



• 2018 Kia Stinger

DETROIT SHOW HIGHLIGHTS

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Detroit starts the year with North American International Auto Show press days just a week after New Year's Day. Much as with the LA Auto Show in mid-November, NAIAS this year blended with the AutoMobili-D trade show emphasizing connected car technologies, urban mobility and autonomous driving. Here are highlights from reveals during NAIAS proper, in alphabetical order (photos alphabetical or as noted):

- The new **Audi Q8 concept** full-size crossover has styling influences from the 1980s UR-quadro coupe. Its enhanced virtual cockpit includes large touchscreens, an analog heads-up display and intelligent augmented reality combining real world content perfectly positioned in the nav screen. The Q8 concept is a plug-in hybrid with 330 kW total output and over 500 lb-ft of torque through quattro AWD. Expect a production version in 2018. Audi also revealed updated 2018 A5 and S5 Cabriolets and a new 354-hp SQ5 performance crossover.
- The **BMW Individual M760Li xDrive Model V12 Excellence** is a 610-hp 100-year celebratory model, with only 100 to be produced worldwide and only five coming to the US. The BMW 5 Series debuted three sedans: the BMW 540i, a first-ever all-wheel-drive BMW M550i xDrive and the electric BMW 530e iPerformance. Next year's X2 crossover was revealed in concept form. BMW also announced \$7 billion of investment in their Spartanburg, South Carolina plant, where they are adding production of the BMW X7 crossover.
- The **2018 Chevrolet Traverse** is a complete redesign for generation two, Chevy's fourth major crossover/SUV update in a year. Lighter but longer, still seating seven or eight, the new Traverse up-

dates its Chevrolet family styling and has a range of new technologies, including MyLink infotainment and USB charging ports in all three rows. A new RS sport trim has blacked-out grille and bowtie, and 20-inch wheels. A new High Country luxury trim has leather with suede accents, 20-inch polished wheels, D-Optic headlamps, standard twin-clutch AWD and power-fold third row seats.

- Variations of the **2018 Ford F-150** will include its first-ever diesel and a new V6 gasoline engine. Arguably causing an even bigger stir was Ford's long-rumored announcement of both the Ford Bronco utility and an all-new midsize Ford Ranger pickup coming to North America (nothing was shown but their badges). Ford GT showed off a "dashboard of the future," with an all-digital glass instrument panel and five drive modes.
- The all-new **2018 GMC Terrain** is a total redesign with a wide variety of powertrains, including three all-new engines: 1.5L and 2.0L gasoline turbos and a new 1.6L turbo-diesel. Two efficient new 9-speed automatics are matched to the gas engines—a GMC first—with a button and trigger shift interface that creates more console room. Top-trim Denali has a range of upgrades including 19-inch ultra-bright machined aluminum wheels.
- The new **2018 Kia Stinger** fastback sport sedan (top of page), available with RWD or AWD, takes the ever-expanding brand into GT territory, after years of high performance development in Korea and at the Nürburgring race circuit in Germany. The car's long hood, wide stance and short front overhang reflect its muscular 2.0L turbo and 3.3L twin-turbo V6 engines (still under development) and ultra-stiff chassis of 55 percent advanced high-



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• 2018 Mercedes-AMG GT C Coupe Edition 50

strength steel. Its second-gen 8-speed rear-drive transmission evolves from the K900 luxury sedan. Four-door coupe styling and an extended wheelbase allow a spacious cabin with Nappa leather and high technology. Developed under high performance chief Albert Biermann (formerly VP of BMW M vehicles), the Kia Stinger—honored with an EyesOn Design award during NAIAS—goes on sale late this year.

- Mercedes-Benz revealed the newest members of the **2018 Mercedes-AMG GT** series, now including the GT, GT S, GT C Coupe and Roadster, and GT R, all sharing DNA with the Mercedes-AMG GT3 racecar. The new GT C Coupe slots between the GT S and GT R and will launch as a special Edition 50 model, while the GT and GT S have styling and tech upgrades and more power. The entry-level GT now hits 469 hp, the GT S 515 hp, the GTC (Coupe or Roadster) 550 hp and the GT R 577 hp. All 2018 models are recognizable by their AMG Panamericana grille. Also shown were the 2018 Mercedes-AMG GLA45 (including a Yellow Night Edition), Mercedes-Benz GLA250 and a new Mercedes-Benz E-Class Coupe.
- The **Nissan Vmotion 2.0 concept** demonstrates where the brand is taking its "V-motion" front styling (evolving from the current Altima, Murano and Maxima). The concept also shows off Nissan Intelligent Driving technologies and an emphasis on comfort and space. Nissan also revealed the Rogue Sport, a new vehicle smaller than the hot-selling Rogue, packed with technology and aimed at young urban buyers. A new 2017 Rogue Hybrid also joins the lineup.
- Ram Trucks has a huge hit on their hands with the Ram 1500 Rebel, equally suited to the toughest off-roading and the daily drive. They now add a **Ram 1500 Rebel Black special edition**—with black wheels and brush guard, an all-black Katzkin interior, and slate grey stitching and "Rebel" embroidery on heated seats. The Black package is

available with any paint color. The theme continues throughout the interior, with black anodized bezels on the doors, console, instrument panel and gauge cluster. The Ram 1500 Rebel Black special edition is a crew cab with 5.7L HEMI® V8 in 4x4 trim, or choice of 5.7L HEMI V8 or 3.6L Pentastar V6 in 4x2, starting at \$45,590 and available starting in March. Parent company FCA also announced a \$1 billion investment in plants in Michigan and Ohio, and the addition of 2,000 new American jobs.

- The new **2018 Subaru WRX® and WRX STI®** have more aggressive front styling, suspension enhanced for better handling and ride comfort, new 19-inch wheels, yellow-caliper Brembo brakes, an all-electronic DCCD all-wheel-drive system for a wider performance envelope, and increased frontal collision protection. A 6-speed manual is standard, with a performance CVT available. New 8-way power Recaro seats are also available. The cars arrive at dealers this spring.
- The all-new gen-eight **2018 Toyota Camry** is built on a new global architecture, both more aggressive and more comfortable than ever, with stylish new sheet metal, lower center of gravity and spacious interior. Power and fuel economy are both up with three new powertrains: a 3.5L fuel-injected V6, a 2.5L four (with new 8-speed direct-shift automatic) and a next-gen hybrid system. Camry, America's best-selling car, is built in Kentucky.
- The **Volkswagen I.D. Buzz concept** is a showpiece for the brand's goal of selling one million electric vehicles per year by 2025, with their e-Golf already on sale. Reminiscent of the well-loved classic VW Microbus, I.D. BUZZ has all-wheel electric drive, with motors front and rear, and a futuristic cockpit with augmented reality 3D heads-up display and a remote tablet for everything from infotainment to AC. Push on the steering wheel and it melts into the instrument panel, whereupon the oncedriver can rotate 180 degrees and join the back passengers as autonomous control takes over. ■



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