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WELCOME

Once again, we've a packed launch guide bristling with details of the latest models (and manufacturers) that are set to make their mark on the UK fleet sector in 2025.

Following the Government's confirmation that the 2030 ban on the sale of new petrol and diesel cars will go ahead, it's no surprise that plenty of the cars detailed are electric.

And the electric vehicle (EV) space is evolving at rapid pace. While in previous years we've seen a focus on larger and more premium models, 2025 is the year for compact EVs.

The headline model is Renault's retro-styled 5. This eye-catching hatchback has been hotly-anticipated since it was revealed in concept form and the production car looks almost identical. With a starting price of £22,995, and a range of up to 248 miles, it sets a new benchmark in the compact segment where affordable electric models are sorely needed.

Chinese manufacturers continue to arrive thick and fast. Stellantis-backed Leapmotor is one such brand with grand plans for the UK market. Its entry-level T03 will be one of the cheapest EVs on sale in 2025, costing just £15,995.

We'll also welcome the first of a new family of compact electric models from the VW Group. The Cupra Raval will lead the charge, followed by the VW ID 2.

That's not all, though. Even more models will pour into the compact SUV space this year. Vauxhall has revived the Frontera name for its candidate, which is also the first EV to offer true price parity with its petrol-powered counterpart.

There is also an electric version of the Ford Puma, the UK's best-selling car in 2024.

Manufacturers cannot rest on their laurels, however. With many only just scraping through the ZEV Mandate threshold, the pressure is on to entice drivers with affordable electric options in greater volumes this year.

While the true fleet market is the biggest driver of EV registrations, by a considerable margin, only 38% of company car drivers, in 2024, opted for one.



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Alpine

A290

Alpine will break away from being a one-model brand this year as it introduces two new electric cars. The A290 will be the first to arrive. It's an electric hot hatch based on the new Renault 5.

The car has a 52kWh battery, giving a range of up to 236 miles. There are two power outputs available – 180PS and 220PS. The most potent model can accelerate from 0-62mph in 6.2 seconds.

With a weight of less than 1.5 tonnes, the A290 is set up for a sporty drive.

This is enhanced by Alpine's calibration of the car's suspension, steering and brakes.

The sporty demeanour is paired with a practical side. The boot has a volume of 326 litres, a heat pump is fitted as standard and the A290 supports 100kW rapid charging.



A390

The A390 has only been seen in concept form, so far, but will launch as a mid-size coupé-SUV to rival the Polestar 4. It's expected to debut before the end of the year.

Alpine says the concept vehicle is 85% true to the future production model.

It will enter the premium segment with a focus on "lightness and dynamism".

Under the skin, the A390 shares a platform with the Nissan Ariya.





A6 E-TRON

The Audi A6 is becoming all-electric and will have a range of up to 463 miles when it arrives in the UK early this year.

Two versions of the A6 e-tron will be available from launch – the A6 e-tron Performance and the S6 e-tron.

Prices start at £69,900 for the fastback body. An estate is also available, costing from £71,700.

Additional models with rear-wheel drive and Quattro all-wheel drive will follow.

The initial variants are all equipped with a 100kWh battery.

Using 800-volt technology and a maximum DC charging capacity of 270kW, the A6 e-tron can be recharged at an appropriate charging station for a range of up to 192 miles in just 10 minutes.

The interior features a MMI (multi-media interface) panoramic display, with a curved design and OLED (organic light-emitting diode) technology. This consists of the 11.9-inch Audi virtual cockpit and the 14.5-inch MMI touch display. There is also a 10.9-inch MMI front passenger display.

A5 AND Q5 PHEVs

Audi introduced all-new versions of the A5 and Q5 last year as part of a realignment of its model range. In future, models with odd numbers will be powered by internal combustion engines, while those with even numbers will be electric.

The A5 replaces the current A4, offering petrol and diesel power. Similarly, the Q5 sits as an alternative to the electric Q6.

In 2025, Audi will add new plug-in hybrid powertrains to these models. The brand is yet to share any details, but expect long zero-emission ranges and super-efficient engines.





Neue Klasse X

There is no electric version of the new BMW X3, and for good reason. BMW is on the brink of introducing a whole new line-up of cars, designed to be electric from the ground up.

The Neue Klasse models will come thick and fast over the next few years, but the first model – known simply as Neue Klasse X – will, effectively, be a replacement for the iX3.

BMW hasn't shared much information about the model, yet, but it has a radical new look, completely refreshed interior architecture and a new iDrive system.

A key highlight is BMW Panoramic Vision, which is a new type of head-up display. It projects information onto a black panel at the base of the windscreen that spans width of the dashboard.

The powertrain is all-new, too, and is said to be 25% more efficient than BMW's existing technology, providing a 30% increase in driving range.

Citroën

C3 AIRCROSS

Citroën has enlarged its C3 Aircross compact SUV so it is now aligned more closely with cars in the segment above.

The C3 Aircross shares a number of design cues and interior architecture with the recently launched C3, but offers a lot more space and practicality.

Highlights include Citroën's new head-up display, which places the conventional instrument cluster display at the base of the windscreen. There's also a 10.25-inch central infotainment touchscreen along with Citroën's Advanced Comfort suspension and seats.

The electric e-C3 Aircross is powered by a 113PS motor and uses a 44kWh battery. The car has a range of up to 186 miles and supports 100kW rapid charging, for a 20%-80% top up in 26 minutes.

A second version with a range of more than 250 miles will be available later in the year.



C4

Citroën has facelifted its C4, e-C4, C4 X and e-C4 X ranges.

The updated cars feature a number of specification and technical changes, including a new hybrid petrol engine. Prices for the electric e-C4 have been cut by more than £5,600.



ATTO 2

BYD's new compact SUV will go on sale in July. It will rival the Jeep Avenger, Hyundai Kona and Vauxhall Frontera.

The Atto 2 features a Blade Battery and, for the first time in a compact BYD model, it uses CTB (cell-to-body) construction which integrates the battery completely into the chassis, with the top cover

of the pack doubling as the floor for the passenger compartment. The floor is completely flat giving occupants increased space.

Practicality is enhanced by a 400-litre boot.

A single drive motor, producing 177PS, powers the front wheels.

Initially, a 45.1kWh unit will be offered, giving a range of 193 miles. BYD says a larger battery option will be added later.

The car is predicted to have a starting price of £30,000.



SEAGULL

BYD is expected to introduce its smallest electric car, the Seagull, to the UK this year.

Entering the sub-compact segment, alongside the Citroën e-C3 and Dacia Spring, the Seagull will be the brand's most affordable model.

In China, the Seagull is offered with a 75PS motor and a choice of 30kWh or 38kWh battery packs.

It has a range of up to 250 miles and costs the equivalent of £8,000.

SEALION 7

The BYD Sealion 7 will launch early this year, priced from £44,990.

As a mid-size electric SUV, it will compete with the Tesla Model Y and VW ID4.

The Sealion 7 is available with two battery capacities and three configurations to balance performance and range.

The Comfort and Design trims come with an 82.5kWh battery, offering up to 300 miles (WLTP) range on RWD models and 283 miles on AWD. The top-spec Excellence AWD trim has a 91.3kWh battery, achieving the longest range in the line-up at 312 miles.

The single motor RWD has a power output of 317PS, while a dual motor AWD model has 530PS. The latter can accelerate from 0-62mph in 4.5 seconds.

All versions offer 11kW AC charging and up to 150kW DC fast charging. The range-topping Excellence trim features 230kW DC charging. A heat pump is fitted as standard to all models, helping to maximise range, particularly in cold conditions.



Cupra

RAVAL

Cupra's compact electric hatchback will go on sale this year as part of the brand's ongoing range expansion.

The Raval will be the first model to use the VW Group's new MEB Entry platform and will slot in beneath the existing Cupra Born.

Styling is expected to remain true to the Urban Rebel concept car (pictured) and incorporates flush-fitting door handles and Cupra's distinctive lighting signature.

The front-wheel drive Raval is likely to offer 38kWh and 56kWh battery options, giving a maximum range of around 250 miles.



TERRAMAR

Cupra started taking orders for its all-new Terramar SUV in late 2024, with the first examples expected in the opening quarter of the year.

It competes in the mid-size SUV segment as a rival to cars such as the Ford Kuga, Kia Sportage and VW Tiguan. The Terramar takes a sportier, performance-focused approach.

Prices start from £37,605.

Among the range of powertrains on offer, the Terramar features a plug-in hybrid (PHEV) with a zero-emission range of 76 miles – placing it in the 5% benefit-in-kind (BIK) tax band.

The car follows Cupra's latest design language, with a "shark-nose" front end and distinctive LED headlamps.

Inside, the cockpit is angled towards the driver and features a 12.9-inch central touchscreen that runs newly-designed software.



Dacia

BIGSTER

Dacia will expand into new segments this year with the introduction of the Bigster. It's the brand's largest model to date, joining the C-SUV segment as a rival to the Nissan Qashqai and Kia Sportage.

Based on the 2021 Bigster Concept, the new car has a bold, rugged appearance.

It's available for £24,995, with a choice of three trim levels and a trio of powertrains. Dacia claims it delivers best value for money in the segment.

The flagship model will use a 155PS hybrid engine based on Dacia's existing hybrid powertrain. In the Bigster it is the most efficient powertrain option, emitting 105g/km of CO₂ and returning 60mpg.

The TCe mild-hybrid petrol is the cheapest engine option. It emits 122g/km and achieves 51.4mpg. A 130PS petrol unit with all-wheel drive is also offered. CO₂ emissions are 134g/km, with fuel economy of 46.3mpg.

The boxy design benefits practicality, with Dacia claiming the Bigster to be "one of the most spacious" vehicles in its segment. It has a 40:20:40 split folding rear seat and a 667-litre boot.



DS

DS N°8

Marking the start of a new era, the DS N°8 is the first of the brand's designs to be exclusively 100% electric. It represents DS's intention to elevate itself into the luxury segment and features a bespoke, quality interior and advanced technology such as DS Active Scan Suspension and night vision.

Based on the DS Aero Concept, the N°8 is a large crossover built on the

Stellantis STLA Medium platform. It will be available with a 97kWh battery, giving a range of 466 miles. The flagship model has a twin motor powertrain with 350PS.

New versions of the DS 4 and DS 7 will be launched with a similar design to the N°8 and these will also adopt the brand's new naming strategy – being known as the N°4 and N°7, respectively.



Fiat

GRANDE PANDA

The Fiat Panda will return in 2025 as a rugged five-door compact SUV. It features retro-styling and will be available with electric and hybrid powertrains.

Fiat says the Grande Panda is the "literal clone" of the first Panda, making it a new B segment vehicle which is both affordable and family-friendly. The Grande Panda is expected to be priced at

sub-£22,000 for the fully electric version and less than £20,000 for the hybrid.

The Grande Panda has a small footprint at minus 4m in length, but promises a roomy interior. Thanks to clever packaging, there's enough space for five adults and a 361-litre boot.

With a 44kWh battery, the electric Grande Panda offers more than 195 miles of range. It also features a unique integrated charging cable.



Ford

PUMA GEN-E

Ford has added an electric powertrain option to the Puma, its best-selling model.

Competing in the electric compact SUV segment, the new Puma variant will rival the Hyundai Kona and Jeep Avenger.

The Puma Gen-E is priced from £29,995 and promises a 234-mile range. The first cars are expected to arrive in the UK this spring.

A 43kWh battery has been integrated into the car's modified platform. It is paired with a 168PS electric motor that drives the front wheels.

Ford quotes a 10%-to-80% recharge time of 23 minutes, with a peak charging rate of 100kW.

Acceleration from 0-60mph takes eight seconds and the Puma Gen-E has a top speed of 100mph.

Despite the modified platform and new powertrain, Ford has managed to increase the Puma's luggage capacity. The boot has a maximum volume of 574 litres and there's an additional 43-litre storage space under the bonnet.

Exterior styling changes are limited to a revised spoiler, new front bumper and alloy wheel design. On the inside, the Puma Gen-E has a redesigned centre console with more storage space.

500 IBRIDA

Slow sales of the electric 500e have prompted Fiat to develop a petrol hybrid version of the popular city car. The 500 Ibrida is set to launch in November. It's expected to use the 1.2-litre hybrid engine that's featured in other Stellantis models, such as the Vauxhall Corsa.



GWM Ora

07

The Ora 07 is set to enter the executive saloon segment in 2025, competing with cars such as the BMW i4, Hyundai Ioniq 6 and Tesla Model 3. It has a sleek appearance, with a coupé-like roofline and a boot rather than a hatchback. The interior looks to be well appointed and styled to compete with luxury models.

Ora says pricing for the 07 will be “competitive”, but it is yet to publish the figures.

The vehicle will have an electric range of around 300 miles (WLTP) and offers two-wheel drive and all-wheel drive powertrain options. In China, where it's already on sale as the 'Lightning Cat', it uses an 82kWh battery.

The performance-focused model will have 400PS with 680Nm of torque, resulting in a 0-62mph time of 4.4 seconds.



HAVAL JOLIAN PRO

GWM UK will launch its new Haval Jolian Pro SUV in February, priced from £23,995. When it arrives in the UK, the car will be offered with a petrol-hybrid powertrain. It will rival the MG ZS and Nissan Qashqai.

The 1.5-litre petrol engine, paired with an electric motor, provides a combined power output of 189PS. CO₂ emissions and fuel economy data is yet to be published, but GWM says the car will have a driving range of up to 620 miles.

Measuring 4,470mm in length, 1,898mm in width and 1,625mm in height, the Haval Jolian Pro is one of the larger SUVs in its segment.



Hyundai

INSTER

The Inster is Hyundai's smallest and cheapest electric car to date, costing from £23,495.

It will compete with the Citroën e-C3 and Vauxhall Frontera, although the Inster is designed for a more premium look and feel.

Two powertrain options are offered. The base car has a 42kWh battery and a 95PS motor, providing a 203-mile range.

A Long Range variant, with a 49kWh battery and a more powerful 115PS motor, promises a 229-mile range.

There will also be an Inster Cross, which will have a more rugged appearance with chunky plastic cladding, larger wheels and a roof rack.



IONIQ 9

In contrast to the compact Inster, Hyundai is also expanding its Ioniq range with the introduction of a new three-row SUV.

The Ioniq 9 will be the carmaker's largest electric model to date and utilises its E-GMP modular platform.

It's powered by a 113kWh battery, which gives an estimated range of 385 miles.

There will be rear-wheel drive and all-wheel drive powertrain options, including a flagship Performance variant.

The Ioniq 9's body has been sculpted to optimise aerodynamic efficiency, while aluminium panels are used to reduce weight.

On the inside, the interior can be specified in a six- or seven-seat configuration. It features a sliding centre console, which facilitates a walk-through cabin.

The car is expected to launch in late 2025.



Jaecoo

7

Chery Automotive will launch the Jaecoo brand in the UK this year. Its debut model will be the 7, which is billed as luxury-focused.

Jaecoo says the 7 combines "impressive" off-road ability, performance and efficiency with a "stylish" exterior design and a "tech-rich" interior. To meet the duality of its urban and off-road brief, the car is available in both front- and four-wheel drive configurations.

Priced from £29,435, the Jaecoo 7 is offered with a petrol or plug-in hybrid (PHEV) powertrain. For fleet and business customers the PHEV model is expected to have the largest appeal. Available with front-wheel drive only, it features an 18.3kWh battery that provides an all-electric range of 56 miles and combines with the petrol engine to produce 204PS.

With a 60-litre fuel tank, Jaecoo says the 7 PHEV has an "exceptional" range of 745 miles and a combined (WLTP) fuel economy figure of 403mpg, or 47mpg with a depleted battery.



Jeep

COMPASS

The next Jeep Compass is yet to be officially unveiled, but it will launch this year, underpinned by the Stellantis STLA Medium platform.

Like its Peugeot 3008 and Vauxhall Grandland stablemates, the

Compass will come with hybrid, plug-in hybrid and electric powertrains.

The car's design is expected to retain plenty of traditional Jeep styling cues, such as squared-off wheel arches and the brand's signature slatted front grille.

It will also feature all-wheel drive and have extensive off-road capabilities.





JAGUAR ELECTRIC SALOON

Jaguar has revealed the first images that hint at its new brand direction with its Type 00 electric concept car.

The brand made the dramatic decision to scrap production of its entire line-up to relaunch as an all-electric luxury car manufacturer in 2026.

Jaguar's rebrand has certainly caught the eye and has seen its new logo, font and design approach splitting opinion.

The "Miami Pink" Type 00 (pronounced zero, zero) hints at a new range of future Jaguar electric vehicles and the model made its public debut at Miami Art Week.

The first of Jaguar's next generation models will be a four-door GT to be revealed in late 2025.

The new model will be built in the UK and will target a range up to 478 miles (WLTP) on a single charge and adding up to 200 miles of range in as little as 15 minutes with rapid charging.



RANGE ROVER ELECTRIC

Extensive on-road testing of the new Range Rover Electric is already underway, but JLR has kept details about the model a closely guarded secret. It's expected to use advanced technology to deliver class-leading performance and range, as well as having ultra-rapid charging speeds.



EV5

Following the introduction of the EV3, Kia will continue to expand its electric car line-up with the new EV5. It will enter the market as an electric equivalent to the Kia Sportage, competing with cars such as the Ford Explorer and VW ID4.

The EV5's "lounge-inspired" interior has a minimalist design that maximises interior space.

Like the EV3 and EV9, there's little switchgear as most functions are controlled via the central touchscreen.

Kia will offer the EV5 with single- and dual-motor powertrains. Battery choices of 58kWh and 81kWh are expected, although exact specifications are yet to be confirmed.



Leapmotor

C10

Leapmotor International, the joint venture between Stellantis and Chinese manufacturer Leapmotor, will launch three cars this year, including a mid-size SUV.

The C10 has a 218PS motor and a 69.9kWh battery, giving up to 262 miles of range. It has been developed using cell-to-chassis technology, which integrates the battery cells into the vehicle's structure.

The C10 interior is dominated by a large central touchscreen and has no physical switchgear. There is 435 litres of boot capacity and 26 storage compartments throughout the cabin.

Prices start from £36,500. Initially, the car will be offered in a single trim level with a high specification.

Alongside the pure electric version, Leapmotor will also offer the C10 REEV with a range extender. Using a 1.5-litre petrol engine and a 28.4 kWh battery, the car has an electric range of 90 miles, while the total combined range exceeds 590 miles.

Leapmotor says the REEV powertrain is a key component of its strategy to expand its presence in the European market and the vehicle's innovative technology and competitive pricing make it an attractive option for consumers looking for a flexible and efficient hybrid solution.



B10

The new B10 will sit beneath the Leapmotor C10 as a competitor in the compact electric SUV segment. Key rivals will include the Hyundai Kona and Kia EV3.

It's expected to cost around £30,000, when it goes on sale later this year. The powertrain is likely to be shared with the C10 – so expect a 69.9kWh battery and a 215PS motor.

Leapmotor claims the car will appeal to a younger customer base by offering "superior performance and smart connectivity".



T03

At £15,995, the Leapmotor T03 will be one of the cheapest new cars on sale in 2025. The compact electric hatch is set to compete with the Dacia Spring as a budget-friendly city car.

It uses a 37.3kWh battery, giving a range of 165 miles. The electric motor produces 95PS.

The T03 is compatible with Type 2 and CCS2 charging connectors and includes an on board charger of 6.6kW and a maximum DC charging power of 48kW.

The home charging time from 30%-to-80% is around 3.5 hours, while using a DC charging station for the same time requires just 36 minutes.

Standard equipment includes a panoramic sunroof with an electric sunshade, a rear camera with parking sensors, adaptive cruise control, blind spot monitor and climate control. There is also 15-inch alloy wheels, an eight-inch LCD instrument cluster and a 10.1-inch central touchscreen.



Mercedes-Benz



CLA

Mercedes-Benz is gearing up to launch the next-generation CLA with an all-new electric powertrain that provides a range of up to 466 miles.

The production CLA won't break cover until March, but the Concept CLA utilises the new MMA (Mercedes Modular Architecture) that will underpin a whole family of new models.

The Concept CLA has a 238PS electric motor, with a two-speed transmission. It's powered by a new type of battery, which is lighter and smaller than existing units.

By implementing an 800v electrical system, Mercedes says the

Concept CLA can add 248 miles of range in just 15 minutes at a suitable (250kW) rapid charger.

The highly-efficient powertrain and aerodynamic body enable the car to achieve 5.2mi/kWh efficiency while driving.

Externally, the Concept CLA shares a familiar silhouette with the current CLA model. It's styling is enhanced with wrap-around LED lighting, 21-inch wheels and one-piece glass roof that integrates with the rear windscreen.

The interior is familiar with the existing CLA too, but incorporates a Mercedes Superscreen layout that stretches the infotainment screen and instrument cluster across the entire dashboard.

MG



ZS ELECTRIC

When the refreshed MG ZS launched in 2024 an electric variant was notably absent. That's because MG has an all-new electric compact SUV coming this year.

It's based on the same bespoke electric vehicle platform as the MG4, allowing for better packaging and larger battery options.

The new ZS EV is expected to be given a different name and some styling tweaks. In China, the car is already on sale and known as the MG ES5 (pictured).

MG is targeting a starting price of less than £30,000 for the new model when it arrives on British roads.

Mobilize



DUO

Renault's new urban mobility brand – Mobilize – is bringing a new electric quadricycle to market. The Mobilize Duo comes in a couple of versions – Duo 45 and Duo 80. The 45 is limited to 28mph and can be driven without a full driving licence. The 80 can reach 50mph.

A 10kWh battery provides a driving range of up to 100 miles and recharging from 20%-to-80% takes around 3.5 hours.

Available features include air conditioning, a heated driver's seat, Bluetooth speaker system and rear parking sensors.

Mobilize says considerable efforts have been made to limit the number of parts required by a Duo in order to cut the cost of production and repair during its service life. The front and rear bumpers are identical, as are the rocker panels, which can be fitted on either the right or left. Overall, it uses five times fewer parts when compared with a conventional car.

The interior is designed to be washed down and features waterproof fabric and a drain plug in the floor. The doors open upwards, rather than outwards, to aid entry and exit in tight urban parking scenarios.

UK pricing is yet to be announced, but, for example, in France the Duo is available for £7,600.

Nissan

LEAF

Nissan was ahead of the pack when it introduced the Leaf as an affordable family hatchback more than a decade ago.

However, after two generations the car failed to keep pace with its competitors and was laid to rest last year.

An all-new Leaf is due in 2025 and it has transformed into a compact SUV. Inspired by the Nissan Chill-Out concept (pictured), the new Leaf will be a natural competitor for the Ford Capri and Polestar 2.

The car will utilise the same platform as the Nissan Ariya and will be powered by Nissan's own motor and battery technology rather than using tech shared with Renault.



V O L V O

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Fuel economy and CO₂ results for the Volvo EX90: Mpg (l 100km): Not applicable, CO₂ emissions: 0 g/km, electric range 375.3 miles.

These figures were obtained after the battery had been fully charged. The Volvo EX90 is a battery electric vehicle requiring mains electricity for charging. The electric range shown was achieved using the new (WLTP) test procedure. Figures shown are for comparability purposes. Only compare fuel consumption, CO₂ and electric range figures with other cars tested to the same technical procedures. These figures may not reflect real life driving results, which will depend upon a number of factors including the starting charge of the battery, accessories fitted (post-registration), variations in weather, driving styles and vehicle load.

Renault

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The retro-styled Renault 4 joins the recently unveiled 5 E-Tech as part of a new line-up of reinvented Renaults. Both models use the same AmpR Small platform, although the 4 is the larger of the two.

The Renault 4 E-Tech can be specified with two powertrains. The first uses a 40kWh battery and a 120PS electric motor, with a range of 186 miles. There is also a 52kWh battery option, with a 150PS motor. This version can travel 250 miles.

A number of design cues are taken from the original Renault 4 and modernised. There's the one-piece front grille, which is illuminated, along with the three-piece rear tail lights.

The 4 E-Tech also comes with a retractable canvas sunroof.

Inside, the 4 E-tech features Renault's fully digital cabin architecture with a large central touchscreen and a second digital instrument cluster, both benefitting from Google-based software and services.

The Renault 4 E-Tech is planned to arrive in the UK in the middle of 2025, with specification and prices to be announced earlier this year.



5

It's probably the most hotly anticipated new car of 2025. The Renault 5 combines retro looks with a high-tech new platform. Most impressive is the £22,995 starting price.

Renault 5 E-Tech electric is the first vehicle to be designed entirely on AmpR Small, the new Ampere platform dedicated to B-segment electric vehicles.

It has a light weight of only 1,449kg along with seating for five and a 326-litre boot.

The Urban Range model uses a 40kWh battery and has a 120PS motor, giving a range (WLTP) of 190 miles.

Comfort Range versions have a 52kWh battery and a 150PS motor, providing 248 miles.

Renault says safety features are borrowed from further up the market, including intelligent adaptive cruise control and active driver assist, a level 2 automated driving technology.

There are three trim grades: Evolution, Techno and Iconic. Standard equipment includes a 10.1-inch central infotainment touchscreen, climate control, rear parking sensors, keyless entry and LED headlights.





ELROQ

Škoda is expanding its electric car line-up with the new Elroq compact SUV.

Sitting beneath the existing Enyaq, the Elroq will arrive in the UK early this year.

It's offered with three powertrain options – 50, 60 and 85 – enabling a range of up to 360 miles.

With a similar footprint to the Škoda Kamiq, the Elroq will compete with the Ford Explorer, Hyundai Kona and Kia Niro.

The Elroq showcases a shift in Škoda's design language with a fresh face incorporating a sleeker grille.

The interior is designed to maximise space and utilises a layout similar to the Enyaq. There's a central 13-inch touchscreen along with a small instrument cluster display.

Pricing starts at £31,500 and the first examples are expected to arrive in the UK within the first few months of 2025.



ENYAQ FACELIFT

Updates to the Škoda Enyaq bring a refreshed look, enhanced specification and improved aerodynamics. The powertrain line-up is retained from the existing model. Pricing starts at £39,000.



Smart

#5

The Smart #5 will be the third model in Smart's line-up and its largest car to date.

Entering the mid-size SUV segment, it's expected to offer a more premium and high-tech package than the existing Smart range.

The #5 will be available with a 100kWh battery and a predicted range of around 350 miles. It can charge from 10%-to-80% in 15 minutes, using 800v electrical architecture.

A smaller battery option is also likely to be offered.

The interior features a pair of 13-inch infotainment screens, along with a smaller digital instrument cluster.

Pricing is expected to start at around £35,000.

Suzuki



e VITARA

Suzuki has revealed the e Vitara, its first mass-produced electric vehicle, ahead of the car's launch in spring 2025.

Based on a new bespoke platform, the e Vitara is expected to offer a range of around 250 miles.

There will be a choice of 49kWh and 61kWh battery packs. The larger unit will be available with a dual-motor all-wheel drive system.

A rugged appearance is achieved through the use of black exterior

cladding and boxy styling. On the inside, the e Vitara has a modern, uncluttered dashboard with fewer buttons and a combined central touchscreen and digital instrument cluster.

The car was co-developed by Suzuki, Toyota and Daihatsu. A Toyota-badged version of the e Vitara will launch as the Urban Cruiser.

As it enters a growing pool of compact electric SUVs, the e Vitara will wade into battle with the Kia EV3 and Škoda Elroq.

Suzuki hasn't confirmed pricing for the car, but it is expected to start at around £30,000.

Toyota



URBAN CRUISER

Toyota will expand its electric car offering this year with the all-new Urban Cruiser.

The compact SUV, which shares a platform with the new Suzuki e Vitara, will arrive in the third quarter of 2025.

With dimensions slightly larger than the Yaris Cross, the Urban Cruiser has a spacious and versatile interior.

The rear seats split-fold in a 40:20:40 configuration and can also slide forwards or backwards to provide additional space for luggage or passengers.

In the UK, the Urban Cruiser will be offered with a choice of battery packs (49kWh or 61kWh) and front-wheel drive.

Tesla



MODEL Y

Tesla will start deliveries of the new Model Y in March, following a significant update for the UK's best-selling company car.

The Model Y 'Juniper' features a new-look front end which takes inspiration from Tesla's Cybertruck.

Tesla claims the styling benefits both aerodynamics and safety.

Changes have also been applied to the car's suspension, in order to improve ride quality and refinement. Acoustic glass and additional

soundproofing is said to reduce interior noise levels by 20%.

The dashboard remains minimalist, with all controls integrated into the central touchscreen. For rear seat passengers there is now a second screen between the two front seats.

By reworking every energy-consuming subsystem, Tesla says it has unlocked significant improvements in energy efficiency, resulting in real-world gains for owners without additional costs.

The Long Range AWD powertrain now promises a 353-mile range, up from 313 miles seen with the old car.

Vauxhall

FRONTERA

The Frontera joins Vauxhall's line-up between the Mokka and Grandland with the option of a fully electric powertrain.

In an industry-first, the carmaker has applied the same list price to electric- and petrol-powered models. It costs from £23,495.

The Frontera Electric is based on a new Stellantis platform and uses a 113PS electric motor. With a 44kWh battery, it offers a range of up to 186 miles (WLTP). This year, a Long Range version – capable of up to 248 miles – will join the line-up.

The launch of the new model marks the return of the Frontera name that was originally used on an SUV in the 90s.

The new Frontera will replace the Vauxhall Crossland. It features Vauxhall's signature Visor grille, which integrates with the front headlights. It has a boxy appearance which benefits interior space.

The new model has more than 460 litres of space in the boot – and with the seats folded down, the capacity increases to up to 1,600 litres.



Volkswagen

Tayron

The Tayron will sit between Volkswagen's existing Tiguan and Touareg models and is, effectively, a replacement for the Tiguan Allspace.

It is offered with five or seven seats and pricing starts at £39,850.

The Tayron is based on the brand's MQB Evo platform, as is the new Passat and Tiguan.

Inside, the Tayron features the same interior architecture as the Tiguan with a large central infotainment screen.

A selection of petrol and diesel powertrains will be offered, including two plug-in hybrids.

The Tayron eHybrid will be available with 204PS or 272PS.

Both models will feature a 19.7kWh battery, giving a zero-emission range of at least 62 miles.



ID 2ALL

Volkswagen has unveiled a concept version of its upcoming ID 2all compact electric car, which is due to launch in 2025.

The ID 2all is said to be close to production ready and showcases the styling, technology and powertrain that will feature on the production model.

It is built on VW Group's MEB Entry platform, which is smaller than the one used in cars such as the VW ID 3 and ID 4. The underpinnings will be shared with the forthcoming Cupra Raval, as well as models from other VW Group brands.

A single motor powertrain drives the car's front wheels and develops 226PS, which is enough to accelerate the new hatchback from 0-62mph in less than seven seconds.

The ID 2all's platform can accept two battery sizes – 38kWh and 56kWh. The larger unit is said to provide a range of up to 280 miles and complete a 10%-to-80% charge in around 20 minutes.

Prices for the ID 2all are expected to start at around £22,000. VW says the production version will be packed with technologies from larger ID models, such as Travel Assist and IQ Light LED matrix headlights.

The interior includes a fold-down front passenger seat backrest, which creates additional interior load space.

The luggage compartment has a capacity of 440 litres and features a rectangular stowage box under the floor.



EX90

More than two years after it was revealed, the Volvo EX90 is now ready to go on sale in the UK.

The large flagship electric SUV has seven seats and a range of up to 374 miles.

It launched in range-topping Ultra trim, costing from £96,255.

The powertrain uses a pair of electric motors to deliver 408PS. There is also a Performance variant with 517PS. Both use a 111kWh battery.

Volvo says the standard of safety in the EX90 is higher than any Volvo

car before it, and features the manufacturer's latest sensing technology, inside and out.

Exterior sensors such as cameras, radars and lidar are connected to the car's high-performance core computers.

Inside, sensors gauge eye concentration to understand when the driver is distracted, drowsy or otherwise inattentive, beyond what has been possible in a Volvo car to date. If the driver falls asleep or is taken ill while driving, the EX90 is designed to safely stop and call for help.

The cabin features a 14.5-inch centre screen, with Google built in. It is also compatible with wireless Apple CarPlay.



EX30 CROSS COUNTRY

Volvo will revive its Cross Country nameplate this year when it launches a more rugged version of the EX30.

The fully electric off-roader will be given a number of visual tweaks to set it apart from regular EX30s, while chunkier tyres and raised suspension are also expected to feature.

Volvo hasn't released any technical details about the new model, but it's likely the Cross Country will use the EX30's existing twin motor powertrain and 69kWh battery.



XC90 FACELIFT

We'd initially anticipated that Volvo would retire its XC90 shortly after introducing the electric EC90, but the XC90 has been given a new lease of life and will continue to be sold alongside the newcomer.

The powertrain line-up is carried over from the existing XC90, albeit with updates to improve efficiency. There's a mild hybrid petrol and a plug-in hybrid.

Inside, the XC90 gets a new, larger, infotainment screen with Volvo's latest operating system and integrated Google services.





G6

Chinese car brand Xpeng is planning to launch in the UK market early this year.

International Motors, the group behind GWM Ora, Isuzu and Subaru, will be the official UK distributor for Xpeng vehicles.

The first Xpeng set to be released is the G6, a mid-size coupé SUV. It's available with a 66kWh battery, giving a 270-mile range, or an 87.5kWh battery with a 354-mile range.

A heat pump comes as standard, along with 280kW rapid charging capability.

Prices are yet to be confirmed, but are expected to start at around £40,000.

The SUV will rival the Tesla Model Y. It promises a spacious interior, with a 571-litre boot. It also comes with a five-star Euro NCAP safety rating.



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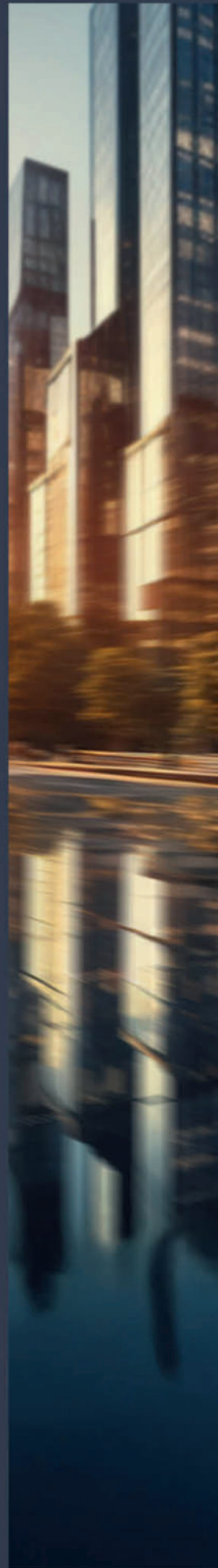


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Farizon

SV

Farizon – part of the Geely Group – has developed the SV for the European market on a bespoke modular electric platform, which, it says, offers benefits in cargo space, range, handling and safety.

It also introduces the first drive-by-wire platform in the global van market, which Farizon claims reduces stopping distances by 10%, increases range by 5% and steering response by 300%.

The van is due to launch in the first quarter of the year, offering an electric

LCV with a combined range of up to 225 miles and a payload of up to 1.3 tonnes.

Three vehicle lengths (L1, L2 and L3) and three heights (H1, H2 and H3) will be available, offering capacity and payload ranges of 6.9cu m-to-13cu m and 1.1 tonnes-to-1.3 tonnes respectively.

Two battery options will be available on the front-wheel drive van at launch – 67kWh and 83kWh – with a larger 106kWh unit to follow.

Flexis

RENAULT ESTAFETTE

Renault Group and Volvo Group have launched Flexis SAS, a new company that will develop and produce electric vans.

An all-new family of LCVs will be introduced and production is planned to start in 2026.

The vehicles will be built on a skateboard platform, designed to offer high modularity for different body types at low cost. A variety of battery options will be available, to balance cost with payload. The vehicles will also utilise an 800v electrical system, to enable rapid charging capability.

The Renault Estafette is expected to be the first model to launch. It has a similar footprint to the current Kangoo, but significantly more height.

The design allows drivers to walk between the cabin and cargo areas.



KGM

0100

The KGM 0100 will be the first all-wheel drive electric pick-up available in the UK, when it launches later this year.

It uses an adapted version of the platform that underpins the KGM Torres EVX passenger car.

The 0100 borrows its electric motors and battery from BYD. It will have a battery capacity of 80.1kWh, which could provide a range of 300 miles.



Kia

PV5

Kia will enter the commercial vehicle market for the first time later this year. The Korean brand is planning a full line-up of vans over the next few years. It will start with the PV5.

Offered with panel van, high-roof and chassis cab bodies as well as a passenger-carrying variant that will be suited to ride hailing and taxi services, the PV5 is said to provide an impressive cargo space and electric charge range.

Kia is targeting best-in-class performance for elements such as payload, capacity and turning circle.

The PV5 will feature 150kW rapid charging, along with 22kW AC charging capabilities.



Mobilize

BENTO

Mobilize is another new brand linked to Renault, this time specialising in compact urban mobility vehicles. The Mobilize Bento is an electric microvan with a 868-litre cargo capacity and an 80kg payload.

Using a 10kWh battery, the Bento provides a driving range of 92 miles.

At just 2.54m long and 1.30m wide it is significantly shorter and narrower than even the smallest of car-derived vans that have been offered for sale in recent years.

As with its Duo quadricycle Mobilize says considerable efforts have been made to limit the number of parts required (see car section).

In keeping with this simple approach, the plastic bodywork is unpainted, but features a two-tone effect with decals. Business customers can customise their vehicles to suit, or to apply their corporate colours.

The interior is designed to be washed down and features waterproof fabric and a drain plug in the floor.

The doors open upwards, rather than outwards, to aid entry and exit in tight urban parking situations.



Renault



MASTER HYDROGEN

Following the launch of its all-new Master van in 2024, Renault will expand the line-up with a hydrogen version this year.

The Master H2 Tech will have a 435-mile range and a five-minute refuelling time. It incorporates a 33kWh battery, which can be recharged, with a hydrogen fuel cell.



Skywell

233

Skywell will enter the commercial vehicle space in 2025 with the introduction of a new large electric van.

The vehicle, codenamed '233', is due to launch at the CV Show, in April.

Skywell, part of Chinese consumer electronics brand Skyworth, is new to the UK. Imports are handled by Innovation Automotive, the company behind DFSK.

The 233 will initially be available in two body lengths (5,490mm and 5,990mm) and two roof heights (2,200mm and 2,700mm) corresponding to a load volume range of approximately 9.5-to-13cu ms.

There will be an option of either a 3.5t or 4.25t gross vehicle mass (GVM); the latter offering a payload of up to 1,755kg.

The Skywell 233 is fitted with a 204PS electric motor and can be equipped with either an 88kWh or 105kWh battery.

Vauxhall

MOVANO HYDROGEN

Fleet customer trials have already been taking place with a hydrogen-powered Vivaro van, ahead of the Movano Hydrogen's arrival.

The Movano Hydrogen will be priced from £66,450 when it goes on sale in spring.

It offers a zero exhaust emissions solution with a range of up to 311 miles (WLTP) and a five-minute refuelling time.

The Movano Hydrogen uses an electric motor producing maximum power of 150PS and 410Nm.

An 11kWh battery sits alongside the hydrogen fuel cell providing support when starting or accelerating.



VW

TRANSPORTER

The all-new seventh generation Volkswagen Transporter will launch with diesel, plug-in hybrid and electric powertrain options.

It has been developed as part of VW's partnership with Ford and is a sister vehicle to the Ford Transit Custom.

Prices start from £32,165 (CV OTR) for the diesel variant, while the fully electric model is priced from £42,800. These will arrive in April. The eHybrid will join the range later.

The stowage volume in the panel van Transporter with a normal wheelbase (SWB) has increased by more than 10% to 5.8cu m. The long wheelbase (LWB) version has a 6.8cu m loadspace. High roof versions have a cargo capacity of 9.0cu m. Maximum payload is 1,280kg.

The TDI powertrain is available with three power outputs – 110PS, 150PS and 170PS – achieving up to 40mpg.

The e-Transporter comes in two variants – 136PS and 218PS. Both use a 65kWh battery, providing a range of 190-201 miles (WLTP). A heat pump is fitted as standard.