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The new Tesla Model X spreads its wings

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While Volkswagen licks its self-inflicted wounds, the timing could not be better for Tesla to reveal its new Model X...



It might not be one of the most elegant designs in automotive history but, with its gullwing doors, the electric luxury SUV certainly caused a stir when it was revealed in California this week. Under the leadership of charismatic CEO, Elon Musk, the company is now something of a jack of all trades. With 750HP and a 0-60mph sprint time of just 3.2sec, the Model X apparently boasts the dynamics of a supercar (even the new [Bentley Bentayga](#) won't be able to keep up), while still retaining the space and practicality of an SUV. Those unusual rear doors will only open as far as a sensor will allow, so there will be no dinging any neighbouring cars.

According to Musk, the Model X will also be one of the safest cars ever built – the results of its first crash tests are due to be released soon. Its 400km range remains the same as the Model S, and the price of a fully loaded model will be 142,000 USD.

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