

Virgin Galactic debuts Mach 3 airliner concept

British spaceflight company Virgin Galactic has revealed the initial design for a supersonic passenger airplane. The company claims the final version of the aircraft could reach Mach 3, almost one and a half times faster than the supersonic airliners of the previous generation.



In a press release, the company said the airplane will travel at 60,000 feet and carry between nine to 19 passengers in "Business or First Class-

style seating and service". Adding the design will "help lead the way toward use of state-of-the-art sustainable

aviation fuel."

Along with the concept, the company also announced a new partnership. It has signed a memorandum of understanding with Rolls-Royce, one of the world's leading aircraft engine makers, to design the aircraft's engines. Rolls-Royce holds previous experience in this arena, developing the engines of the Anglo-French Concorde supersonic airliner.

New car this week



BMW's most affordable sedan is finally here in Bangladesh. Rolled out by Executive Motors through a virtual event on August 07, 2020, the new 218i Gran Coupé marks the official debut of the 2 series in Dhaka streets.

Although called a "four-door coupe" by its German makers, the car is more akin to compact sedans offered by the ToSuMi clan. That said, the size is one of the very few things "The 2" shares with those cars.

The Gran Coupé is loaded with luxury amenities such as Parking Assistant, automatic tailgate, panoramic sunroof, ambient lighting, and BMW Live Cockpit paired to an 8.8-inch Central Information Display. The wheels are 17-inch Double-spoke 549 wrapped in run-flat tires while the window graphic surrounds comes from BMW Individual High-gloss Shadow Line.

Power comes to form a 1.5-liter turbo 3-cylinder paired to a seven-speed dual-clutch Steptronic transmission. The combination offers 140 hp and 220 Nm of torque, which sadly only goes to the front wheels.

Speaking of numbers, here's the big one. The starting price BDT 68,00,000, included with which is a 5-year/60,000 km warranty covering free Service, parts, repair, and maintenance.

Oppo launches Reno 4 in Bangladesh

Global smartphone brand OPPO has launched its latest smartphone Reno 4 in the Bangladesh market through an online launching ceremony today. Reno4 is available at BDT 34,990 and comes in two distinct color - space black and galactic blue.

Reno4 is equipped with 2400*1080 FHD+ AMOLED display with 90.7% aspect ratio



and dual punch hole design. With the use of advanced AI-enhanced smart sensor, it allows the use various features with hand gestures, without even touching the phone.

Reno 4 has a quad camera setup consisting of a 48MP (f/1.7) primary camera, 8MP (f/2.2) ultrawide, 2MP (f/2.4) depth sensor and 2MP (f/2.4) macro lens to meticulously photograph

every cherished moment. 32MP (f/2.4) wide front shooter will take stunning selfies. Intuitive AI Color Portrait, Night Flare Portrait, 960fps smart slow-motion, panorama, time lapse, 30fps video at 1080P etc. The ultra-steady video 3.0 will enables shooting any moment in every condition.

This device runs on ColorOS7.2. The phone is equipped with Snapdragon 720G processor, 8GB RAM, Adreno 618 GPU and 128GB ROM. Large 4015mAh can be charged 50% in just 20 minutes with 30W VOOC Flash Charge 4.0.

Customers can pre-order Reno4 from August 8, 2020 and as a gift, will receive an OPPO Enco W11, the latest true wireless headphone from OPPO with a stable and convenient connection. It offers 20 hours of robust listening experience, has IP55 dustproof and waterproof certification with type-C charging.

Reno 4 will be available from August 13, 2020.

Technical Specifications

- 6.43-inch FHD+ AMOLED Display
- AON (AI- enhanced Smart Sensor)
- AI Color Portrait
- Snapdragon 720G chipset
- 8GB RAM, 128GB ROM
- 48MP AI quad camera
- 32MP front camera

EDITOR'S NOTE

Where's the party at?

No, really! Did you notice the outpouring of joy and festivities this past week? We must have killed the pandemic dead. People have not partied this hard since Genghis Khan rode up the mountains in his trusty Harley chopping off dissenting heads like a crazed Rajnikanth fight scene. Or something like that. We believe what we believe but the pandemic isn't over yet. Or maybe we are so insanely tough, nothing can beat us down. Remember, most of us have descended from people who waited to connect to dial-up internet. If you're a late Millennial, listen to a sound slip of a dial-up modem connecting. That takes perseverance and immunity.

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