

# Single-seat NILS compact car boasts aluminum space frame

NILS, a single-seat electric concept vehicle that offers a glimpse of a new form of minimalist mobility, has been unveiled ahead of its public debut at the Frankfurt Motor Show next week.

This concept car, which features an aluminum space frame, wing doors and freestanding wheels, has the dynamic performance of a sports car, yet travels silently, and with zero emissions.

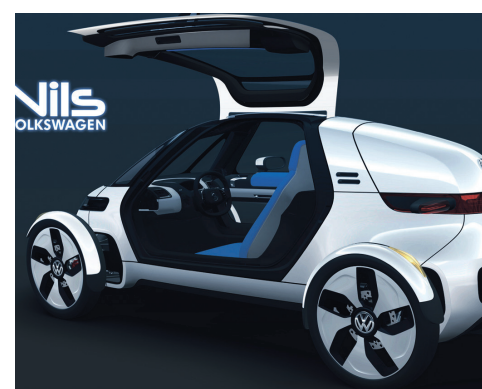
With a range of 65 kilometres (40 miles) and a top speed of 130 km/h (80 mph) NILS would be the ideal vehicle for the majority of commuters in Germany.

NILS is a very compact car that requires extremely little space in traffic.

It is only 3.04 metres long— making it about 50 cm shorter than the new Volkswagen up!— just 0.39 metres wide from wheel to wheel, and a mere 1.2 metres tall.

NILS has the same basic layout as a Formula 1 racecar, with the driver in the middle, the engine in back, and freestanding outboard wheels.

The 17-inch alloy wheels are equipped with 115/80 (front) and 125/80 (rear) tires optimized for low rolling resistance.



The Volkswagen NILS is a single-seat concept commuter car with a top speed of 130 km/h.

Because NILS is so compact and lightweight (460 kg), it is a lot of fun to drive. It has a top speed of 130 km/h, and can accelerate to 100 km/h in less than 11 seconds.

This is achieved using an electric motor with a reasonably small 15 kW nominal power and short-term peak power of 25 kW.

The centrepiece of the electric drive system is the lightweight 19 kg electric motor together with its transmission and battery.

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The first Ram Cargo Van is shown coming off the assembly line in Windsor.

## Chrysler celebrates first Ram Cargo Van

The Ram Truck Brand celebrated August 13 as the first 2012 Ram Cargo Van rolls out of Chrysler Group LLC's Windsor (Canada) Assembly Plant.

New for 2012, the Ram Cargo Van, or Ram C/V, benefits from more than 25 years of minivan engineering and the Ram Truck brand understands the versatility needs for both small and large businesses.

C/V offers small businesses many competitive advantages. Among them, Ram C/V provides a Class 1 commercial vehicle-leading 1,800 lb. cargo payload and category-exclusive towing capability, up to 3,600 lbs.

A 20-gallon fuel tank and 25 mpg highway also deliver best-in-class fuel range.

Ram Cargo Van features commercial-tuned ride and heavy-duty suspension offering maximum hauling capability.

A heavy-duty radiator and heavy-duty transmission oil cooler help meet heavier powertrain demands. Ram C/V also is engineered with unique hydraulic power-assist rack-and-pinion steering, front anti-sway bar and rear twist-beam axle with coil springs. Ram C/V has a maximum Gross Combined Weight Rating (GCWR) of 8,750 lbs.

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