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## BEST OF BOTH WORLDS WITH TOYOTA FT-SX CONCEPT

Toyota has revealed a vehicle that explores a new genre with the unveiling of the FT-SX concept at the 2005 North American International Auto Show in Detroit.

The FT-SX concept was developed by CALTY, Toyota's North American-based, research and design centre located in California and the Advanced Product Strategy Group. The team was assigned the task of creating a bold vehicle combining the ride comfort, handling, and fuel efficiency of a saloon with the utility, spaciousness and visibility of a car-based SUV.

"With the FT-SX, we studied the finest attributes of Toyota's successful passenger cars and SUV's and took it to the next level," said Kevin Hunter, head of Toyota's North America design and studio activities.

"We began with a totally new silhouette and package, lower and wider than an SUV, but taller, more comfortable, and more versatile than a sedan. Add a powerful V6, all-wheel drive, 21-inch wheels, four doors, a large, multi-function glass roof and an innovative rear hatch and you have a vehicle with exceptional functionality."

The exterior theme of the FT-SX is bold, simple and powerful. At more than 15 feet in length, over six feet in width and over five feet in height, the FT-SX delivers a stance that is both sleek and imposing.

"The FT-SX is the emotional and powerful result of our exercise in defining a new genre and potential product direction for Toyota," said Hunter.

"Its surprising utility, powerful design, innovative features, and luxurious comfort create the passion necessary to fulfil the requirements of its buyers in a fresh new way. In short, the FT-SX is a vehicle that delivers the best of both worlds."

### Toyota FT-SX Specifications

Powertrain	3.5 litre V6
Overall length	187.4 inches
Overall width	74.4 inches
Overall height	61.0 inches
Wheelbase	114.2 inches
Wheels	21 inch
Tyre size	255/45 R21

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