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WORLD CAR FINALS COUNTDOWN BEGINS LIVE FROM THE DELHI AUTO SHOW

Top 10 and Top Five Finalists Announced Today

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The **World Car Finals** countdown officially began today at the **Delhi Auto Show** in India with the announcement of the **Top 10** and **Top Five finalists** in five World Car Awards categories, as compiled from secret ballots by KPMG.

The launch of the World Car Finals live from the Delhi Auto Show is a first for the World Car Awards. The six World Car jurors from India were on hand to make the announcement, at a press conference on the opening day of the show.

Rajan Wadhera, President – SIAM (Society of Indian Auto Manufacturers) which organizes the show said, “We are honoured that the World Car Awards has chosen the Delhi Expo for a significant stop in this year's process to choose the world's best automobiles. It is great to see how markets like India play a key role in the whole process. The Delhi Expo is Asia's largest and is a fitting platform to host the World Car Awards as it steps into the World Car Finals, and we are excited to expose our visitors this year to the World Car Awards for the first time through its first-ever pavilion at the show.”

The World Car Awards pavilion showcases some significant former winners – the 2010, 2017 and 2018 World Car of the Year (WCOTY)– Volkswagen Polo, Jaguar F-Pace and Volvo XC60 respectively. There’s also the BMW i3 which won World Car Design and World Green Car in 2014 and World Urban Car in 2017. And also, the first ever *Top Three in the World* finalist from India – the Hyundai Santro - in the 2019 World Urban Car category.

Siddharth Vinayak Patankar, Juror and Director of the World Car Awards Program said, “We are excited to showcase the World Car Awards at India’s biggest auto show. The Indian car market is already the fourth largest in the world, and projected to become third largest by 2022. India is therefore a crucial contributor to our annual process and we are thrilled to celebrate that with an announcement from New Delhi.”

A jury of 86 distinguished international automotive journalists selected the finalists by secret ballot based on their evaluation of each candidate as part of their professional work. For more details about all our jurors and their outlets, please visit our web site: www.worldcarawards.com and click < Jurors.

The 2020 **World Car of the Year** (WCOTY) winner will be selected from 10 finalists, chosen from an initial list of 29 contenders. The Top Ten World Car of the Year finalists are, in alpha order : Hyundai Sonata, Kia Soul EV, Kia Telluride, Land Rover Range Rover Evoque, Mazda3, Mazda CX-30, Mercedes-Benz CLA, Mercedes-Benz GLB, Volkswagen Golf and Volkswagen T-Cross.

The 2020 **World Urban Car** will be chosen from these top five finalists: Kia Soul EV, Mini Electric, Peugeot 208, Renault Clio and Volkswagen T-Cross.

The 2020 **World Luxury Car** top five finalists are: BMW X5, BMW X7, Mercedes-Benz EQC, Porsche 911 and Porsche Taycan.

The 2020 **World Performance Car** top five finalists are: BMW M8, Porsche 718 Spyder/Cayman GT4, Porsche 911, Porsche Taycan and Toyota GR Supra.

All cars competing in these four categories are eligible for the 2020 **World Car Design of the Year** award.

A design panel consisting of seven highly respected world design experts was asked to first review each candidate, and then establish a short-list of recommendations for the jurors' final vote. The design experts are in alpha order: **Anne Asensio** (France - Vice-President, Design - Dassault Systemes), **Gernot Bracht** (Germany - Pforzheim Design School), **Ian Callum** (United Kingdom – Director of Design, CALLUM), **Patrick le Quément** (France - Designer and President of the Strategy Committee - The Sustainable Design School), **Tom Matano** (USA - Academy of Art University in San Francisco and former Head of Design - Mazda), **Gordon Murray** (U.K. Chairman, Gordon Murray Group Limited) and **Shiro Nakamura** (Japan - CEO, Shiro Nakamura Design Associates Inc.).

The five finalists chosen by the design panel for the jurors' final vote are in alpha order: Alpine 110S, Mazda3, Mazda CX-30, Peugeot 208 and Porsche Taycan.

The Road to the World Car Awards is an annual journey that follows our 86 international jurors as they test-drive, and vote on, the eligible vehicles for the 2020 awards season.

There are several stops along the road. One of the first took place in Los Angeles in November for our sixth annual "**L.A. Test Drives**" event exclusively hosted by ZF.

Next stop? The **Geneva International Motor Show** where the World Car Awards will announce the *Top Three in the World* finalists as well as the winner of the 2020 World Car Person of the Year award on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, 2:45 pm, at the Brembo stand.

The journey's grande finale will take place when the winners are officially declared in all five vehicle categories at an awards ceremony and press conference to open the **New York International Auto Show** on April 8, 2020. This year marks the 15th year of the World Car Awards' partnership with the New York show.

The **Global Trends Report**, produced annually by Cision Insights and our partner Autoneum, will also be presented during the press conference and media breakfast that officially opens the show. The report is the culmination of research and insights across the past six months.

Of course, **The Road to the World Car Awards** doesn't really stop. Shortly after the New York Show's grande finale, the *World Car Garage* will be staged at The British Motor Show in August of 2020; offering a glimpse of the 2021 contenders as well as celebrating the 2020 winners. This is the fifth consecutive year that the *World Car Garage* will be staged at a major motor show in Britain.

The Road to the World Car Awards journey and the awards program would not be possible without the support of our partners: **Autoneum, Brembo, Cision Insights, KPMG, Newspress, the New York International Auto Show** and **ZF**. Thank you.

VIDEO: <https://youtu.be/MdoLYJAZUCI>

THE ROAD TO 2020 WORLD CAR AWARDS:

**BEGAN IN FRANKFURT SEPTEMBER 10, 2019.
WILL END AT THE NEW YORK INTERNATIONAL AUTO SHOW ON APRIL 8, 2020.**

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ABOUT

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Now entering their 16th year, the annual World Car Awards are the number one awards program in the world for the seventh (7th) consecutive year based on Prime Research's 2019 media report.

The awards were inaugurated in 2003, and officially launched in January 2004, to reflect the reality of the global marketplace, as well as to recognize, reward and inspire excellence, leadership and innovation in a rapidly changing automotive industry.

The awards are intended to complement, not compete, with existing national and regional Car of the Year programs.

The World Car Awards are administered by a not-for-profit association, under the guidance of an executive committee, a steering committee as well as a group of advisors as follows: Peter Lyon (Japan), Mike Rutherford (United Kingdom), Tim Stevens (USA), Jens Meiners (Germany), Siddharth Vinayak Patankar (India), Gerry Malloy (Canada), Ginny Buckley (United Kingdom), Toni Jalovaara, (Finland), Scotty Reiss (USA), Lionel Robert (France), and Carlos Sandoval (Mexico). Beth Rhind (Canada) is the co-founder and the Executive Director.

New York International Auto Show

Owned and operated by the Greater New York Automobile Dealers Association, the New York Auto Show is an awesome combination of new ideas, technological innovation, exceptional concept cars and nearly 1,000 of the latest new cars and trucks. Over one million visitors are expected to visit the show this year to see what is truly possible from the automotive Industry.

Important 2020 Auto Show Dates:

Press Preview: April 8 and 9 (credentials required)
Public Sneak Preview: Friday, April 10
Public Show Dates: Friday, April 10 – Sunday, April 19, 2020

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