

## BMW shows off concept car for the self-driving future

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German car manufacturer BMW presents the 'Vision Next 100' concept car during the 100th anniversary celebrations in Munich, Germany, Monday, March 7, 2016. (AP Photo/Matthias Schrader)

Luxury automaker BMW AG is showing off a sleek concept car aimed at a future in which drivers choose between the pleasures of high-performance driving and letting the car take control.

The company unveiled the Vision Next 100 at ceremonies Monday for the company's [100th birthday](#) at Munich's Olympic Hall.

The car offers a choice of driver-controlled or vehicle-controlled operations. In driver mode, the car indicates the ideal driving line and speed; in "ease" or [autonomous mode](#), the steering wheel retracts and the driver and front-seat passenger can turn to face each other.



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Concept cars suggest what future production models might look like.

Auto executives said last week at the Geneva International Motor Show

that some elements of [autonomous driving](#) could begin being introduced around the end of this decade.



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Harald Krueger, third from left, CEO of German carmaker BMW, and members of the board present the 'Vision Next 100' concept car during the 100th anniversary celebrations in Munich, Germany, Monday, March 7, 2016. (AP Photo/Matthias Schrader)





A BMW "Isetta" of German car manufacturer BMW, is photographed prior to the 100th anniversary celebrations in Munich, Germany, Monday, March 7, 2016. (AP Photo/Matthias Schrader)



The logo of German car manufacturer BMW is photographed at a BMW 328 prior to the 100th anniversary celebrations in Munich, Germany, Monday, March 7, 2016. (AP Photo/Matthias Schrader)



Actors perform at a light show during the BMW 100th anniversary celebrations in Munich, Germany, Monday, March 7, 2016. (AP Photo/Matthias Schrader)

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