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On the Road to Paris: smart #2 Undergoes Global Testing Ahead of World Premiere

- The all-electric smart #2 is currently undergoing an extensive global testing programme ahead of its highly anticipated world premiere at the Paris Motor Show this October.
- Rigorous pre-production testing and validation ensure the reinvented two-seater city car delivers unmatched urban agility, driving stability, elevated NVH refinement, and uncompromising safety.
- The seamless collaboration between the Mercedes-Benz Global Design Team and the smart Global R&D Team upholds global high standards, transforming a bold concept into a fully realised production model.

(July 20, 2026, Hangzhou, China) – With the reinvention of its iconic two-seater gathering global momentum, the smart #2 has taken to the roads in a bespoke black-and-white camouflage livery, styled by the Mercedes-Benz Global Design Team. The smart #2 is currently undergoing a rigorous global testing programme ahead of its world premiere at the Paris Motor Show this October, ensuring the vehicle fully embodies the brand's core D.N.A.: Designed with Love, No Compromise on Safety, and Amazing Drives.



"The smart #2 is born from the seamless, high-level collaboration between the Mercedes-Benz Global Design Team and the smart Global R&D Team. Through the relentless global physical testing programme, we are confident to offer global consumers class-leading safety, driving stability, whisper-quiet refinement, and the unmatched urban agility that defines our legacy."

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As an all-electric two-seater city car, the smart #2 is designed to navigate the challenges of modern urban environments with ease. Featuring the signature "wheels-at-the-corners" stance — a hallmark of smart fortwo's space-maximising design since its first generation — it builds a solid geometric foundation for exceptional urban manoeuvrability even in the tightest city spaces.

At dedicated proving grounds, the vehicle's agility was tested against a wide range of real-world urban challenges, including unexpected obstacles, emergency lane changes, and low-grip wet road conditions. Continuous refinement of the chassis hard points, steering ratio and rack travel as well as suspension movement control ensures the vehicle remains stable, responsive and agile in everyday city driving.



The smart #2 undergoing rigorous testing to refine stability, responsiveness and agility

Beyond agility, the rigorous physical testing programme aims to ensure this very compact vehicle can deliver an elevated, serene cabin experience.

To ensure that cabin comfort aligns with the vehicle's refined aesthetic, extensive NVH (Noise, Vibration, Harshness) validation across multiple demanding environments was conducted – including wind tunnel, acoustic chamber, temperature-controlled four-post rig, proving grounds and public roads. The testing activities encompassed wind noise, road noise, powertrain NVH, thermal NVH, squeak and rattle, as well as sound quality optimisation.

By testing various tyre compounds on rough asphalt, grooved concrete, and high-speed straights, engineers sought an optimal balance between low rolling resistance for maximum range and exceptional noise reduction. To achieve long-term reliability, the vehicle has been subjected to demanding durability testing over bumpy roads, continuous undulations, and potholed urban streets. Targeted impact tests simulated common city-driving scenarios, such as mounting kerbs or striking deep potholes.



A focus on refinement and comfort helps shape the smart #2 cabin experience

Refining chassis rigidity and structural stress points ensure the smart #2 will serve as a highly reliable companion in the city. Complementing this structural resilience, the next generation of the renowned tridion safety cell combines compact exterior dimensions with a robust structure that meets modern safety requirements, providing high protection, stability, and driver confidence.

Highly anticipated by urban drivers around the globe, the production model of the smart #2 is preparing for its official world premiere at the Paris Motor Show in October 2026. Stay tuned as the legendary urban icon makes its electrifying comeback.

About smart

Since the brand's founding in the 1990s, smart has remained committed to its vision of exploring the best solutions for future urban mobility. In 2019, Mercedes-Benz AG and Zhejiang Geely Holding Group established the smart global joint venture. Since then, smart has successfully renewed its brand, products, and business model, and developed into a distinctive contemporary premium EV brand. It now includes an expanding product matrix and a global footprint spanning over 40 countries and regions.

In 2026, smart will focus on expanding into new markets, upgrading its smart care customer service system, and introducing two strategic models – the smart #2 and #6. These initiatives will drive the brand into its next stage of development in its Year of Opening New Frontiers.

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