New MG Cyberster electric roadster to get steering yoke and scissor doors

The all-electric two-seat MG sports car will be fitted with an aircraft-style yoke and scissor doors, and it could arrive in showrooms in 2024



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MG has built much of its reputation on small affordable roadsters, and now, fresh leaks all but confirm that the brand is returning to its roots with a dainty, probably <u>all-electric</u>, roadster called the Cyberster.

All-electric MG 4 to launch in September

The Cyberster will get scissor doors that swing upwards to reveal a space age interior, with a digital dashboard mounted behind a steering yoke, similar to that of <u>Tesla</u>'s range-topping <u>Plaid</u> models.

MG could fit a variable-ratio steering system to make the yoke easier to operate at low speeds, but this hasn't been confirmed. Either way, it's likely that the shift paddles behind the yoke will be used to adjust the car's brake regen settings, given that the Cyberster will probably be an EV.

The car could hit the roads in 2024 to coincide with MG's centenary, possibly with an MGC EV badge, following parent firm SAIC filing a trademark for the name. Direct rivals will be few and far between, but the new car could give buyers of internal combustion-engined convertibles like the Mazda MX-5 and BMW Z4 a new avenue to explore.



Back in 2017, MG unveiled its E-Motion Coupe concept. Designed to be a flagship allelectric coupe, the project now looks dead in the water. Attention has turned to a drop-top car based on last year's Cyberster concept. It was successfully greenlit for production after a crowd-funding effort that saw over 5,000 potential buyers place money down to make it happen. MG could decide to name it after the concept, too, given that a trademark for 'Cyber X' has also been filed.

London-based SAIC Design created the concept with plenty of eye-catching details, such as Magic Eye headlights that open when turned on, the Laser Belt line of LEDs along the side, and the squared-off Kammback tail. Leaked patent images revealed a production MG based on the concept is very much imminent, including plenty of the Cyberster's design features. Our exclusive images bring these leaks to life, showcasing what MG's new roadster could look like in the metal.

We can see it's retained a version of the concept's face, albeit a little less aggressive, with a small grille at the bottom of the front bumper and a long bonnet with plenty of creases and slashes that cascades into the nose. The Magic Eye headlights have been replaced with more conventional units.

The finned side skirts of the concept remain, although the Laser Belt has been toned down. Plus, the open-top speedster design of the concept has been swapped for a folding fabric roof, which should be more appropriate for the British climate.



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