

Prague Taxi of the Future? Glassed-in Car with Room to Stand Up

Concept Visitor by the Spanish designer Diego Garcia won the competition for the new look of taxis.

The international competition for designers up to the age of 35 was organized by the 3D software solutions provider Dassault Systèmes and the magazine AutoDesign & Styling in February 2011, supported by the Mayor of Prague. 80 authors joined in and the winner is Diego Garcia from Spain with his electrical concept Visitor.

The organizers of the competitions commented on the design: The project of the winning electrical taxi Visitor meets the needs of visitors to Prague who do not want to miss anything even when travelling to the hotel or the airport. A large glass surface and a basic shape offer maximum room for passengers. The height of the vehicle ensures comfortable boarding and improves the view, as passengers can stand up during the journey, just like on a bus. The friendly design of the exterior is linked to Prague through its colour scheme, inspired by beige plaster of the Lesser Town houses and their darker underpinning. With its size, Visitor corresponds to a vehicle of segment C.

The second place in the competition was awarded to the project Call-e by the Czech designer Josef Ludvík Böhm, who interconnected advantages of a bus and a car. The third place went to the futurist concept Cheers by Jakub Jodlowski from Poland, making use of tram lines and unusual cork material.

For more information on the competition and the visualization, visit <http://www.auto-design.cz/zdroj.aspx?typ=2&Id;=1471&sh;=190215483>.

