

The mutant machines of the LA motor show

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The pimped-out, four-wheeled freaks are a highlight of the LA motor show.

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LA motor show's mutant machines

Aftermarket tuning companies, body stylers and wheel makers show off their machines at the LA motor show.



Tucked away from the glittering lights and glamorous models, almost hidden in a dungeon downstairs, lie the freaks of the LA motor show.

They are far removed from the hydrogen-powered green machines from Toyota and Volkswagen that set the theme of the event, are nothing like the stylish concept cars from Audi and Lexus and are about as family friendly as a crocodile at a vegetarian picnic. Meet the mutant machines from LA's motoring underground.

The Kentia Hall, one of four separate areas used at the Los Angeles conference centre for the motor show, is a dedicated space for the aftermarket tuning companies, body stylers and wheel makers - as well as all manner of motoring knick knock suppliers - to show off their latest, and wildest creations.

It has always been a must-see part of the LA show as a bit of four-wheeled eye candy - and a place of respite away from the spin and razzamatazz of the staged reveals and endless interviews with executives happening upstairs. It's like a condensed, more palatable version of the annual SEMA show in Las Vegas.

This year was no different with plenty of flashy metal on display, including countless pimped out Ferrari 458s and Lamborghini Aventadors.

There were also plenty of tuners already jumping on the new Ford Mustang with wide body kits and new wheels for the pony car.

And at polar ends of the motoring spectrum, there was a raft of customised Rolls-Royces that looked straight out of a rap video sitting alongside gargantuan pick-up trucks that you could almost walk under.

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