



2023 WORLD CAR FINALS POWERED BY BREMBO

THE COUNTDOWN BEGINS - Top Ten and Top Five Finalists Announced

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The **WORLD CAR FINALS POWERED BY BREMBO** begins today with the announcement of the Top Ten and Top Five finalists in seven World Car Awards categories. The countdown ends on April 5 when the winners will be announced live at the 2023 [New York International Auto Show](#) during an awards ceremony. Today's vote results have been tabulated by [KPMG](#).

A [jury of 100 distinguished international automotive journalists](#) from 32 countries selected the finalists by secret ballot based on their evaluation of each eligible vehicle as part of their professional work.

"We are on the cusp of an intense new era in mobility, in which Brembo is committed to interpreting performance in a new way. The path we have undertaken leads us to develop increasingly innovative and sustainable products, characteristics we share with the World Car Finals. We are proud to partner these prestigious awards for the fifth consecutive year, as they inspire excellence and leadership in the automotive industry." says Daniele Schillaci, CEO.

The 2023 **World Car of the Year** (WCOTY) winner will be selected from the following top ten finalists chosen from an initial list of 30 contenders:

Alfa Romeo Tonale
BMW 2 Series Coupé
BMW X1 / iX1
Honda HR-V (NA) / ZR-V (JP, CH, ASEAN)
Hyundai Ioniq 6
Kia Niro
Mazda CX-60
Mercedes-Benz C
Nissan Ariya
Nissan Z

The top five finalists in the **World Electric Vehicle** category are:

BMW i7
Genesis GV60
Hyundai Ioniq 6
Kia Niro EV
Lucid Air

The 2023 **World Luxury Car** class has the following top five finalists:

BMW 7 Series / i7
Genesis G90
Land Rover Range Rover
Land Rover Range Rover Sport
Lucid Air

The 2023 **World Performance Car** top five finalists are:

BMW M4 CSL
Kia EV6 GT
Nissan Z
Porsche 911 (992) GT3 RS
Toyota GR Corolla

There were three entries only in the 2023 **World Urban Car** class. As such the three candidates automatically become finalists. They are:

Citroen C3
ORA Funky Cat / Haomao
Volkswagen Taigo/Nivus

All vehicles competing in the five categories above are eligible for the 2023 **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 alphabetical order: **Ian Callum** (United Kingdom – Director of Design, CALLUM), **Gert Hildebrand** (Germany – Owner Hildebrand-Design), **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 alphabetical order:

Cadillac Lyriq
Hyundai Ioniq 6
Land Rover Range Rover
Lucid AIR
Nissan Z

The **World Car PERSON of the Year** was created in 2018 to recognize an individual who has made a significant contribution to the global automotive industry during the previous calendar year. That contribution could include a significant impact to their brand or company, or a significant safety, engineering, design or technical advancement of benefit to the industry or to consumers. This year's **top five finalists** represent the very best and most accomplished men and women in the industry, in very personal and different ways. Here they are, in alphabetical order:

Wang Chuanfu, Chairman and President of BYD Co., Ltd

Dr. Stella Clarke, Research Engineer Open Innovations, BMW Group

SangYup Lee, Executive Vice President, Head of Hyundai and Genesis Global Design Center, Hyundai Motor Company (HMC)

Peter Rawlinson, CEO and CTO, Lucid Motors

Naoyuki Sakamoto, Chief Engineer, GR Corolla, GAZOO Racing Company, Toyota Motor Corporation

The **WORLD CAR FINALS POWERED BY BREMBO** excitement will continue to build on **Tuesday, March 7th, 2023** when the *Top Three in the World* are announced followed by the declaration of the winners in all six categories on **Wednesday, April 5, 2023** live at the New York International Auto Show.

This year marks the 18th year of the World Car Awards partnership with the [New York International Auto Show](#).

“We salute this year’s finalists and are pleased to be part of the most important automotive awards program on the planet,” said New York Auto Show president, Mark Schienberg. “For nearly two decades the partnership between World Car and the New York Auto Show has recognized the very best the auto industry has to offer. We’re looking forward to once again co-hosting the awards ceremony during the opening of the 2023 Show in April. Congratulations and best of luck to all the finalists!”

The Road to the World Car Awards is an annual journey that follows 100 of our international jurors as they test-drive, and vote on, the eligible vehicles for the 2023 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.

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Began September 6, 2022

Will end at the New York International Auto Show #RoadtoNYC
April 5, 2023

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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 [website](#).

Now in their 19th year, the annual World Car Awards are the number one awards program in the world for the tenth consecutive year in terms of media reach and analysis of forty-seven top global markets.

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

The New York International Automobile Show, North America's first and largest-attended auto show, is an amazing combination of new ideas, technological innovation, and nearly 1,000 of the latest new cars and trucks on display. The Show is owned and produced by the Greater New York Automobile Dealers Association each spring in Manhattan.

2023 Auto Show Dates

Press Preview: April 5-6, 2023 (credentials required)

Public Show Date: April 7 – 16, 2023

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