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A Pinch of Scion's Next xB, a Pound of Show-Car Sparkle



Scion t2B design study.

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Introduced on Thursday: Scion t2B

What's the point? Underneath the t2B's retro-mod interior and trick sliding passenger door is the suggestion that the next xB will be bigger, sleeker and more refined.

Is it real? No, the t2B is a concept car -- laden with outlandish gadgets to prove that point.

The company line: "The t2B is a design exercise that combines the attitude of the xB, with the comfort and sophistication of the tC" – Jim Farley, vice president of Scion.

The view from here: Scion's boxy xB wagon has created plenty of buzz for its anti-style attitude, which still manages to grab attention two years after it was introduced. The t2B suggests that the company wants to stay hip by sticking to square styling. Unfortunately, the t2B's entertaining Las Vegas-style interior lighting and video projection system will never

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make it past the concept car stage.

What makes it tick? Scion would only say that the engine is the same 2.4-liter four-cylinder used in the tC coupe.

How much? How soon? Put that debit card away, the t2B is a one-of-a-kind concept car.

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