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There's never been a more important Morgan than the new Plus Six

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Out with the old and in with the new – that's Morgan's mantra for the Geneva salon in this, its 110th year. Utilising an all-new aluminium architecture and a turbocharged engine for the very first time, this is the new Plus Six...

The 110-year-old Morgan Motor Company has just revealed its next-generation sports car: the all-new Plus Six. And while its traditional styling is not a dramatic departure from its predecessors, it's underneath and inside the cabin where things have been thoroughly modernised. Firstly, the new Plus Six is the first Morgan to receive a turbocharged engine – beneath the long bonnet lurks BMW's latest blown six-cylinder, developing 335bhp and 369lbs ft of torque. It's mated to BMW's eight-speed automatic gearbox, which rather sadly, is the only option available.



Still, combined with a 1,075kg dry weight and the new stiffer bonded-aluminium 'CX-Generation' platform, the Plus Six promises to be a blast to drive (0-62mph is dispatched in just 4.2sec). Purists will be pleased to hear the wooden frame has remained, too, and not just for the sake of it – it's thicker than that on the old Plus 8 both for strength and a wider stance.

Essentially, the new Plus Six has been designed to safeguard the marque's sports cars for the next decade and accommodate any future technological developments that we might see. In doing so, it's seamlessly blended its timeless styling with modern technology – just check out the ultra-contemporary interior, which, despite its clearly BMW switchgear, looks a thousand times better in terms of fit and finish than its predecessor. The new Plus Six will cost from £77,995 and can be ordered straight away. What are you waiting for?

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