



The 2016 Ford Flex in top-of-the-line Limited trim and in a new colour - Too Good To Be Blue. Tricked out in a new blacked-out Flex Appearance Package, this model adds an edgier look to a unique minivan alternative.

Ford Flex AWD Limited 2016 a minivan alternative

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When the Ford Flex debuted nearly ten years ago, it polarized opinions with its two-box architecture and rectangular lines.

Its design style referenced everything from retro vacuum cleaners and refrigerators, along with an obvious connection with wagons of the past.

Horizontal styling cues

dominate the Flex and Peter Horbury, one of Ford's top designers at the time, pointed out the strong front brow, the squared-off grille and the streaked lines that pay tribute to the woodies of another

era. As he put it, the design was a recognition of the past, done in a modern way.

We've all gotten used to seeing the Flex on the road since then, but it remains a

difficult vehicle to define.

Some wags have joked that the Flex blends all the qualities of a station wagon, minivan, SUV and hearse.

But the benefits of its shape

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