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## Redesigned Nissan Pathfinder concept sheds boxiness

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DETROIT -- Nissan will use the Detroit auto show to offer a first look at a redesign for the Pathfinder SUV and is teasing the new vehicle with a photo released Monday.

The new Pathfinder, which goes on sale next fall as a 2013 model, will continue to have three rows of seats and can hold seven passengers.

But the SUV is ditching its boxy look for a more aerodynamic shape, including a sweeping character line that runs from the front fender and down the side of the body.

Nissan says the Pathfinder will be equipped with four-wheel drive. We wouldn't be surprised to see a two-wheel-drive version, too.

But whereas the current two-wheel-drive Pathfinder is a rear-driver, this new SUV is reported to be using a version of the Altima platform which means a switch to front-drive.

The platform underneath the new Pathfinder will be shared with the upcoming Infiniti JX SUV. Both will be built at Nissan's plant in Smyrna, Tenn.



The next Pathfinder, teased in this image released by Nissan on Monday, is ditching its boxy look for a more aerodynamic shape.

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