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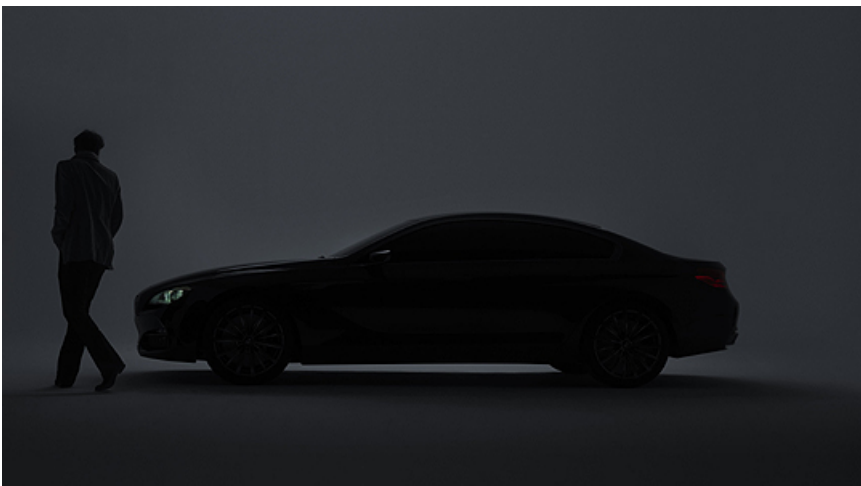
BMW Unveils Four-Door Coupé in Beijing



Beijing has seen BMW pull the wraps off a new 4-door coupé concept. The BMW Concept Gran Coupé is an elegant car with a 'flat' silhouette, measuring almost five metres in length, yet less than 1.4m high.

This makes the new concept some 100mm 'flatter' than the **5 Series**, or **7 Series Saloon** – while the tapering roofline seems to elongate the proportions even more, as does the forward-tilted shark nose.

Flowing lines dominate the design, adding to its aerodynamic efficiency, while a low centre of gravity promises exceptional agility. But unsurprisingly, there are plenty of classic BMW coupé features in the **Concept Gran Coupé**, too, from the long wheelbase, vaulted bonnet and forward-pointing lines, to the set-back greenhouse, coupé-esque roofline and short front overhang.



BMW's vision is to develop a 4-door car combining the exclusivity of a Gran Turismo with the excitement of a high-performance sports car. Hence the new Concept Gran Coupé is a potential rival for the **Maserati Quattroporte**, **Porsche Panamera** and **Aston Martin Rapide**.

Even if it never goes into production in its current form, it gives a clear insight into BMW's thoughts on future styling.



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