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Mercedes reveals Maybach with panoramic roof technology

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Inside a Mercedes-Maybach

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German automaker Mercedes released the Maybach S 600 almost simultaneously at Auto Guangzhou in China and the Los Angeles Auto Show.

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The new vehicle features the magic sky control panoramic roof with SPD-SmartGlass, a technology that is being offered for the first time with a sliding and stationary roof. The new technologies and features of the Maybach S 600, along with the big reveal at both auto shows, will likely generate buzz for the brand in a crowded time.

Car stargazing

Luxury automakers are keeping excitement high as the end of the year approaches with a number of concept releases during the Los Angeles Auto Show.

From super sports cars to hybrid technology, luxury brands are giving fans a strong sense of what 2015 will entail. The continual pageant of auto shows can easily siphon a brand's stored-up developments, but many automakers parcel out ideas in ways that satisfy end-of-the-year demands ([see story](#)).

The Mercedes Maybach's panoramic roof is 18 square feet and can be tinted or clear by

the push of a button. When tinted, the glass blocks 99 percent of the light entering the window, but when clear, passengers can view out the roof as if it were another window in the car.

The SPD-SmartGlass technology in the magic sky control changes the tint of the roof by electrically aligning particles in a thin film within the glass. The glass, both when tinted and when not tinted, blocks UV and infrared rays.

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SmartGlass technology

Other Mercedes S class vehicle have the magic sky control, but the Maybach's panoramic roof is bigger than the surface of the roof on the S-Class Coupe, which are also three times larger than Mercedes-Benz SLK and SL roadsters.

The vehicle will be released in February 2015.

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