



2025 WORLD CAR FINALS POWERED BY BREMBO

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BYD SEAGULL / DOLPHIN MINI – 2025 WORLD URBAN CAR

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THE ROAD TO WORLD CAR 2025 and the **WORLD CAR FINALS POWERED BY BREMBO** concluded today with the live announcement of the winners in six award categories at the [New York International Auto Show](#).

The **BYD SEAGULL / DOLPHIN MINI** is the **2025 World Urban Car**.

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.

Previously, the BYD DOLPHIN was a *Top Three in the World* finalist last year also in the World Urban Car category while the BYD SEAL was a *Top Three in the World* finalist in the overall World Car of the Year class.

Stella Li, Executive Vice President of BYD, commented: "We are incredibly proud and honored that the BYD SEAGULL/DOLPHIN MINI has been recognized as the World Urban Car in the prestigious World Car Awards 2025. This achievement reflects our commitment to providing sustainable technologies and exceptional service to customers worldwide. At BYD, we are dedicated to accelerating green mobility and contributing to the global effort to cool the Earth by 1°C."

The **BYD SEAGULL / DOLPHIN MINI** was chosen from an initial entry list of twelve (12) vehicles from all over the world then a short list of three finalists as announced on March 18, 2025. The 2025 **Top Three in the World finalists** are the BYD SEAGULL / DOLPHIN MINI, the HYUNDAI INSTER / CASPER ELECTRIC and the MINI COOPER ELECTRIC.

Vehicles eligible for World Urban Car must be produced in volumes of at least 5,000 units/year and must be "on-sale" in at least two major markets (China, Europe, India, Japan, Korea, Latin America, USA) on at least two separate continents within the period January 1, 2024 and March 30, 2025.

Vehicles must be a maximum of 4.25 meters in overall length and be approved for operation on public roads.

For a complete list of previous winners in all categories, please visit our [web site](#).

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 congratulations to this year's outstanding winners!"

"We are honoured to celebrate the winners of the prestigious World Car of The Year Awards," said **Daniele Schillaci, Brembo's Chief Executive Officer.** "These awards recognize 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 of the winners announced today."

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 20th Anniversary Partners: [AITASTIC Research & Consult](#), [BREMBO](#), the [NEW YORK International Auto Show](#), [KPMG](#) and [Newspress](#). Thank you to our partners.

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THE ROAD TO WORLD CAR 2025

Began September 30, 2025

Will end at the New York International Auto Show

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ABOUT

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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