Paris Motor Show 2026: colour-shifting paint and bodies that light up

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The 91st Mondial de l'Auto (Porte de Versailles, 12–18 October 2026) was Stellantis's show, with six concepts unveiled at once, and the show of an idea shared by almost everyone: the **exterior surface as an active element**.

The DS F3VER wears a dichroic "Cosmic Blue" paint that shifts from blue to violet with the light, a customisable champagne roof ring, a front column with an illuminated emblem and, at the rear, 16 LED panels in a magnesium frame with a programmable screen built into the bumper. The Alfa Romeo Cuorerosso answers with "Liquid Ink" paint, shifting from red to black, and illuminated triangular elements in the Scudetto. Peugeot lights up the RCZ Vision's badge and wraps the E-T16 in a red backlit line; Opel's STX shows a faceted body-coloured "Vizor" with no grille at all.

At the other end, the Citroën 2CV Concept bets on simplicity: around 3.76 m, a roll-back canvas roof, independently replaceable bumpers and a 3D-printed basket of wood and bio-based plastic instead of a console. For makers of decorated parts, Paris leaves two assignments: integrate light, screens and sensors into bumper and front end, and do it with fewer, easier-to-replace parts.

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