



Lexus Unveils LC Convertible Prototype at the Goodwood Festival of Speed

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Lexus is to extend its LC flagship coupe range, confirming today that a dramatically styled open-top version of the car will go into production in the near future.

Visitors to the Goodwood Festival of Speed this weekend will witness the world debut of an LC convertible prototype in action when it appears on the famous hill course. The new Lexus will take its place among some of the world's most exclusive and prestigious cars at the world famous motoring celebration.

The LC coupe has quickly become established as one of the most sought-after and internationally acclaimed models Lexus has ever created, thanks to its combination of striking design, fine craftsmanship and exhilarating performance. The potential evolution of the range to include a convertible was signposted at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit in January this year, where Lexus revealed the LC Convertible Concept. The concept's design goal was to express 'ultimate beauty,' and it provoked an enthusiastic response from both industry experts and the public. Like the LC itself, the concept car was honoured on its debut with a prestigious EyesOn Design Award.

Long, low and lean, the LC convertible shares the coupe's athletic proportions, but projects its own, distinct identity. Its large wheels and short overhangs signal its performance pedigree and rewarding driving experience. The prototype model will carry masking at Goodwood, teasing the design detail and dynamic capabilities of the full production version.

Professional race driver Nick Cassidy will drive the LC convertible prototype up the hill. He is currently a member of the Lexus Team KeePer TOM'S, competing in the Super GT series's GT500 class in Japan. Following its Goodwood appearance, the prototype will be taken to other venues, helping its engineering team gather feedback.

Koji Sato, Lexus International Executive Vice President, said: "The Goodwood Festival of Speed celebrates the history and culture of the automobile and serves as a gathering place for some of history's most notable cars and drivers. Lexus is honoured to join this festival, and I could not be happier to unveil this prototype model of the LC convertible at the same venue where the LC coupe made its debut in 2016.

Detailed specifications and timings for the LC convertible's market introduction will be announced at a later date.

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