



FUTURE TECH: INNOVATIONS IN TRANSPORTATION

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From Leonardo da Vinci's fantastic visions, to Richard Branson's plans to offer commercial space travel by 2010, visionaries and entrepreneurs have long dreamed of how we will travel in the future. *Future Tech: innovations in transportation* is a prescient look at how we will be moving forward over the coming decades.

Whilst we are not yet travelling to work using jet-powered backpacks, the issue of transport in the future is becoming increasingly important. As roads have become more congested and the environment more fragile, the means of transport at our disposal seem less and less adequate. *Future Tech* explores what designers and engineers around the globe are developing for the world of tomorrow.

Future Tech features prototypes already in the first stages of manufacture alongside more conceptual, speculative designs, as well as a history of mechanised transport and invention through the ages. There are chapters on public transport, road, air and water travel as well as personal mobility.



Projects Include:

Skyblazer: A flying car designed for use on both highways and skyways

Senso Car: An automobile that uses the driver's biometric data to alter its internal ambiance

Freedom Ship: A seaborne, travelling, residential community for up to 100,000 passengers

Airbus TM A380: The world's largest airliner with the first full-length twin-deck (that has just completed its first flight to London Heathrow and is due to enter into service later this year)

Spaceship One: A collaboration between Virgin Galactic and Scaled Composites that aims to offer commercial space travel by the year 2010

Blade Runner: A high-speed train that travels both on rail tracks and roads

With further information on sustainable fuels, gravity, solar and wind power alongside other fascinating projects, *Future Tech* is truly a compelling exploration of how the future is imagined in the present.

Paul Schilperoord is a journalist, engineer and lecturer specialising in developments in transport technology. He is a respected authority in this field and is the author of numerous articles as well as *Techniek van de Toekomst*, a Dutch publication on the subject. He is available for interview to promote the book.

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