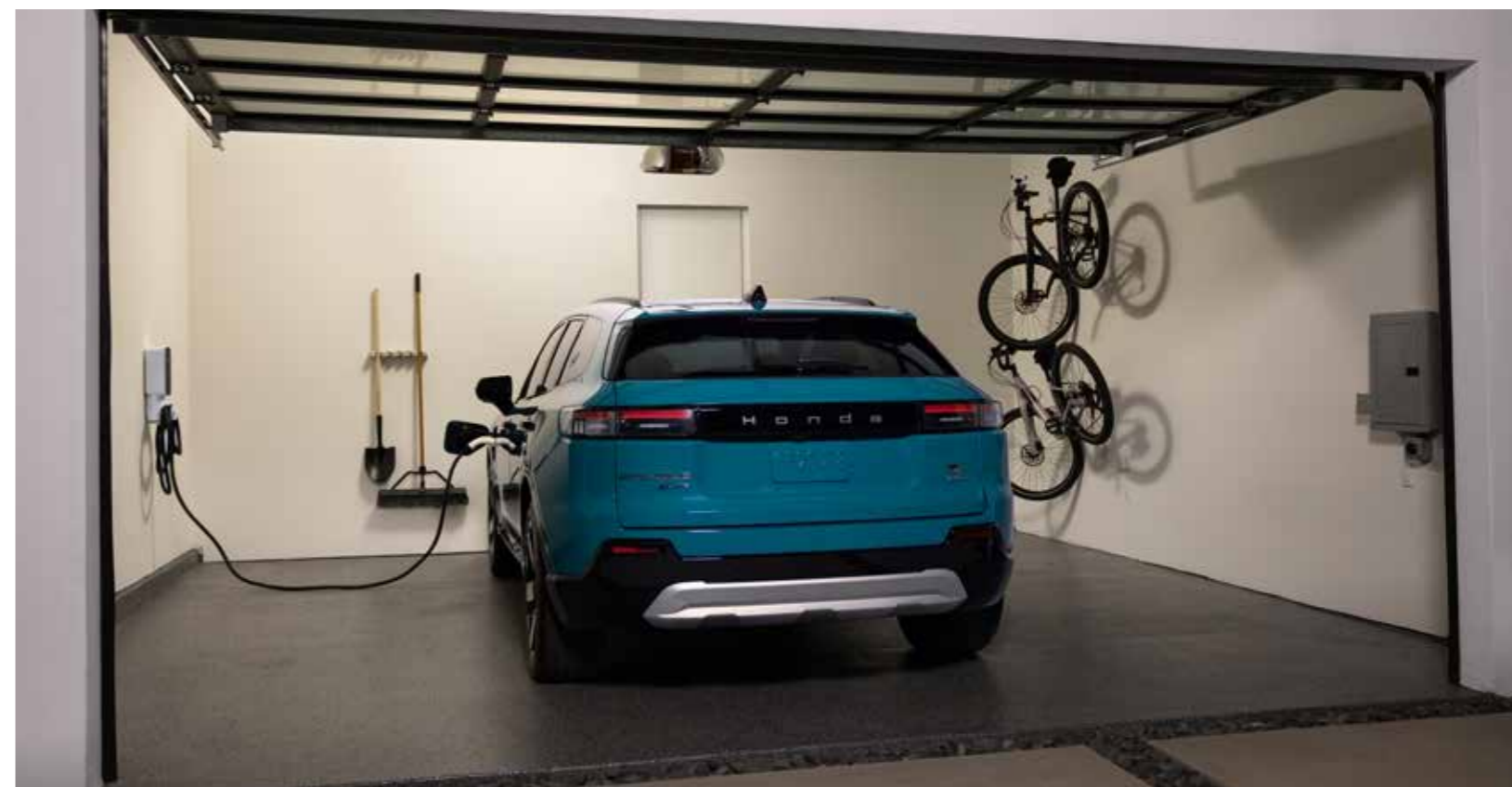
Prologue's sporty and modern interior prioritizes comfort, usability and a spacious cabin, while advancing the Honda design direction that has been so well received on Civic, HR-V, Accord, CR-V and Pilot. Clean and simple with sleek horizontal lines, the cabin features high-quality materials and large buttons and knobs, with close attention paid to the operation of all switchgear and controls.

Prologue's easy-to-use steering column mounted

shifter opens up valuable space on the center console between the front seats. Honda interior designers have maximized the cabin's function and utility by creating a clever two-tiered center console with class-leading storage capacity, a flexible multi-use tray that enables driver and front seat passenger to sit two smartphones side-by-side, and a pair of massive cupholders that can accommodate large 32 oz. bottles. The console also features Honda's first space-saving pocket type wireless smartphone charger, which is standard.

The uncluttered design, low, flat beltline and generous dimensions, give the cabin an open and airy feeling, especially when equipped with the available panoramic roof. With up to 136.9 cubic feet of interior space, including a notably larger front-to-rear-seat tandem distance than Passport, Prologue seats five comfortably and a feeling of spaciousness is shared by all occupants. For increased comfort, Prologue's rear seats feature two angles of recline.

Prologue offers plenty of room for everyone's gear with up to 25.2 cu.-ft. of cargo space (EX) behind the rear seats, enough for three golf bags lying flat





on the cargo floor. With the standard 60/40-split rear seatbacks folded flat, the cargo space expands to 57.7 cu.-ft. of space (EX). Hidden space under the cargo area floor adds another 0.5 cu.-ft. A power tailgate with hands-free access is standard on Touring and Elite.

Prologue EX features black and charcoal or charcoal and light gray cloth upholstery with accent color stitching, an 8-way power driver's seat with 2-way power lumbar, heated front seats, dual zone climate control, gloss black trim on the dash and 19-inch wheels. Touring adds black and charcoal or charcoal and light gray leather seating surfaces with accent color stitching, memory driver seat, a leather-wrapped steering wheel, auto-dimming interior rearview mirror and front and rear parking assist.

Prologue Elite comes with black and charcoal, brown and black or charcoal and light gray perforated leather seating surfaces with accent color stitching, front ventilated seats, a heated steering wheel, Sport driving mode, 21-inch wheels and more.

#### Smart Technology

Must-have tech has been smartly integrated into Prologue's sporty and modern cabin with a focus on the driver. Prologue is the first Honda SUV with Google built-in, which debuted on the 2023 Honda Accord Touring. Standard on all Prologue trims for seamless on-the-go digital services, it includes apps such as Google Assistant, Google Maps, and more on Google Play.

Prologue's tech-rich cabin features two high-definition digital screens – a standard 11-inch digital driver instrumentation display with a sleek hoodless design and an intuitive 11.3-inch touchscreen with wireless Apple CarPlay and Android Auto™ compatibility. Elite trims add a 7x3-inch head-up display (HUD).

#### Sporty, Yet Comfortable Dynamics

Prologue backs up its neo-rugged styling with a sporty, engaging and refined driving experience. Two-wheel drive models are powered by a front-mounted single motor tuned for confident acceleration and maximum efficiency. Prologue Elite features standard all-wheel drive (available on EX and Touring) which adds an additional motor

in the rear. This dual motor arrangement generates an estimated 288 hp and 333 lb.-ft. of torque, delivering responsive and quick acceleration.

Recharging on the go is quick and convenient with DC fast charging at rates up to 155 kW. Prologue's 85kWh lithium-ion battery pack can recharge 65 miles of range in about 10 minutes<sup>5</sup>.

Prologue's custom-tuned Active Sound Control adds to the emotion of driving by creating a seamless acceleration feel through the repetition of pleasant and expansive low to high frequency sounds linked to Prologue's acceleration and deceleration. The available Sport mode creates an even more engaging driving experience with quicker throttle and steering response, firmer steering, increased braking power and other enhancements.

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# 2024 Cadillac XT4

## Elevates the Drive with Luxury and Tech Additions



Cadillac introduces the 2024 XT4 — a bold, modern take on the compact luxury SUV brimming with curated design updates and an extensive suite of technology and safety features.

“The XT4 continues to be a top-selling vehicle in its class, year over year,” said Rory Harvey, Global Cadillac Vice President. “Its balance of dynamic style, drivability and luxury has made it a favorite for many new Cadillac customers. Now with enhancements including our 33-inch-diagonal LED Color Touchscreen Display and new safety features, it will further demand a second look.” Luxury and design take precedence from the inside and out

A more distinguished, contemporary pose is struck with the 2024 Cadillac XT4 with a new exterior appearance as well as a revamped interior.

“The 2024 XT4’s exterior styling — with signature vertical lighting cues and enhancements — advances Cadillac’s design standard,” said Bryan Nesbitt, executive director, Global Cadillac. “Complemented with a redesign of the interior instrument panel, fashionable embroidery patterns on the seating and a feeling of front row spaciousness — the new XT4 is distinctive and audacious.”

On the exterior, the XT4’s all new front fascia features the unmistakable Cadillac vertical signature lighting which now integrates sleek refreshed headlamps and daytime running lights. The XT4’s new grille is a fresh reinterpretation of the classic Cadillac chevron embedded in a highly dynamic parametric pattern and crafted with ultra-precision.

Each cell of the grille is unique in shape, size and curvature and dipped in deep black gloss. The Premium Luxury trim has an exclusive grille, wheels, fascia, roof rails and side body accents, where the Sport has its own exclusive fascia, wheels,







body-side dark accents and dark finish roof rails. There's also a new lineup of 18- and 20-inch alloy wheel designs across the portfolio, as well as three new exterior colors<sup>3</sup>: Emerald Lake Metallic, Midnight Sky Metallic and Deep Sea Metallic.

Inside, the XT4 has a more tech-forward ambience with a redesign of the instrument panel that incorporates a bold, 33-inch-diagonal LED display inspired by the Cadillac LYRIQ. It is the interface for a new, advanced Virtual Cockpit System that is the foundation for the vehicle's infotainment system and connectivity features.

The XT4's cabin also features authentic brushed aluminum décor across the full width of the newly styled instrument panel accented with contemporary embroidery patterns on the seats.

#### Advanced user interface and next-gen connectivity

The XT4's new, expansive 33-inch-diagonal LED

color touchscreen display is the focal point of the refreshed interior and the command center for its infotainment system<sup>4</sup> and suite of advanced safety features.

This artfully integrated advanced display is capable of a stunning 9K resolution and curves toward the driver in a single continuous screen, spanning the driver's viewing area. It also incorporates a customizable user interface designed to offer a technology-forward and personalized experience, with selectable display themes that can be tailored for the user's mood or personality.

#### Proven performance and driving experience

What hasn't changed with XT4 is the proven performance and responsive driving experience on offer from Cadillac's 2.0L turbocharged engine (235 HP) with Active Fuel Management and an advanced nine-speed automatic

transmission with electronic shift control. The Active Fuel Management system helps reduce fuel consumption<sup>11</sup> by temporarily deactivating some of the engine's cylinders in certain driving conditions.

A Driver Mode Selector is also standard, allowing the driver to tailor the XT4's responses to different driving conditions. Tour, Sport and Snow/Ice modes are available on all trims. Active Sport Suspension also elevates ride and handling dynamics and is exclusively available on XT4 Sport.

Additionally, the XT4's available twin-clutch all-wheel-drive system helps traction and vehicle control, whether the road is dry, wet, snowy, or icy. It is available on all trims and enhances performance by delivering torque to the wheels that need it the most.

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## 23 Exceptional Cars at Concorso D'Eleganza Varignana 1705



The organisers of the exclusive Concorso d'Eleganza Varignana 1705 have released details of the spellbinding curation of pre-1973 automobiles that will star at the inaugural running of the event within Italy's Motor Valley in Varignana, Italy, from October 13-15. Each car, handpicked by a highly knowledgeable panel of global automotive critics and aficionados for its exceptional provenance, peerless aesthetics, and purity of purpose,

represents a seminal moment in the history of automotive design and engineering. A total of 23 cars will be exhibited in five classes - 'Eleganza Anteguerra - Pre-War Elegance', 'Le Corse Eroiche - Heroic Races' 'Gioielli Italiani - Italian Fine Gems', 'Gran Class Sportiva - Great Sporting Class', 'Grinta et Stile - Grit and Style' and 'Icône dalla Germania - German Icons' - within the majestic grounds of the 18th century Palazzo di Varignana to conclude the European

automotive Concours season in superlative style. The inaugural Concorso D'Eleganza Varignana 1705 has attracted many leading collectors, who have brought legendary cars from their iconic collections. Corrado Lopresto and his family will display their exceptional Alfa Romeo 6C 2500 Berlinetta Touring, Silvia Nicolis releases the wonderful Fiat 1100 E Vistotal from the famed Nicolis Museum while Hidetomo Kimura travels from Japan with his stunning



Fiat 750 GT MM Zagato.

Naturally, as the Concorso D'Eleganza Varignana 1705 is located in Italy's Motor Valley in Bologna, 'local' talent, in the form of legendary brands such as Ferrari, Lamborghini and Maserati, is exceptionally well represented. But home victory is far from guaranteed, certainly not in the Pre-War Elegance class, where a regal 1937 Jaguar SS 100 will prove robust competition for entrants, including the aforementioned 1938 Alfa Romeo 6C 2500 Berlinetta Touring, an ultra-rare, 1933 lightweight aluminium-bodied Alfa Romeo 6C 1750 GS Zagato, and a 1929 Lancia Lambda VIII Seire Berlina GT Cabriolet, widely regarded as one of the most technically advanced automobiles of the age.

In the second class of the Concorso D'Eleganza Varignana 1705, a 1927/35 Bugatti 37/44 Grand Prix will line up alongside a 1926 Maserati Tipo 26, a 1929 Alfa Romeo 6C

1750 SS and a 1939/46 HRG Le Mans from the sadly long-since defunct British sportscar manufacturer. may seem to have little in common. All four exude the indomitable spirit of Corse Eroiche - Heroic Races - the name of the class in which they are exhibited.

The 'Italian Fine Gems' class provides an equally eclectic, yet arguably more exquisite amalgamation of machinery. A Fiat 110 E Cabriolet 'Visotal' Castagna will share lawn space at Palazzo di Varignana with a 1951 Fiat 750 GT MM Zagato and a 1952 Ermini 1100 Sport Internazionale - one of just three examples built.

Deciding the winner of the 'Great Sporting Class', where entries are set to include a 1965 Bizzarrini 5300 GT, a 1963 Ferrari 250 GT Lusso, a 1968 Lamborghini Miura P400 and a Ferrari 275 GTB, will not be a task for the faint-hearted or the uninitiated. But the members

of the Concorso D'Eleganza Varignana 1705 judging panel, Mr. Stefano Pasini, Mr. Lorenzo Ramaciotti, Mr. Adolfo Orsi, Dr. Mercatali and Dr. Giorgetti, have the resolve, knowledge, and experience to arrive at the correct decision.

'Grit and Style' is the name of the fifth class. Such qualities are epitomised by the 1963 Lancia Flaminia Zagato 3C, a car born to cross continents with peerless performance and impeccable character. A second legend of the Lancia marque, a 1955 Aurelia B24 Spider, and an exquisite 1964 Alfa Romeo TZ will be also gracing the grounds of Palazzo di Varignana with their enchanting elegance. A 1955 Fiat 8V Zagato, a car as capable of stunning motor show visitors as it was leading the competition a merry dance on racetrack and rally route, rounds off the class.

Finally, the 'German Icons' class illustrates the white heat of technological development

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that fuelled the country's post-war rise to a powerhouse of automotive engineering. Collectors and enthusiasts alike can marvel at the metamorphosis of the breed as represented by the transition from cars such as the era-defining post-war 1956 Mercedes-Benz 300 SL Gullwing and 1957 Mercedes 300 SL Roadster to the dawning of a new decade of autobahn-storming performance with the 1972 BMW 3.0 CSL.

Carlo Gherardi, Founder of Palazzo di Varignana, commented: "We are extremely excited by the extraordinary ensemble of exceptional automobiles we have secured for the inaugural Concorso D'Eleganza Varignana 1705, and humbled by the kindness of the collectors who conceded to entrust their prestigious creations to us. From the renowned collections of Lopresto, Museo Nicolis and Mr.

Hidetomo Kimura – to name a few – each of these magnificent automobiles on display will enable us to deliver a truly spectacular event.

"Now, we look forward to welcoming guests through the gates of the Palazzo di Varignana to celebrate beautiful design, exquisite engineering and the very best of automotive culture in this glorious setting," a setting that echoes the very spirit of Italian craftsmanship and style.





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# INFINITI

showcases stunning vision of electric future



INFINITI recently unveiled the Vision Qe concept, a stunning preview of the brand's electrified future.

The concept, revealed at an artful event alongside Tokyo Bay, embodies the brand's evolved design language and sets the tone for INFINITI's first all-electric sedan.

### A canvas for INFINITI's unique approach to Artistry In Motion

The INFINITI Vision Qe concept showcases the brand's evolved design form 'Artistry In Motion' in the all-electric era.

It blends artistic details with a single fluid design gesture that flows from front to rear. Despite

being a static concept, its sleek, aerodynamic fastback profile exudes a sense of graceful motion.

### Inspired modern Japanese luxury

In establishing their overarching direction for the Vision Qe concept, INFINITI's global design team were inspired by three philosophies from the brand's homeland in Japan.

They set out to create a distinctive design, that elicits a sense of the extraordinary – or "Kabuku". In executing their vision, they sculpted a body that delivers a sense of speed, dynamism and movement – "Sho" and embedded exquisite details that exude sophistication and purity – "Sui"

The net result is an evocative vision of INFINITI's all-electric fastback sedan of the future.

### The promise of performance

A gentle pressing along the bodyside combines with sensual surfacing of the fenders, to create an elegant yet muscular presence - a hint at the engaging all-electric drive a future production version will deliver.

"As we began to follow the inspiration around art in motion, we rediscovered the Japanese expression of Sho, an expression of soaring with grace and power. Our designers began creating forms that, to me, looked like abstractions of a bird in flight. Powerful, almost motionless, but





generating such speed.” said Alfonso Albaisa, senior vice president for global design. “The sleek, low profile paired with tapered, yet muscular rear fenders, express effortless motion and powerful purpose.”

#### Lustrous wheels

The concept rides on large wheels that feature a striking geometric pattern inspired by the tightly wound coil of an electric motor. A warm

gold treatment on the accents provides contrast to the rich blue body color.

#### Signature double arched grille evolves

INFINITI’s signature ‘double arched’ grille has been reimagined for the EV era. The graphic is now represented by sculpted lines within the front fascia and illuminated with a bright LED outline.

#### Lighting expresses digital artistry

INFINITI’s digital piano key lighting signature graces the front and rear, illuminating in a brilliant shade of gold.

At the front, INFINITI’s recently unveiled three-dimensional brand emblem radiates within the Vision Qe concept’s front mask. Slender headlights connect from fender to fender, accentuating the concept’s width and showcasing digital artistry.

Digital piano key tail lamps run the full width of the rear and are seamlessly integrated within an aerodynamic lip. The lamps curve in a gentle arch that intersects with the bodyside panels with razor-edge precision.

An animated sequence simulates the approach of a key holder, as if to gracefully welcome the owner back to the car in a display of thoughtful hospitality.

#### Symbolism behind the colors

The INFINITI Vision Qe concept is finished in bespoke ‘shadow blue’ paint, a deep blue base coat enriched with lustrous gold highlights. The color shifts according to the environment, as light and shadow dance across the sensual surfaces, complimenting the warm gold illumination.

The expressive combination of blue and gold

hues parallels INFINITI’s recently refreshed visual identity, which is anchored around these two colors.

#### INFINITI Vision Qe concept to shine at brand’s global headquarters

Visitors to INFINITI’s global headquarters in Yokohama, Japan can see the sleek Vision Qe concept on display from next month onwards.

# JAGUAR INCONTROL CONNECTIVITY

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### INCONTROL APPS

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cloud- and location-based services and more - via the USB port





# NISSAN FUTURES SHOWCASES INNOVATIONS IN SUSTAINABLE MOBILITY

Max-Out all-electric convertible makes physical debut at month-long event



Nissan Motor Co., Ltd. will hold Nissan Futures, an event showcasing how Nissan is shaping the future of sustainable mobility and innovative design, at its Global Headquarters Gallery from Feb. 4 to Mar. 1.

As part of the event launch, Nissan today unveiled a physical concept model of its Max-Out EV convertible. The model was previously shown in virtual form as part of the Nissan Ambition 2030 vision announced in November 2021 under the Nissan Futures banner. The Max-Out—which will be on display for the duration of the event—embodies Nissan's ambition to support greater access to both sustainable and innovative mobility.

Nissan Futures will feature interactive customer events, panel discussions with experts, and various displays, all aimed to exhibit its innovations in electrification, vehicle intelligence, power management, vehicle battery reuse, and more. The events and panel discussions will also be available to attend virtually.

Event display and content information is available on the Nissan global corporate website and will be showcased on its YouTube and LinkedIn channels. Entry to the Nissan Global Headquarters Gallery and participation in the planned events (physically or virtually) will be free of charge.

## Max-Out concept

Created on the fundamental concept of being one with the car, the Nissan Max-Out two-seater convertible is designed to provide a liberating sense of openness while offering an enhanced, dynamic driving experience. The Max-Out displays Nissan's innovation to develop a diverse range of advanced and striking vehicles, with a clear vision of how they can benefit both individuals and society.

## Expert panel discussions on V2X and battery reuse

Guests can gain an understanding of the company's decade-long initiatives in Vehicle-to-Everything (V2X) and battery reuse through

two panel discussions on Feb. 21 with experts from Nissan and its partners. These panels will explore how Nissan has been leading the industry through its work with partners to prepare for the various challenges and opportunities the coming large-scale transition to electric mobility will bring.

## Talk 4 Futures weekly panel discussions

Nissan works to engage stakeholders who can provide diverse new perspectives on themes such as sustainability, economy, innovation, and culture. Through Talk 4 Futures, Nissan aims to engage in open dialogue with people of influence—including experts and Gen Z consumers—weekly on Saturdays from 13:30 (JST) at its Global Headquarters Gallery.

Through public events such as Nissan Futures, Nissan continues to create opportunities for two-way dialogue that will enable the company to better understand individual and societal needs and drive towards a cleaner, safer and more inclusive world.



# THE LONGINES SPIRIT FLYBACK

## Adorned with Titanium

Unveiled this year, the LONGINES SPIRIT FLYBACK marks a new chapter in the long history of LONGINES pilot's watches. The line has now been extended to include a titanium version – also certified by COSC (Contrôle officiel suisse des chronomètres) – combining lightness, bold design and cutting-edge precision.

The Longines Spirit Flyback line symbolises the pioneering spirit that has always driven the brand. This chronograph watch with flyback function is testimony to Longines' pioneering role in developing the technology. The winged-hourglass brand actually produced the first model equipped with a flyback function in 1925,



then filed a patent that was registered on 16 June 1936: a world first. A revolutionary tool for conquering the skies, the flyback complication enables successive timing of different stages of a flight, thus facilitating navigation (see box below).

A veritable tool watch, the Longines Spirit Flyback is now adorned with Grade 5 titanium, an alloy that is both lighter and tougher than steel. Aesthetically, the chronograph is notable for its 42mm case with a satin-polished finish that plays on the contrasts between dark shades and subtle shine. A strong, sleek design coupled with cutting-edge technology gives this new timepiece an exceptional character.

# LEGACY MACHINE FLYING T

## The first MB&F Machine inspired by women

Even the most unpredictable and audaciously led lives, when observed from a distance, form patterns and fall into cycles. This is a fundamental truth that underlies all human existence, whether individual or collective. For Maximilian Büsser and MB&F, creative energy comes in seven-year cycles. It was in MB&F's seventh year that the Legacy Machine collection was born, that the first M.A.D. Gallery opened in Geneva and opened the door to the MB&F co-creations.

The 14th year of MB&F unveiled a new avenue of horological exploration, an evolution of creative horizons for founder and company alike: the Legacy Machine FlyingT, first launched in 2019,

is the first of MB&F's three-dimensional horological art pieces inspired by women.

A round case in gold or platinum, with a steeply cambered bezel and slender, elongated lugs, often fully set with diamonds. A high, extravagantly convex dome of sapphire crystal rises from the bezel. Beneath the dome, a subtly curved dial plate in various finishes: liquidly black with layers of stretched lacquer, guilloché, vibrant gemstones or glittering with blazing white diamonds.

An asymmetric ventricular opening in the dial plate frames the heart of the LM FlyingT engine – a cinematic flying tourbillon that beats at a serene rate of 2.5Hz (18,000vph). The tourbillon.



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