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The ballistic Porsche Mission X previews the 918's electric hypercar successor

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Porsche has decided to celebrate their 75th birthday in the best way possible: with a stunning electric hypercar concept. Behold the Mission X, a wildly futuristic electric missile which previews the successor to the iconic 918.



Nearly 10 years after production of the Porsche 918 began, the famed sports car manufacturer has announced a new all-electric hypercar concept, dubbed the Mission X. Sharing the same footprint as the Carrera GT and 918 Spyder, the Mission X ditches the internal combustion engine in favour of a pure electric drivetrain. Pictured here in a stunning shade called Rocket Metallic, the Vision X combines the best design elements of the concept-only 919 Street and Porsche Vision Gran Turismo to create a daringly futuristic take on the hypercar recipe. We never thought we'd say it, but the 1.2 metre-tall Mission X somehow makes even the Aston Martin Valkyrie look a bit old hat.





The wheels on the Mission X are truly something to behold, combining clear design influences from the iconic Fuchs wheels with futuristic touches such as almost transparent aero blades, shaped like turbines to aid with brake cooling. A lightweight glass dome ensconces the driver and passenger and features an exoskeleton made of carbon-fibre-reinforced plastic. Any hypercar worth its carbon must have a pair of outlandish doors, and the Mission X is no exception. Its Le Mans-style doors are attached to the A pillar and roof, opening upward and forwards for maximum dramatic effect. The headlights are also pretty special, reinterpreting the classic four point light signature with a high tech support structure that frames the LED light modules. Even better, when activated, the light opens up like an eye blinking open. How's that for cutting edge?



We could spend all day soaking up the fantastic intricacies of the Mission X's design, but here's the really juicy bit of this announcement. Porsche have said, should the Mission X go into series production (which we're guessing it will), it will be the fastest road-legal vehicle around the Nürburgring, it will have a roughly one-to-one power-to-weight ratio, and it will charge twice as fast as the Taycan Turbo S thanks to its 900 volt architecture. So, are you as excited as we are?

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