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Saab BioPower goes Rinspeed

Environmentally friendly cars will be all the talk at this year's International Motor Show in Geneva. Saab is showing how vision and reality can be brought together with its "9-5 BioPower Rinspeed", a collaborative project with Rinspeed. The model comes with a bioethanol engine and is proof that it is already possible to achieve a huge reduction in fossil fuel CO₂ emissions without having to do without a fun drive.

Glattbrugg. The recently released UN climate report is unambiguous in its findings: human behavior is contributing significantly to global warming. Reducing CO₂ emissions is becoming an issue of prime importance, and will also be one of the central focal points at the Geneva Motor Show. However, environmentally friendly driving is no longer the stuff of the future. At the last Motor Show, Saab presented BioPower, a vehicle that runs on E85 (85 % bioethanol and 15 % gasoline). Once again, Saab assumed its role as a pioneer in the area of environmentally conscious driving, proving that environmentally friendly technologies can easily be combined with unmitigated fun behind the wheel.

Vision and Reality brought Together

Saab is going one step further at this year's Geneva Motor Show. At stand 5030, visitors can marvel at an extremely successful combination of vision and reality: the "Saab 9-5 BioPower Rinspeed". Looking at the modified Saab BioPower, every visitor is struck immediately by its gleaming chrome-yellow enamel finish. The lower riding Saab special model has been fitted out with materials that were specially designed for the Rinspeed "eXaxis" concept car. (eXaxis was the first transparent high-tech plastic car, which like the Saab BioPower, is equipped with a bioethanol engine.) Thus, the Saab BioPower Rinspeed gleams with the innovative application of an aluminized glass fiber material with a diamond-shape design. The diamond pattern is continued in the seat covers. The interior also fits the overall innovative impression, with modern covers made from a material containing Technogel tabs. Speed yellow seatbelts and a new glass fiber dash make the transformation of the Saab BioPower perfect.

Saab's Environmentally Friendly and Sports Special Models

The Saab BioPower Rinspeed and the above-mentioned eXasis are amazing vehicles. The eXasis represents a concept presented by Rinspeed to celebrate the company's thirty years in business. With the eXasis, Rinspeed introduces a car that can achieve a power of 150 HP with an environmentally friendly engine. The parallels with the 180 HP sporty and environmentally friendly Saab BioPower were the motivation behind this cooperation between two tradition-minded companies.

Under the motto "60 years of turbocharged thinking", Saab is also celebrating an anniversary in 2007. Saab is offering a special "Anniversary Edition" to mark this occasion. However, above all, Saab remains committed to continuing along the path it has already trodden towards environmentally friendly vehicles with sporty performance. In a world premiere at the Geneva Motor Show, Saab is unveiling the new 9-3 Saab BioPower. This car will be available in Switzerland from the Fall of 2007, and is an ideal complement to the Saab 9-5 BioPower.

Saab is committed to thinking the idea of the reduced- CO₂ vehicle through to its logical conclusion. With the "Saab 9-5 BioPower100 Concept", Saab is presenting a vehicle at the Motor Show that can run on 100 % bioethanol. Saab thus continues to exemplify the company's philosophy of focusing on the individual and the environment.

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