

# Boffins plan car faster than a speeding bullet

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BRITISH researchers are planning to build a car capable of outrunning a speeding bullet.

It might sound like comic-book fantasy, but engineers are confident they can build the first car in the world capable reaching 1609km/h.

If they can pull it off, the Bloodhound SSC, named after the British Cold War supersonic air defence missiles, should be able to smash the land speed record of 1228km/h by more than 402.2km/h.

Calculations also suggest it could reach 1690km/h — fast

enough to outrun a bullet from a .357 Magnum revolver.

The \$29 million project was expected to be announced overnight by Science Minister Lord Drayson.

But engineers have been secretly working on it for the past 18 months from an aircraft hangar in Bristol.

The car was proposed by Drayson, a racing car enthusiast, as a project to inspire a new generation of scientists.

It will be the first to meld a jet engine for a Eurofighter Typhoon with a rocket booster for a combined thrust of 20,000kg.

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