



## WORLD CAR AWARDS

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### 2021 WORLD CAR AWARDS

### AND NOW THERE IS ONE.....

### VOLKSWAGEN ID.4 – 2021 WORLD CAR OF THE YEAR

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The World Car Awards recognizes the widespread impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and extends our support and recognition of the industry for rising to the many challenges it has faced. For our part, we have limited the reveal of the 2021 World Car Awards winners to an announcement via digital media, on World Car TV (YouTube- [YouTube.com/worldcartv](https://www.youtube.com/worldcartv)).

*The Road to the 2021 World Car Awards* journey concluded today with the declaration of the **VOLKSWAGEN ID.4** as the **2021 World Car of the Year** as voted by our 93 distinguished international journalists from 28 countries that make up the World Car Awards jury panel. The votes were tabulated by KPMG.

This is the fifth World Car of the Year (WCOTY) win for Volkswagen AG. Previous WCOTY wins were as follows:

2013 World Car of the Year - Volkswagen Golf  
2012 World Car of the Year - Volkswagen UP!  
2010 World Car of the Year - Volkswagen Polo  
2009 World Car of the Year - Volkswagen Golf VI

Ralf Brandstätter, CEO Volkswagen Cars: *“We are particularly pleased about our ID.4 being named “World Car of the Year”. Not only because it is one of the most important car awards in the world - but because the jury also honored a great idea and a great team. The first ID. Model for the key markets of Europe, China and the U.S. carries our electric offensive around the world. A convincing car, a great idea - and the “World Car of the Year” award? That goes well together for us!”*

This year’s winner was chosen from an initial entry list of 24 vehicles from all over the world, then a short list of three finalists as announced on March 30, 2021. The *Top Three in the World* finalists for 2021 are the Honda e, the Toyota Yaris and the Volkswagen ID.4.

Vehicles eligible for the World Car of the Year award must be produced in volumes of at least 10,000 units/year, must be priced below the luxury-car level in their primary markets, and must be “on-sale” in at least two major markets, on at least two separate continents, between May 1, 2020 and May 1, 2021.

For a complete list of previous World Car of the Year winners, please visit our web site: [worldcarawards.com](http://worldcarawards.com).

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**VIDEO - WINNERS:** [YouTube.com/worldcartv](https://www.youtube.com/worldcartv)

**PHOTOS:** [www.worldcarawards.com](http://www.worldcarawards.com) > Eligible Vehicles

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Part of the World Car Awards program is a look into the future. The **Global Trends Repot** is produced bi-annually and co-presented by **Cision Insights** and **BREMBO** –the world leader and acknowledged innovator of brake technology for automotive vehicles. Each report focuses on the emerging and future trends that are transforming the industry right now. The most recent report can be found on World Car TV later this month: [YouTube.com/worldcartv](https://www.youtube.com/worldcartv)

“We are proud to be a partner to the prestigious World Car Awards for the third consecutive year. Our new company vision, “Turning Energy into Inspiration” perfectly matches the values of the international jurors and association. Inspiration, leadership and innovation is in all of our DNA,” states Daniele Schillaci, CEO of Brembo.

The 2022 awards season and the 18<sup>th</sup> edition of the *Road to the World Car Awards* journey will officially begin at the **New York International Auto Show** on August 19, 2021 in the newly renovated Jacob Javits Center in New York City. A new highlight of the 2022 awards program will be 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 the efforts of automakers around the world in developing these climate-conscious vehicles.

“There has never been a better time to highlight and celebrate the world's best electric vehicles. We are thrilled to once again be part of this year’s World Car Awards and are excited about adding this new award to the program. With the importance of EVs and growing consumer interest, the need for trusted sources for consumers to turn to is paramount, and like the New York Auto Show, the industry’s top journalists that make up the World Car Awards are a trusted resource for buyers as they research their next new vehicle.” said Auto Show president, Mark Schienberg. 2021 marks the 16th year of the World Car Awards’ partnership with the New York International Auto Show.

**The Road to the World Car Awards** is an annual journey that follows more than 90 of 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**: [YouTube.com/worldcartv](https://www.youtube.com/worldcartv) The jurors provide viewers with reviews and commentary on the awards’ eligible vehicles in five categories: World Car of the Year, World Luxury Car, World Performance Car, World Urban Car and World Car Design of the Year.

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

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**THE ROAD TO THE 2021 WORLD CAR AWARDS**  
*Began August 26, 2020*

*Ended today with the winners' announcement - April 20, 2021*

**THE ROAD TO THE 2022 WORLD CAR AWARDS**  
Will begin August 19, 2021  
At the New York International Auto Show #RoadtoNYC

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## **ABOUT**

### **World Car Awards**

*The World Car Awards and its 90+ global jurors are missioned with recognizing and rewarding automotive excellence on a global scale. We test drive and evaluate all new or fully redesigned vehicles that are for sale on more than one continent from May to May each year, voting to determine the World Car Design, World Luxury Car, World Performance Car, World Urban Car and World Car of the Year.*

*Now in their 17th year, the annual World Car Awards are the number one awards program in the world for the eighth (8th) consecutive year based on Cision Insight's 2020 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.*

### **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 2021 Auto Show Dates**

*Press Preview: August 19, 2021 (credentials required)*

*Public Sneak Preview: August 20, 2021*

*Public Show Date: August 20 – 29, 2021*

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

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