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Is this coachbuilt Caterham the ultimate reborn classic?

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Swedish consultancy Bo Zolland Design has revealed its vision for a coachbuilt, 21st Century version of the Caterham Seven, the lightweight roadster based on Colin Chapman's original from 1957...

Since <u>Caterham</u> bought the rights and tooling to produce its own version of the <u>Lotus Seven</u> in the early 1970s, it has created numerous versions of the back-to-basics roadster – from the entry-level 160 up to the outrageous 620 R. However, despite these updates, the basic bodywork has remained largely unchanged since <u>Colin Chapman</u> sired the original almost 50 years ago. It seems the Swedish stylists at <u>Bo Zolland Design AG</u> have taken exception to this, releasing renderings of their vision of an aesthetically updated model: the Indy Seven Roadster, which employs its own classic theme by taking inspiration from 1960s Indy cars. The final design has then been rendered in a variety of liveries, each of which is augmented by an appropriate design for the wheels.

Style over safety





The concept remains a theoretical 3D digital model for now – but on visual merit alone, we think it's right up there with other reborn classics such as the Eagle E-type and Touring Disco Volante. The spaceframe composition of the Seven's chassis would surely tempt an experienced coachbuilder to re-clothe one in Zolland's striking style – possibly in time for the original Seven's 50th anniversary, too. Just watch where you rest your left elbow...

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