

Press Information

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Daihatsu to Unveil Additional Motorsports Vehicles at Tokyo Auto Salon 2026, Including the First Public Showing of the K-OPEN Running Prototype 2



Daihatsu Motor Co., Ltd. (hereinafter "Daihatsu") announces that it will release information on four motorsports vehicles, including the K-OPEN Running Prototype 2, which will be exhibited at Tokyo Auto Salon 2026 to be held at Makuhari Messe (Mihama Ward, Chiba City, Chiba Prefecture) from January 9 to 11, 2026.

The K-OPEN Running Prototype 2, which will be unveiled to the public for the first time, is a motorsports-bred study vehicle that evolved from the K-OPEN Running Prototype, a pre-production study vehicle built with the spirit of "make it, ride it, test it" to carry the joy of driving the COPEN into the future. From the earliest stages of development, Daihatsu has conducted various trials with the vehicle in harsh motorsports environments, pursuing the joy of driving through "lightweight," "low center of gravity," and "optimal weight distribution," while taking on the challenge of realizing a front-engine, rear-wheel-drive open kei car. Daihatsu will also display in its booth the "Mira e:S tuned by D-SPORT Racing," a complete car designed for enjoying motorsports that SPK Corporation (hereinafter "SPK") plans to commercialize. Based on the Mira e:S, it is equipped with a turbocharged engine, a five-speed manual transmission, and a six-point roll cage, making it a car that can be used in everyday driving while also allowing drivers to casually enjoy motorsports.

Furthermore, Daihatsu will also exhibit vehicles that have actually competed in motorsports events, including the Mira e:S 10-hour endurance race car and the Rocky rally race car.

In addition, the "kei-truck showdown" between TOYOTA GAZOO Racing and Daihatsu, will also be held within the Daihatsu booth. Two customized HIJET TRUCK vehicles, each specially prepared by the two companies for Tokyo Auto Salon 2026, will be displayed in the Daihatsu booth, and visitors will be invited to vote for their favorite.

<Exhibited vehicles>^{*1}

| Vehicle name | Vehicle type |
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| K-OPEN Running Prototype 2 | Pre-production study |
| Mira e:S tuned by D-SPORT Racing | Reference car exhibit ^{*2} |
| Mira e:S tuned by D-SPORT Racing 10-hour endurance race car | Motorsports race car |
| Rocky rally race car | Motorsports race car |
| HIJET TRUCK Jumbo Star Climber | Customized car (kei-truck showdown) |
| HIJET TRUCK PTO Dump DAIHATSUMEI (previously announced) | Customized car |
| HIJET TRUCK Panel Van EXTEND3 (previously announced) | Customized car |
| MOVE KUROMEKI (previously announced) | Customized car |
| MOVE #ootd (previously announced) | Customized car |
| Tanto Custom Kuromeki (previously announced) | Customized car |

*1: Vehicles other than motorsports race cars are concept cars limited to events and are not intended for public road use.

*2: Scheduled to be released by SPK

Reference car exhibits

1. K-OPEN Running Prototype 2

Making ever-better motorsports-bred cars

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- ◇ A motorsports-bred pre-production study vehicle evolved from the K-OPEN Running Prototype through layout and parts refinements
- ◇ Improved steering stability through a front-midship shift to a longitudinally mounted engine, and improved road-holding performance through a revised rear suspension configuration
- ◇ Improved body rigidity and occupant protection performance through the installation of a roll cage



2. Mira e:S tuned by D-SPORT Racing

Expanding the reach of motorsports so that everyone can experience the joy of driving

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- ◇ Standard features including a turbocharged engine, five-speed manual transmission, Front super LSD, six-point roll cage, and reinforced suspension
- ◇ Retention of five-door layout and four-passenger seating capacity for everyday use



Other exhibited vehicles

3. Mira e:S tuned by D-SPORT Racing 10-hour endurance race car

- ◇ Base model: Mira e:S tuned by D-SPORT Racing
- ◇ Main features:
 - Adjustable damping sports suspension
 - Sports brake pads
 - Tachometer
 - Boost meter
 - Towing strap
- ◇ Competition history: 10-hour endurance race



4. Rocky rally race car

- ◇ Base model: Rocky
- ◇ Main features:
 - Original D-SPORT Racing color
 - Original tower bar
 - Original undercover
 - Original rear LSD
 - Original CVT oil cooler
 - Original height-adjustable suspension (Fr/Rr)
 - 4-piston front brake caliper kit
 - Original roll cage
- ◇ Competition history: XCR Sprint Cup Hokkaido



Kei-truck showdown

5. HIJET TRUCK Jumbo Star Climber

This is a customized car produced by Daihatsu for the “kei-truck showdown.” By improving upon the driving force and hill-climbing performance of the HIJET TRUCK Jumbo and adding an additional cargo box, it is a model that can be used for everything from work to hobbies, and even disaster relief support.

- ◇ A Daihatsu-produced vehicle for the Toyota and Daihatsu “kei-truck showdown”
- ◇ Enhanced driving force and hill-climbing performance through a CVT/turbocharged engine, 4-inch lift-up, and large-diameter tires (175/80 R16), enabling deeper access to work sites with a compact body
- ◇ A removable original roll bar for improved efficiency in farm work and timber felling on mountain slopes
- ◇ A cargo bed fitted with a crawler-equipped cargo box, enabling safe loading and unloading at disaster relief sites and other locations by assisting loading with a winch
- ◇ Original body color (wrap finish)



Note: Please check the TOYOTA GAZOO Racing -produced vehicle directly at the venue.