

# PHAETHON

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## OOOOPS: Why was THIS a CONSILIVM MALUM?? ☹

In a transparent factory in Dresden, workers wearing white gloves carefully assemble Volkswagen's new luxury saloon [presumably they mean SEDAN!]. The Phaeton has everything you'd expect from a car in this class. It pushes the boundaries of refinement. And is outstandingly built. But, the Phaeton also has a few things you wouldn't expect. The powerful 6 litre W12 engine propels the car to 62 mph in 6.1 seconds and, where the law permits, reaches 150 mph (limited).



And yet it remains silky smooth because our engineers have found new ways to minimize even the slightest vibration. There are around 100 patents integrated into the new Phaeton. In fact, the only feature you'll recognise is the Volkswagen logo.



Nicolas-André Monsiau, 1754-1837: Phaethon falling.  
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