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2018 VIRGINIA INTERNATIONAL AUTO SHOW ROARS
INTO RICHMOND FEBRUARY 16-18

New Model Vehicles, Test Drives, Family Fun and More

RICHMOND – (February 2, 2018) The 2018 [Virginia International Auto Show](#) rolls into Richmond Friday, February 16 through Sunday, February 18. For three days, the Greater Richmond Convention Center will be packed with hundreds of the latest cars, trucks, crossovers, SUVs and hybrids, as well as test drives, specialty vehicles and more.

From car buyers to car lovers, everyone is invited to check out all the latest vehicles in a non-selling environment, talk to product specialists, inspect engines and experience the latest automotive technology. Several new models will turn heads on the show floor including the **Motor Trend Car of the Year (Alfa-Romeo Giulia)**, **Motor Trend SUV of the Year (2018 Honda C-RV)** and **Motor Trend Truck of the Year (2018 Ford F-150)**.

Licensed drivers are invited to take the show floor experience to the next level and test drive a lineup of Toyota vehicles at the auto show, at the **Toyota Drive Center**. Test drives of the Toyota Prius, RAV4, Sienna and Tacoma will be available on Friday, February 16 and Saturday, February 17, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday, February 18, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

From collision avoidance to lane keep assist, there are several advanced safety and performance features drivers are not able to experience in a behind the wheel test drive. For the first time ever, showgoers are invited to take a **Virtual Reality Test Drive** at the auto show! Don't miss the FlowFound virtual reality kiosks on the show floor where everyone can take a virtual spin to learn about the latest self-driving vehicle features.

Always popular with showgoers, the **duPont REGISTRY LIVE** will feature a rare collection of ultra high-end exotic vehicles. Don't miss this rare opportunity to snap a photo of these dazzling gems! The show will also feature a collection of rare classics from the **Central Virginia Mustang Club** and **Victory 7 Mustang Club**.

Stop by the **Virginia State Police Display** to learn about Help Eliminate Auto Theft (H.E.A.T.), a program that educates the community on how to prevent the theft of vehicles and vehicle parts. This special display will also feature a H.E.A.T. sponsored vehicle, as well as a new Virginia State Police patrol car.

Bring the little ones to the **Citgo Kids Test Drives & Fun Zone!** Kids are invited to get behind the wheel and test drive mini-electric cars on a Citgo Kids Test Track, right on the show floor, all show days. There will also be face painting and colorful balloon art on Sunday, February 18, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Check out the latest in electric vehicles and learn about the growing popularity of electric vehicles as the alternative fuel of choice for the Richmond area. **Drive Electric RVA**, metro Richmond's Electric Auto Association, will showcase a collection of commercially built electric vehicles and several EV vehicles built from scratch by EV conversion experts. These electric vehicle enthusiasts will be on hand to answer questions and educate attendees about EV technology. Activities and handouts will be available by partnership groups including the Sierra Club of Virginia, Virginia Clean Cities and Plug In America.

Meet the regions most popular beauty queens at the auto show including:

- 2017 Mrs. Virginia United States Gretchen Bellard (Saturday)
- 2017 Little Miss Virginia United States Alondra Lukasiewicz (Sunday)
- 2017 Miss Teen Virginia United States Monica Osborne (Sunday)
- 2016 Ms. Woman Virginia United States Amber Hutchens (Sunday)
- 2017 Ms. Virginia United States Breanna Terry (Saturday and Sunday)
- 2017 Mrs. District of Columbia and 2016 Mrs. Virginia Shena Dixon Mason (Friday, Saturday and Sunday)
- 2017 Miss Jr. Teen Virginia United States Amelia Cook (Saturday)
- 2017 Mrs. West Virginia United States Rachel Kraemer Martz

The Virginia International Auto Show will be open to the public Friday, February 16 through Sunday, February 18, at the Greater Richmond Convention Center, located at 403 North Third Street, in Richmond. Show hours are Friday and Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for senior citizens (62 and older) and military (w/any DOD/ID) and free for children (12 and under). For additional information, visit www.VirginiaAutoShow.com or follow www.facebook.com/VirginiaMotorTrendInternationalAutoShow, [@VAAutoShow](https://twitter.com/VAAutoShow) on Twitter and [@VAAutoShow](https://www.instagram.com/VAAutoShow) on Instagram. Hashtag: #VAAutoShow

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