



2025 WORLD CAR FINALS POWERED BY BREMBO

THE COUNTDOWN CONTINUES – NOW THERE ARE THREE

TOP THREE IN THE WORLD FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

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The **WORLD CAR FINALS POWERED BY BREMBO** continues today with the announcement of the ***Top Three in the World*** finalists in six World Car Awards categories. The countdown ends on April 16 when the winners will be announced live at the 2025 New York International Auto Show during an awards ceremony that is part of the show's opening media breakfast.

Today's vote results have been tabulated by KPMG. A [jury of 96 distinguished international automotive journalists](#) from 30 countries selected the *Top Three in the World* finalists by secret ballot based on their evaluation of each eligible vehicle as part of their on-going professional work.

"We are honored to celebrate the finalists of the prestigious World Car of The Year Awards," says **Daniele Schillaci, Brembo's Chief Executive Officer**. "These awards recognise the best cars in the world, setting new benchmarks in technology, performance and design. Your outstanding achievements exemplify the pursuit of excellence that drives the entire automotive industry forward. At Brembo, we are proud to support an accolade that honours such innovation, and we extend our best wishes to all participants as we eagerly anticipate the winner's announcement."

The ***Top Three in the World*** finalists for each category are:

World Car of the Year

- BMW X3
- Hyundai Inster / Casper Electric
- Kia EV3

World Electric Vehicle

- Hyundai Inster / Casper Electric
- Kia EV3
- Porsche Macan Electric

World Luxury Car

- Porsche Macan
- Porsche Panamera
- Volvo EX90

World Performance Car

- BMW M5
- Porsche 911 Carrera GTS
- Porsche Taycan Turbo GT

World Urban Car

- BYD Seagull / Dolphin Mini
- Hyundai Inster / Casper Electric
- Mini Cooper Electric

World Car Design

- Kia EV3
- Toyota Land Cruiser / Land Cruiser 250
- Volkswagen ID. Buzz

A design panel consisting of five highly respected global design experts was asked to first review each candidate and establish a short-list of recommendations for the jurors' final vote. The design experts were, in alphabetical order: **Anja Bracht** (Germany - Pforzheim University), **Gert Hildebrand** (Germany - Owner Hildebrand-Design), **Tom Matano** (USA - Academy of Art University, Former Head of Design – Mazda), **Victor Nacif** (USA - Chief Creative Officer, Brojure.com and Design instructor, New School of Architecture and Design) and **Shiro Nakamura** (Japan - CEO, Shiro Nakamura Design Associates Inc.)

World Car Award winners will be announced live at the New York International Auto Show on **Wednesday, April 16, 2023**. 2025 marks the 20th year of the World Car Awards' partnership with the **New York International Auto Show**.

Mark Schienberg, president of NYIAS said, "As the New York Auto Show marks an incredible 125 years, we're thrilled to kick off the celebration with one of the industry's most prestigious honours – the World Car Awards! Winning this award, judged by 96 of the world's top automotive journalists, is a true triumph and the perfect way to launch North America's first and most-attended auto show. A huge congratulations to the World Car team for over two decades of excellence, and best of luck to this year's outstanding finalists!"

The Road to the World Car Awards is an annual journey that follows our international jurors as they test-drive, and vote on, the eligible vehicles for the awards' season. 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](#). Thank you to our partners.

THE ROAD TO WORLD CAR 2025
Began September 30, 2024
Will end at the New York International Auto Show
Wednesday, April 16, 2025

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World Car Awards

It is the mission of the World Car Awards and its 96 global journalists on the jury panel to recognise, 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 21st year, the annual World Car Awards are the number one awards program in the world for the 12th consecutive year in terms of media reach and analysis of the 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.

2025 Auto Show Dates

Press Preview: April 16 and 17, 2025 (credentials required)

Public Show Date: April 18 – April 27, 2025

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