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Jaguar to put C-X75 hybrid supercar into production



How does 0-60mph in less than three seconds, a top speed of over 200mph and a tiny 99g/km CO2 emissions figure sound to you? Well, for those with a likely £700k available, all this - and more - will be available from Jaguar, which has just announced that the C-X75 concept will be made in limited (up to 250) numbers.

As a 'green' vehicle, its 'in excess of 50km' range on electric motors will hardly excite the sandal-wearing fraternity. Nor will its stratospheric price: "...between £700,000 - £900,000 depending on market and local taxes," says Jaguar. And those expecting a gas turbine, whistling wonder will be disappointed too, as the press material coyly reveals that a 'downsized-petrol' (possibly a 1.6 four-cylinder turbo, so the pundits reckon) engine with two powerful electric motors and four-wheel drive will provide the motive force.

Big 200mph+, mid-engined, outrageously expensive Jaguar supercar with a disappointingly small engine... now that rings a bell...





Enough. On a serious note, the whole project is a technical tour de force and a superb showcase for British engineering expertise. It's also the first co-operation between Jaguar and Williams F1, which will provide the crucial know-how on carbonfibre composite technology and aerodynamics.



"Our new association with Jaguar Land Rover provides us with an exciting opportunity to work with one of the motoring world's most famous and iconic brands," said Sir Frank Williams, Chairman of Williams F1. "Williams has always considered itself an engineering company and so this project will allow us to combine our technical expertise to create something truly exceptional."



There still may be a gas turbine version in the future as the company, currently enjoying great sales success, sees the application of micro-turbine technology “as a medium-term aspiration that will play a part in Jaguars of the future”.

It certainly looks fabulous, and Ian Callum, Director of Design, Jaguar Cars commented: "We were always determined that the Jaguar C-X75 would be as striking on the road as it was in concept form.

“This will be the finest looking and most innovative Jaguar ever produced. Even in the world of supercars, we can still produce the most beautiful.”

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