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Bentley's EXP 12 Speed 6e is the most eccentric electric vehicle yet

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Tou can rely on the British to instil some leather-bound decadence into almost anything, and it's no surprise that Bentley has taken on the EV platform with its trademark gusto...

Tradition meets tech





As Bentley continues its war on stereotypes, its latest concept is far removed from its tweed-wearing, stiff-upper-lipped beginnings. Aiming to give the burgeoning electric vehicle market some much-needed refinement after Morgan jumped in with the EV3, the EXP 12 Speed 6e replaces the lightweight, soulless materials often found in rival EVs for a heady cocktail of leather (diamond stitched and embossed, naturally), copper, and infotainment screens, mounted beautifully in a glass centre console. Bentley's trademark muscular flanks and famous grille are still present, while its internal running gear would make long-distance grand touring at speed comfortable yet eerily silent, as one expects from a Bentley. Produced to gauge public opinion on Bentley's potential future strategy, the EXP 12 Speed 6e is sure to raise a few eyebrows at Geneva, but will it get the hearts of the desired younger clientele racing?

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