



THE ROAD TO WORLD CAR 2022

CELEBRATING THE BEST OF TODAY. EMBRACING THE BEST OF TOMORROW

2022 WORLD CAR FINALS POWERED BY BREMBO

THE COUNTDOWN BEGINS - Top Ten and Top Five Finalists Announced

TORONTO, Canada – Tuesday, February 8, 2022 – For Immediate Release

The **WORLD CAR FINALS POWERED BY BREMBO** begins today with the announcement of the Top Ten and Top Five finalists in six World Car Awards categories and ends on April 13 when the winners will be announced live at the 2022 [New York International Auto Show](#). The vote results have been tabulated by KPMG.

A [jury of 102 distinguished international automotive journalists](#) from 33 countries selected the finalists by secret ballot based on their evaluation of each eligible vehicle as part of their professional work.

“We are proud to partner the World Car Finals for the fourth consecutive year. Brembo and these prestigious Awards aim at inspiring automotive excellence, leadership and innovation. Indeed, it is our vision for ‘Turning Energy into Inspiration’ that has enabled us to deliver technological breakthrough and sustainable solutions such as SENSIFY™, our recently announced intelligent braking system. We feel privileged to play a part in recognizing the world’s most exceptional cars, especially the World Electric Vehicle of the Year Award,” states Daniele Schillaci, CEO of [Brembo](#).

The 2022 **World Car of the Year** (WCOTY) winner will be selected from the following Top Ten finalists chosen from an initial list of 28 contenders:

- Audi Q4 e-tron
- Cupra Formentor
- Ford Mustang Mach-E
- Genesis G70
- Honda Civic
- Hyundai Ioniq 5
- Hyundai Tucson
- Kia EV6
- Lexus NX
- Toyota GR86 / Subaru BRZ

A new highlight of the 2022 awards program is the debut of the **World Electric Vehicle of the Year** award. This new award is intended to recognize, support and celebrate the global transition to electrically-powered vehicles that is now underway and to acknowledge the efforts of automakers around the world in developing these climate-conscious vehicles.

The five finalists in this new award category are:

- Audi e-tron GT
- BMW iX
- Ford Mustang Mach-E
- Hyundai Ioniq 5
- Mercedes-Benz EQS

The 2022 **World Urban Car** will be chosen from these top five finalists:

- Dacia Sandero
- Opel Mokka
- Renault Kiger
- Toyota Yaris Cross
- Volkswagen Taigun

The 2022 **World Luxury Car** class has the following top five finalists:

- Audi Q5 Sportback
- BMW iX
- Genesis GV70
- Mercedes-Benz EQS
- Volvo C40 Recharge

The 2022 **World Performance Car** top five finalists are:

- Audi e-tron GT
- BMW M3/M4
- Porsche 911 GT3
- Toyota GR86 / Subaru BRZ
- Volkswagen Golf GTI/R

All cars competing in these five categories are eligible for the 2022 **World Car Design of the Year** award.

A design panel consisting of six 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: **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, Former Head of Design – Mazda), **Victor Nacif** (USA - Chief Creative Officer, Brojure.com and Design instructor, NewSchool of Architecture and Design) 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:

- Audi e-tron GT
- Ford Mustang Mach-E
- Hyundai Ioniq 5
- Kia EV6
- Mercedes-Benz EQS

The **WORLD CAR FINALS POWERED BY BREMBO** excitement will continue to build on **Tuesday, March 15th, 2022** when the *Top Three in the World* are announced followed by the declaration of the winners in all six categories on **Wednesday, April 13, 2022** live at the New York International Auto Show.

This year marks the 17th year of the World Car Awards partnership with the [New York International](#)

[Auto Show.](#)

“We are proud to be part of the most important automotive awards program on the planet,” said New York Auto Show president, Mark Schienberg. “We are looking forward to coming back this spring and announcing the winners live at the Auto Show in April. While the last two years have been challenging for everyone, car buyers are ready to come out and experience all the amazing new vehicles and technologies the industry has to offer. Congratulations and best of luck to all the finalists!”

The Road to the World Car Awards is an annual journey that follows more than 100+ of our international jurors as they test-drive, and vote on, the eligible vehicles for the 2022 awards. The jurors’ road-test journey is captured virtually on [World Car TV](#). The jurors provide viewers with reviews and commentary on the awards’ eligible vehicles in the six categories listed above.

The World Car Awards program would not be possible without the support of our official partners: [AITASTIC Research & Consult](#), [BREMBO](#), the [NEW YORK International Auto Show](#), [KPMG](#) and [Newspress](#) – our official media partner. Thank you to our partners.

VIDEO – [WORLD CAR TV](#)

VIDEO – [SOCIAL MEDIA](#)

[PHOTOS](#) and [WEB SITE](#)

THE ROAD TO WORLD CAR 2022
Began August 19, 2021

Will end at the New York International Auto Show #RoadtoNYC
April 13, 2022

FOLLOW OUR 100+ INTERNATIONAL JURORS :
World Car TV: [YouTube.com/worldcartv](https://www.youtube.com/worldcartv)
Instagram: #wcoty @theworldcarawards #wca2022 #WorldCarAwards
Twitter: #wcoty @worldcarawards #worldcarawards #wca2022
Facebook: www.facebook.com/WorldCarAwards #worldcarawards #wca2022

For additional information please visit www.worldcarawards.com or contact us at:
info@worldcarawards.com

Media release distributed by [NEWSPRESS](#) – The World Car Awards’ Official Media Partner

ABOUT

World Car Awards

It is the mission of the World Car Awards and its 100+ global jurors to recognize, reward and inspire automotive excellence, leadership and innovation in a rapidly changing automotive industry on a global scale.

To that end we test drive and evaluate new or fully redesigned vehicles that are for sale in multiple markets on more than one continent each year, voting to determine the World Car Design, World Luxury Car, World Performance Car, World Urban Car, World Electric Vehicle and World Car of the Year. Full vehicle eligibility requirements and our annual timeline can be found on our web site.

Now in their 18th year, the annual World Car Awards are the number one awards program in the world for the ninth consecutive

year in terms of media reach and analysis of twenty-five top global markets in Cision Insight's 2021 media report.

The awards were inaugurated in 2003, and officially launched in January 2004, to reflect the reality of the global marketplace.

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

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 2022 Auto Show Dates

Press Preview: April 13, 2022 (credentials required)

Public Sneak Preview: April 15, 2022

Public Show Date: April 15 – 25, 2022

Social Media: Twitter: @NYAutoShow Facebook: nyautoshow Instagram: nyautoshow #nyauto #nyias #RoadtoNYC
