

Mind-control Car

Vehicles nowadays are more technologically advanced. The luxury car maker Mercedes-Benz has launched a car that allows you to control certain things using your mind. The car giant unveiled the car of the future at the IAA Mobility show in Munich. The car is called Vision AVTR. The four capital letters at the end of its name are meant to make people think of the movie Avatar. This movie was about connecting with nature using the brain. A Mercedes spokesman said the car is currently in the concept stage of production.

Mercedes uses a technology called Brain-Computer Interface (BCI) in Vision AVTR. The computers in the car "read" signals from the brain and translate them into actions. Mercedes says it takes about a minute for the system to understand the thoughts of the driver. Then the driver can perform certain functions in the car with his own thoughts. The Mercedes website states, "As soon as you get in, the car becomes an extension of your own body and a tool to discover the environment."

COMPREHENSION CHECK:

1. Which car company developed a mind-control car?
2. How does the mind-control car work?

LET'S TALK!

1. What are your thoughts about the mind-control car?
2. What do you think are the benefits of having a mind-control car?

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