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## Porsche Panamera Sport Turismo Concept: Frightening Ferrari

### Lead

The unveiling of the Panamera Sport Turismo concept in Paris has signalled Porsche's intentions of entering the sporting estate market. As a thinly veiled production prospect, it's likely to join the existing Panamera saloon when it reaches its second model generation.

A lack of wing mirrors is the only visual signal that the new Porsche isn't ready for the showroom just yet, but its otherwise production-ready appearance means that it's all but confirmed for production by senior management. Ferdinand Piëch displayed a knowing smile as the audience at the VW Group night – preceding the opening day of the [Paris Motor Show](#) – rose to applaud the new car.

The Sport Turismo not only previews a new addition to the Panamera family (expected to expand in its second generation due to customer feedback), but also a new plug-in hybrid drive system developed in-house. Mated to a 3.0-litre petrol V6, the electric motor provides an additional 94bhp for a combined total of 410bhp. That's 35bhp more than the existing [Panamera hybrid](#), while still apparently providing more than 80mpg.

The sporting estate niche is one which seems to be particularly style-led, and this will be no different with Porsche's opening effort. A long, sweeping bonnet and tauter surfacing help eliminate the often-criticised aesthetics of the current Panamera, while twin-stacked LED headlights further enhance the contemporary look of the concept. At the rear, the tail-lights take on a slimmer profile in line with other recent Porsches, while a reflector strip connects them in a vein traditionally associated with the [911 Carrera 4](#).





Disappointingly for some, a production version of the Sport Turismo concept is likely to be a few years away yet. The current Panamera is yet to receive a major mid-life facelift, so the second-generation estate and other possible spin-offs will have to wait in the developmental wings at Zuffenhausen for the foreseeable future.

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## Gallery



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