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IMSA's days of thunder have been reloaded with Audi's new race taxi

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Historically, the wild Vision GT concepts created for the cult-classic PlayStation game Gran Turismo have remained in the virtual world. But Audi's new E-Tron, resplendent in the colours of the legendary IMSA GTO racers of the 1980s, is a fully functional track weapon that's now reporting for duty...

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The futuristic E-Tron Vision GT concept was brought to life by Audi to serve as a 'race taxi' at Formula E events throughout 2018 — the all-electric single-seater series in which Audi is competing as a factory outfit in 2018, signifying its electric intentions for the future. The all-wheel-drive car utilises three electric motors — two at the rear and one at the front — that, combined, generate over 800hp. Coupled with a 1,450kg curb weight, the E-Tron will accelerate from 0 to 62mph in under 2.5 seconds. Okay, so it might not make the hysterical turbo whistles and chirrups of Hans Stuck's 90 Quattro IMSA GTO, but its pace will no doubt thrill Audi's guests on the streets of some of the world's most famous cities. The car will make its dynamic debut at this weekend's Formula E race on the streets of Rome.

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