

# **Composites in the Cadillac XLR**

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## **ABSTRACT**

At the forefront of Cadillac's ambitious drive to regain its traditional "standard of the world" status comes the Cadillac XLR, an all-new luxury roadster featuring bold styling, advanced technology and a remarkable blend of luxury and performance. Launching now as a 2004 model, the XLR is a successor to the landmark Evoq concept car, which introduced Cadillac contemporary styling theme and heralded this new era of luxury and technology for GM's premium marque. XLR utilizes a blend of premium materials inside and out to deliver an American luxury roadster aimed to create a unique presence among the world's absolute best. Mr. Leone will outline the development of this roadster, with a special focus on how his team selected and engineered the materials that enable it to reach its level of performance and luxury.