

Frankfurt Motor Show Overview

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The Frankfurt Motor Show is the place where every lover of anything automotive wants to be if they crave the thrill of new car unveilings which are far from ordinary.



Ferrari 488 GT Spider. Image: quickpic.co.za

Motor shows' exotic, innovative nature offer up some escapism from our everyday new and used cars in which we drive around. The show is always buzzing with news about new car releases and innovations. If you have ever attended a matric dance, you will be able to connect with this event on so many levels.

Let's put things into perspective - matric dances are the highlight of the school year, and everybody comes dressed up in their best suits. If you don't have the most flaming hot date right by your side then you are most likely in for an awful night. The Frankfurt Motor Show is just the same, where all our favourite car brands are in attendance, with businessmen and car fans alike in suits huddled in a massive showroom and checking out the competitions dates.

The Motor Show is packed with the most beautiful new cars. Some being absolutely show stoppers like the new Bugatti Vision Grand Turismo concept car, which is Volkswagen's cheeky sneak peek to what we can expect from the next generation Chiron that is being groomed to succeed the Veyron. If you were lucky enough to attend the showcase, then we can assume that your mind is nothing but blown.

Supercar Fever

If there is anything that the Motor show can boast about it would be the variety of new cars. The most extravagant vehicles in the world were all in attendance, peacocking with the flashiest of accessories. The supercar which stood out for us was Ferrari's new beautiful mare.

- Ferrari introduced their new supercar the Ferrari 488 GT Spider, which had everybody's jaws in a fixed open position.
- The coupé is a convertible and we were given the opportunity to see how beautiful it is on the outside and inside. The car may not be the most powerful in Ferrari's long list of mares in the stable, but it is definitely their most powerful of the convertibles, with engine positioned in the middle of the car, and boasting 492 kW (660 bhp).
- The supercar is powered by a nuclear bomb V8 engine, which allows it to accelerate from 0-100 in just 3.0 seconds, and reaching top speeds of 320km/h.

This was just one amongst the sea of supercar gems which were at the motor show. The other worthy mentions would be Lamborghini's Aventador Superveloce and Huracan Spyder.

Conceptual Innovations

Like every matric dance, there will be someone that is dressed in a manner which has you questioning whether they could be on the brink of a new fashion trend or whether it is just downright tacky. In most cases you will have to wait and see how everybody else reacts before making the decision. Mercedes Benz brought on this dilemma with their new transformer the IAA.

- This new car or spaceship is the new addition to the Mercedes-Benz roster. The car comes with electrically extendable parts such as the rear flap which help increase the car's aerodynamic potential in order to slice through the air.
- The new car is approximately 5.04m in length from nose to rear.
- It is powered by a powerful 204 kW (274 bhp) petrol-electric powertrain which includes plugin capabilities. Pushing this rocket ship.... means top speeds of up to 250 km/h.

The car is really something you will find difficult to take your eyes off, and it comes with all the benefits any environmentally-conscious motor-head could ever ask for in efficiency.

New Car Releases to Look out for

So there was a lot to take in at the Frankfurt Motor Show where possessing some of the cars being showcased could only be in our most vivid of dreams. The showcase did not forget those who fall within this category. We had the pleasure of witnessing the new car releases from Volkswagen and Opel.

- Volkswagen was definitely one of the top contenders when it comes to bringing the hottest dates to the event with their new Volkswagen Tiguan giving us a great sneak peak of what we can expect from their new models. The new car has received a makeover with a refreshing edgy design, optional soft-top and an upgraded Euro-6 compliant engine.
- The new Opel Astra also made its debut at the show, kitted out with an exterior design which just screams fresh air. Great focus was also placed on the cars safety features which puts it in close contention with the award-winning Seat Leon. The Frankfurt Motor Show was everything you would expect it to be and more if you were able to attend.

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