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WELCOME

As the post-pandemic new car market continues its recovery, it's important to acknowledge the pace of change our industry has faced over the past five years.

There's been a surge of new brands, a huge shift away from diesel and growing pressure on fleets to buy more electric vehicles (EVs).

Last year saw a record number of EVs sold, accounting for a quarter of all new car registrations, but there's still a lot of work to do. Fleets are still the biggest driver of the switch, accounting for more than half of all electric cars sold during the year.

Tax incentives remain in place, for now, but the cost of operating vehicles, regardless of powertrain, is increasing. As fleets seek cost efficiencies, the pressure is on manufacturers to cut prices while improving capability.

That's exactly what one of the headline vehicles launching in 2026 promises. The new BMW iX3 will arrive in spring with an impressive 500-mile range figure and a sub-£60k price tag. It'll be joined by a new electric 3 Series later in the year, providing company car drivers with a duo of compelling models.

It's not just the premium market that is progressing at pace, either. Following the Renault 5's introduction last year, numerous manufacturers are focusing on compact EVs in 2026. VW Group's all-new small car platform will arrive in the form of the Cupra Raval, and followed in swift succession by Škoda and VW variants.

But EVs aren't the only talk of the town. Plug-in hybrids are having a major resurgence, particularly among Chinese brands. BYD is rolling out several models this year, together with Geely, Jaecoo and Omoda. Many of these newcomers promise price parity with petrol models.

We'll also welcome new brands Aion and (the return of) Cadillac, this year, as well as the long-awaited arrival of the electric Range Rover.

We hope you enjoy this overview of the key new models coming to market. One thing's for sure, there's something for everyone.



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A390

Alpine is expanding its model line-up with the introduction of the A390, a new five-door fastback that's due to arrive before the summer.

Billed as a "racing car in a suit", the A390 is said to provide a high level of performance and driver engagement while also offering versatility.

It has similar dimensions to a Polestar 2, providing space for five occupants and a 532-litre boot.

The Alpine A390 uses a triple-motor powertrain with all-wheel drive. It will be offered in two variants: GT with 400PS and GTS with 470PS.

Alpine claims a 0-62mph time of 4.8 seconds for the GT and 3.9 seconds for the GTS.

Battery capacity is 82kWh – enough for a 345-mile range. It uses 400v architecture, rather than the more advanced 800v set-up found in some models. Alpine says DC fast charging can still reach 190kW, but its intelligent charging management allows it to recharge in less than 20 minutes, to recover two hours of motorway driving, and go from 15% to 80% charge in less than 25 minutes.

Prices start at £61,390.

Aion



V & UT

Aion is a joint venture between GAC, one of China's longest-established automakers, and Jameel Motors. The latter already distributes the electric commercial vehicle brand Farizon Auto.

Aion will be its first passenger vehicle brand in the UK.

Two all-electric models will be available, initially: the Aion V, a C-segment SUV, and the Aion UT, a B-segment hatchback.

The UT has an expected range of 268 miles, while the V should attain more than 300 miles on a charge.

Pricing is yet to be announced, but all variants promise a high specification as standard. The larger V is said to set a new benchmark in its segment for interior materials, while also offering a spacious cabin.

The brand is establishing a nationwide UK dealer network to manage sales and aftersales. Aion also offers an eight-year warranty.





iX3

BMW's all-new iX3 is the first car built on its next generation Neue Klasse platform.

The fully-electric SUV has a 500-mile range and 400kW rapid charging, making it among the most capable electric cars on the market.

It will go on sale in March, priced from £58,755.

Under the skin the new iX3 premieres BMW Group's sixth-generation eDrive technology, which comprises highly efficient electric motors, new high-voltage batteries with cylindrical cells and 800-volt technology.

The BMW iX3 50 xDrive is powered by two electric motors, which together generate an output of 469PS and 645Nm of torque. The vehicle

accelerates from 0 to 62 mph in 4.9 seconds and has an electronically-limited top speed of 130mph.

With the sixth generation, BMW claims energy losses are reduced by 40%, weight by 10% and manufacturing costs by 20%.

The new powertrain technology is introduced alongside a fresh version of BMW's iDrive infotainment system. Panoramic iDrive uses a display that runs across the entire width of the windscreen, at the top of the dash. It works in conjunction with a central touchscreen.

The luggage compartment can be increased from 520 litres to a maximum of 1,750 litres by folding the rear seats.

At 4,782mm long, 1,895mm wide and 1,635mm high, the iX3 is proportioned to compete in the mid-size premium SUV segment.



i3 SERIES

Using the same Neue Klasse design language and advanced technology as the new iX3, BMW's i3 will be the first all-electric 3 Series.

The car hasn't been officially unveiled, yet, but it's expected to resemble the Vision Neue Klasse concept (pictured).

A range of more than 500 miles is expected from the compact executive, along with charging speeds of up to 400kW.

In keeping with BMW's multi-powertrain strategy, the existing 3 Series will be updated and sold alongside the new i3.



ATTO 2 DM-i

Following the introduction of the electric Atto 2 compact SUV, BYD is expanding the model line-up with a new plug-in hybrid version. It joins the recently launched Seal 6 DM-i, as part of a growing range of hybrids from the Chinese carmaker.

The Atto 2 DM-i promises a total driving range of 620 miles, by combining its electric range of up to 56 miles with the capability of its 1.5-litre petrol engine. Sales will begin early this year.

BYD's hybrid system relies on the electric motor to drive the wheels in most situations. When the petrol engine is activated it supplies charge to the

battery and electric motor via an inverter, and the car has the driving response of a pure EV. In moments when additional power is required, HEV mode can switch from Series to Parallel, combining the potential of the petrol engine and the electric motor.

There are two configurations of Super Hybrid powertrain available in the Atto 2 DM-i. In Active spec the Blade Battery capacity is 7.8kWh and the maximum system power is 166PS. This version has a WLTP pure-electric range of 24 miles. The Atto 2 DM-i Boost takes the battery capacity up to 18kWh and increases the system power output to 212PS – enough for a 0-62mph time of just 7.5 seconds.

SEALION 5 DM-i

The Sealion 5 DM-i is expected to launch this year as a rival to the best-selling Nissan Qashqai and Kia Sportage.

The mid-size SUV will be powered by BYD's plug-in hybrid system, although exact details are yet to be confirmed.

With a large footprint, the new model should offer ample interior space. The boot measures 520 litres.

Prices are expected to start at around £30,000.



Cadillac

LYRIQ

Cadillac will make its UK debut this year, slightly later than planned. The American carmaker has been planning its European expansion since 2024. The first car to arrive will be the Lyriq large electric SUV.

Key competitors include the BMW iX and Polestar 3. Pricing for the Lyriq is set to start at £75,000.

At five metres in length, the Lyric packs a 102kWh battery, which

should provide around 330 miles of range. One powertrain will be offered: a dual motor set-up with 528PS, giving a 0-62mph acceleration time of 5.3 seconds.

Drivers will be able to choose from two specifications – Sport and Luxury – with both offering the same level of kit. A 33-inch curved infotainment screen, nappa leather upholstery and a full suite of advanced driver aids are among the feature highlights.



OPTIQ

The smaller Optiq is expected to eventually join the Lyriq as part of a two-car line-up for Cadillac in the UK.

As a mid-size model it will be a competitor for the BMW iX3, Mercedes-Benz GLC and Tesla Model Y.

The Optiq has an 85kWh battery, a range of around 265 miles and a power output of 300PS.

DEEPAL S07 REEV

Following its introduction in 2025, as a fully electric vehicle, the Deepal S07 will gain an additional powertrain this year.

The REEV version uses a plug-in hybrid/range extender system that combines a petrol engine with a smaller battery.

Drivers can charge the car using a regular charge point and use its electric-only range of around 170 miles.

A 1.5-litre petrol engine can then kick in and charge the battery, enabling up to 600 miles of driving.

The powertrain produces 238PS and accelerates the car from 0-62mph in less than eight seconds.

The Deepal S07 has a premium interior and comes with a high specification as standard.



DEEPAL S05

Having made its brand debut in 2025, with the Deepal S07, Changan is forging ahead with its model range expansion in 2026.

The Deepal S05 is set to launch in the first half of the year, with pricing expected to start at less than £33,000.

It will be a rival for the Kia EV3 and Škoda Elroq and has a range of around 300 miles from its 68kWh battery.

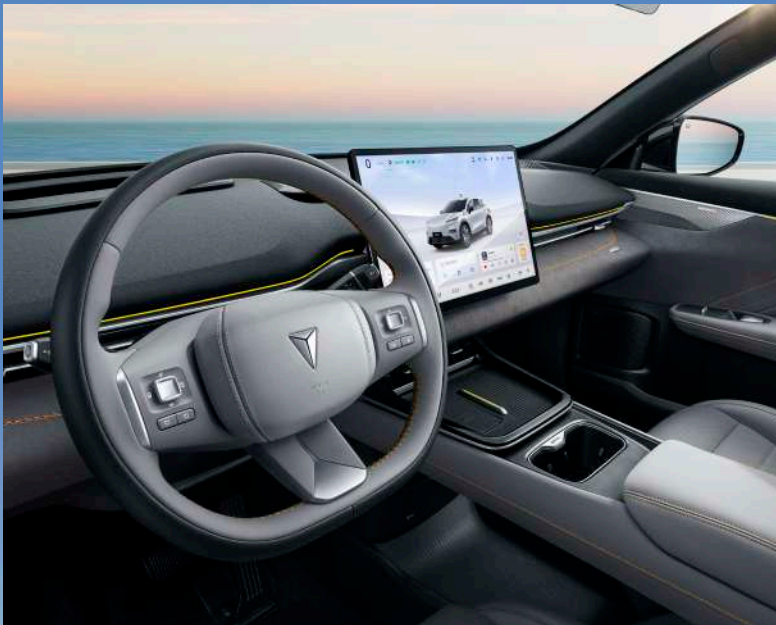
Charging at a rapid charge point will enable around 150 miles to be added in 15 minutes.

A plug-in hybrid range extender version will also be offered, utilising a petrol engine and a smaller battery. This will give almost 100 miles of electric range and a maximum driving range of more than 500 miles.

The car features the latest technology, including a 15-inch central infotainment touchscreen, smartphone connectivity and driver assistance aids such as adaptive cruise control.

There's a 492-litre rear boot, which can be expanded to 1,250 litres with the seats folded, as well as a 159-litre frunk.

Changan says its cars are tuned for UK roads at its British R&D facility and offer peace of mind with a seven-year or 100,000-mile warranty.



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Introducing All-New Changan Deepal S07



By Richard Chamberlain, Head of Fleet Sales, Changan UK

If you're unfamiliar with Changan, it's actually one of China's oldest car manufacturers, having

produced 30 million cars and counting! In addition to this, Changan have been developing powertrains here in the UK since 2015 and designing cars like the Deepal S07 in Turin since 2001, so Changan aren't just another newcomer.

For us, 2025 was about establishing the fundamentals of the business, through building the team, the process, the dealer network and our aftersales capability. Now that we've established the foundations, we'll start building the scale as we move into 2026. Fleet has a very important role to play in the growth of the company, Deepal S07 lends itself to that market, particularly with the Salary Sacrifice community with its high level of standard specification, strong kerb appeal, and a good EV range along with strong residual values.

Regarding the product range, Deepal S07 is our first car and has striking good looks with the distinctive Italian design influence both on the exterior and interior. As you enter the car, the minimalist interior provides a premium cockpit feel, the 15.6" screen rotating towards you, the seat gliding into the drivers favoured position with the 1.9 m² glass panel spanning almost the entire top of the vehicle, providing a bright and spacious feeling interior. We are just starting to launch our second model the S05, it's a mid-size SUV, and has many of the great features from S07.

This quote from Leasing.com sums up the car perfectly: "The Deepal S07 offers very impressive value: a well-finished cabin, modern tech, strong equipment levels and a credible family-sized electric SUV for under £40k." – Leasing.com

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CHERY TIGGO 4

Chery will continue to expand its model range in 2026, starting with the Tiggo 4. It will be the brand's smallest model, occupying the compact SUV segment alongside cars such as the Ford Puma.

The Tiggo 4 will utilise familiar powertrains, with both petrol and

plug-in hybrid options available.

Expect a high specification as standard, as well as competitive pricing. The Tiggo 4 could start at just £20,000, although specifics have not been confirmed.

Jaecoo

JAECOO 8

Large SUVs are growing in popularity and the Jaecoo 8 will be a competitor to established models such as the Škoda Kodiaq and Hyundai Santa Fe.

Set to launch this year, the Jaecoo 8 is a three-row SUV with seating for seven. It will be offered with a choice of petrol or plug-in hybrid powertrains.





OMODA 4

Omoda has showcased a new compact SUV that is set to launch in the second half of the year.

The Omoda 4 is designed for multiple powertrains and is likely to be offered with both electric and plug-in hybrid options when it goes on sale.

Designed to appeal to a younger audience, the Omoda 4 adopts a 'Cyber Mecha' design philosophy; a term the car brand uses to define its mix of angular lines, metallic finishes, and details inspired by robotics and the aesthetics of science fiction comics.

The car will compete in the B-segment, alongside models such as the Ford Puma and Renault 4 E-Tech.

Omoda hasn't confirmed any details about the car's powertrains, but it has separately outlined a new plug-in hybrid system with a more efficient petrol engine and redesigned battery that will be rolled out across the brand's future models.

OMODA 7

Omoda is expanding its model line-up with the new Omoda 7, a mid-size SUV with petrol and plug-in hybrid powertrains.

The new car is set to arrive in January, with petrol versions priced from £29,915 and plug-in hybrid models starting from £32,000.

It will sit between the existing Omoda 5 and the Omoda 9, as part of the Chinese brand's expanding line-up.

The Omoda 7 features a Super Hybrid System (SHS), which combines an 18.3kWh battery with a 1.5-litre petrol engine. A self-charging function ensures it never runs out of charge. The car is capable of travelling for more than 700 miles – including 56 miles in EV-only mode.

The powertrain produces 204PS and 365Nm of torque, giving a 0-62mph time of 8.4 seconds. The battery is capable of fast charging at up to 40kW and includes Vehicle-to-Load (V2L) via a 3.3kW port. CO₂ emissions are 23g/km, placing the car in the 9% benefit-in-kind tax bracket.

Omoda will also offer a 1.6-litre TGDI petrol engine that delivers 147PS.

Inside, the Omoda 7 provides a 15.6-inch central touchscreen and a 10.25-inch digital instrument display. Standard equipment includes a heated steering wheel and dual-zone air-conditioning, alongside Apple CarPlay and Android Auto connectivity.



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CHERY targets UK fleets with rapid network expansion and hybrid SUV line-up



By Gary Lan, CEO, Chery UK

Founded in 1997, CHERY International has evolved from a regional Chinese manufacturer into one of the world's leading automotive

exporters. By the mid-2000s it had become China's largest vehicle exporter, a position it has retained for more than 20 years. In 2024 alone, CHERY sold nearly 2.6 million vehicles outside China, underlining its transformation into a global automotive player.

The UK represents the next stage in CHERY's expansion into established European markets. Following the introduction of OMODA&JAECOO in 2024 and 2025, CHERY launched its eponymous brand in the UK in summer 2025 with the TIGGO 7 and seven-seat TIGGO 8 - the TIGGO 9 followed in December.

CHERY UK CEO Gary Lan said: "CHERY's introduction to the UK market this summer not only shows its commitment to growth but also reflects our confidence in the UK automotive sector and the appeal of our vehicles to local buyers. Expect the same innovation, style, technology focus, and exceptional value.

In 2026, CHERY will strengthen its UK fleet proposition through a combination of dealer network expansion and tailored finance and fleet management support. CHERY is also accelerating its retail and service footprint, aiming to expand its existing retailer network of 46 sites to more than 100 UK outlets by Q3 2026.

Fleet buyers are supported by CHERY's seven-year, 100,000 mile warranty and parts-support partnerships. Hybrid SUV options will also play a key role for fleets focused on

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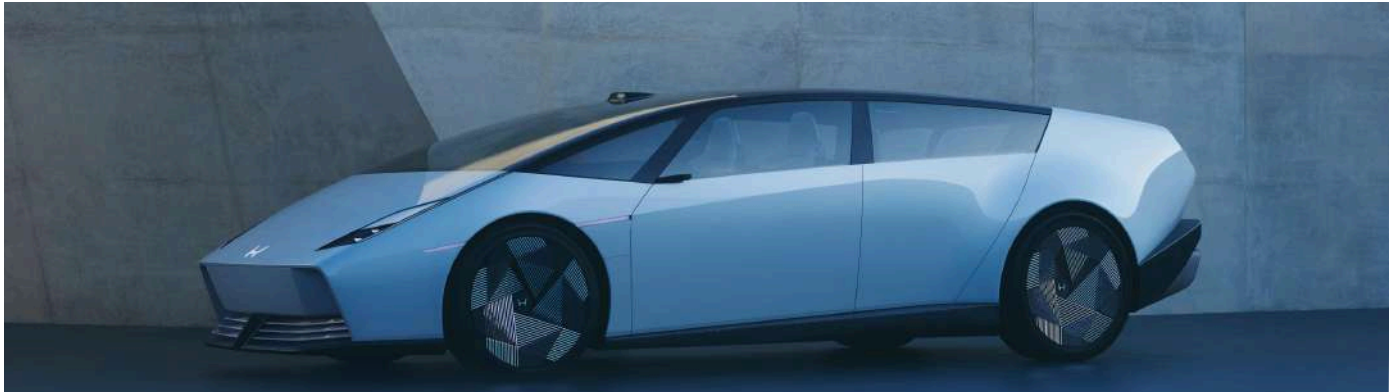
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0 SERIES

Honda revealed a prototype saloon and SUV as part of its 0 Series of electric cars, at the 2025 Consumer Electronics Show (CES). Production-ready versions of both are expected this year.



In developing the 0 Series, engineers reconsidered what kind of electric vehicles (EVs) Honda wants to create in the coming era.

Honda says it will strive to create new value for EVs by transcending the constraints of being a "thick and heavy" vehicle due to an increase in battery capacity the vehicle has to carry to secure enough range, as well as a large body and platform necessary to accommodate such battery capacity. Honda describes this new approach to EV development as "thin, light and wise".

To address concerns about charging time and battery degradation, Honda 0 Series models will offer "stress-free" charging performance. Fast-charging 15% to 80% will be shortened to 10-15 minutes.

In the meantime, by refining battery system control technology based on a massive amount of driving data from more than a million Honda electrified vehicles, the carmaker is striving to limit the degradation of battery capacity (range) to less than 10% after 10 years in use.



PRELUDE

Returning after 25 years, the Honda Prelude will relaunch in 2026 as a hybrid-powered sports coupé.

The driver-focused model promises engaging handling and responsive power delivery, along with optimised efficiency.

Honda's hybrid system combines a 2.0-litre petrol engine with an electric motor, providing an output of 184PS.

A simulated gear shift system works in conjunction with an engine sound generator to provide a more immersive experience.

The Prelude has CO₂ emissions of 117g/km and prices will start at £39,595.

SUPER-N

Honda has confirmed it will launch a new compact electric car in the UK this year.

The Super-N, revealed in prototype form, is built on the lightest platform of the N Series 'Kei' car range sold in Japan.

To comply with Japanese regulations, the car is less than 3,400mm long.

When it arrives in the UK, the Super-N will rival cars such as the Leapmotor T03, Dacia Spring and Renault Twingo.

No technical details have been revealed, yet, but Honda has confirmed the car will feature a 'boost' mode and be equipped with a simulated gearshift system.

The Super-N will likely replace the Honda e.



Flexis

Flexis is a joint venture between Renault, Volvo and CMA CGM that was formed to develop a new generation of urban logistics solutions.

Its initial line-up is composed of three models: the Step-In van, the Cargo van and the Panel van. They use an EV-native skateboard platform, with electronic architecture developed by Renault's Ampere division (which is now being absorbed back into Renault).

Alongside the vehicles, Flexis has developed a software platform to help logistics providers to efficiently electrify their fleets and respond to growing urban logistics challenges.

Flexis plans to sell its vehicles directly to logistics providers and fleet managers and will also supply the vehicles to Renault Group and Renault Trucks who will distribute them under their own brands in their sales networks.

All vehicles have: a low floor height to ease the loading and unloading of parcels; the possibility of fully customising the interior of the vehicles without the constraints of retrofitted hardware; the integration of high-capacity battery solutions allowing for fast charging (80% in less than 20 minutes); and the best range for urban operations (up to 280 miles WLTP).

The Step-In van competes in the medium van segment featuring front sliding doors and a rear shutter door for loading optimisation; a first for the European market. It features easy access between the cockpit and cargo areas with 1.9m height clearance allowing drivers to walk throughout the vehicle. It will launch as the Renault Estafette (pictured right). At 5.27m long and 1.92m wide, it is a compact vehicle, designed for the city.

The Panel van has a multi-purpose design to address all the limitations of current market offerings, including superior manoeuvrability and an overall height of 1.9m, enabling it to enter underground city parking and garages easily. It will launch as the next-generation Renault Trafic (below, right) and be a key model in the medium van segment.

There will be two battery options, offering a range of up to 280 miles, and 800-volt charging capability. In its L1 body style, the new van has load capacity of 5.1 cubic metres for a length of 4.87m and width of 1.92m. The L2 van has load capacity of 5.8 cu m for a length of 5.27m, with a 40cm longer wheelbase.

The Cargo van – the Renault Goelette – shares a front end with the Panel van and is adapted to urban last-mile delivery needs with an easily convertible box, capable of integrating different widths, heights and beds, as well as modular solutions including, but not limited to, refrigerated boxes.

Taking full advantage of the flexible architecture made possible by this new generation of vehicles, the rear section has no specific equipment. It was designed for a virtually infinite range of fittings and customised features, with structural parts able to accommodate a box or other specific configurations.

Serial production will start mid-2026 at Renault Group's Sandouville plant in France. As part of the development process, 20 representative prototypes have been built and tested since March 2024.





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2026, the year fleet leaders step forward



By Matt Hawkins, Head of UK/IR Markets, Flexis

2026 isn't just another year in the fleet calendar, it's a turning point. The decisions fleet operators make now will shape

the strength, resilience and competitiveness of their businesses for the decade ahead. The landscape is shifting quickly; regulations tightening, cities reinventing access rules, customers demanding cleaner, faster, more reliable service. The fleets that act with intent in 2026 will lead. Those who delay will spend years catching up.

The fleet of the future isn't defined by the vehicle alone. It is defined by the ecosystem in which it operates; charging, telematics, routing, safety, energy management and driver experience working together, not in isolation.

When these elements connect, fleets unlock lower costs, higher uptime and smoother operations. When they don't, friction becomes inevitable and the opportunity to maximise what technology can facilitate is missed.

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EX2

Geely is another Chinese car brand that kick-started selling cars in the UK last year and its expansion from one model to four is expected to take place in 2026.

The EX2 will launch later in the year. It's a compact electric hatchback that competes in the Renault 5's segment. Final specs are yet to be announced, but a 30kWh or 40kWh battery is likely; giving a potential range of up to 250 miles.

Using a rear-wheel drive platform, the EX2 is expected to offer nimble handling and quick acceleration.

It's a best-seller in China, thanks to clever packaging, neat styling and good value. When it arrives in the UK, prices are expected to start at around £20,000.



STARRAY EM-i

Ahead of the EX2's introduction, Geely will launch the Starray EM-i. It's a mid-size SUV with a plug-in hybrid powertrain.

The car will compete with the MG HS PHEV and the Kia Sportage, along with many others.

The Starray is already available in other markets, where it uses a 1.5-litre petrol engine and an 18kWh battery.

Zero emission range is around 50 miles and overall efficiency is in excess of 100mpg.

D-MAX EV

Isuzu's D-Max EV will be the first fully electric pick-up truck in the UK to offer a one-tonne payload, when it arrives in March.

The model will be priced from £59,995 (exc VAT), have a 3.5-tonne towing capacity and feature full-time four-wheel drive.

With a dual-motor powertrain and 66.9kWh battery, the D-Max EV will have a driving range of around 150 miles.

The new model looks identical to the existing diesel D-Max and will be available in extended cab and double cab body styles.

It is capable of water wading up to 600mm, has a ground clearance of 210mm and off-road approach and departure angles of 30.5° and 24.2°, respectively.

The D-Max's electric powertrain will produce 190PS and 325Nm of torque, and will support DC fast charging at 50kW – enough to supply a 10%-80% charge in an hour.



Pre-sales began late in 2025, with first UK arrivals next month (February). Customer deliveries are scheduled to follow in March.

Isuzu expects the model will be of particular interest to utility and public sector fleets that require electric vehicles but also need towing and off-road capabilities.



EJOLLY AND ESUPERJOLLY

Iveco has struck a deal with Stellantis for two new electric panel vans to complement its existing Daily model.

The eJolly and eSuperJolly will join the Iveco line-up this year, based on existing Stellantis platforms.

The eJolly uses the Stellantis Medium Van platform and has a GVW of 2.8-to-3.2-tonnes with a load capacity of up to 1,175kg. There is a choice of two battery configurations: a 49kWh pack offering up to 140 miles of range and a 75kWh pack promising 220 miles. Fast charging capabilities of up to 100kW means it can recover 62 miles of range in 15 minutes.

The eJolly also includes an ePTO (400v) enabling it to harness electrical energy from the powertrain for auxiliary functions, from refrigerated units to mobile workshops.

The new eSuperJolly is based on the Stellantis Large Van platform and has a GVW from 3.5-to-4.25-tonnes. A 110kWh battery enables a range of up to 263 miles, while it can rapid charge to add 62 miles of range in 15 minutes.

Its cargo area provides up to 17cu m of volume, and a payload of up to 1.4 tonnes.





RANGE ROVER ELECTRIC

The pace of JLR's new product roll-out has been a little slower than anticipated. For example, the Range Rover Electric (pictured) is almost two years overdue and we won't get a glimpse of the first all-new Jaguar in production-ready form until later this year.

Final testing on the Range Rover Electric has been completed, however, and pre-orders are being accepted ahead of its expected arrival this year.

It's powered by a pair of electric motors that develop 550PS and 850Nm – enough for a 4.5-second 0-62mph sprint.

A 118kWh battery gives an estimated range of 300 miles and uses 800-volt architecture to support ultra-fast charging speeds.

Visually, the electric model looks almost identical to the current generation Range Rover. Both cars even use the same platform. It's the same story inside, where passenger space is unchanged.

The new electric model will complement the existing line-up, which will remain on sale.

Prices for the Range Rover Electric are expected to start at about £150,000..

EV5

Kia has launched a new fully-electric family SUV to sit alongside the Sportage.

The EV5 has a range of up to 329 miles thanks to an 82.4kWh battery. It is based on Kia's bespoke E-GMP platform, in line with the rest of its EV range.

Prices start from £39,295, with order books now open and first deliveries due imminently.

All variants use the same 217PS electric motor, which provides 0-62mph acceleration in 8.4 seconds and a top speed of 102mph. Additional variants will come later in the year.

Using 400v technology, the battery can charge from 10%-80% in 30 minutes at a 150kW charger. AC charging at up to 11kW is also supported.

With all seats upright, the EV5's boot capacity is 566 litres, extending to 1,650 litres with the second row folded.

For charging cable storage, the EV5 has a 44-litre under-bonnet cargo compartment ('frunk').



SELTOS

Kia has confirmed that a new compact SUV will join its line-up this year, sitting between the Stonic and the Sportage.

The Seltos is one of the brand's best-sellers, globally. The second-generation model is making its European debut in 2026.

With prices expected to start at around £30,000, the Seltos will enter the market as a key rival for the Ford Puma, Renault Symbioz and VW T-Roc.

It occupies the same segment as the Kia Niro.

Kia will offer the Seltos with petrol and hybrid engines, although only the hybrid is expected to come to the UK.

Underpinning the car is the same K3 platform that's used for the Niro and the Hyundai Kona. No electric version is planned, however.

The Seltos joins Kia's growing line-up of all-new models, which includes the EV4, EV5 and K4.

EV2

Kia will launch its most compact electric car this year, with the introduction of the EV2.

The new model will compete with cars such as the Ford Puma Gen-E and Renault 4, as well as new VW Group models.

Built on Kia's dedicated electric platform, the EV2 combines compact exterior dimensions with interior space comparable to larger segments.

A new sliding and reclining rear seat system maximises everyday usability.

Rear legroom can be extended or, when the seats are fully slid forward, up to 403 litres of boot capacity is possible.

The EV2 will offer two battery options: a 42.2kWh standard-range and a 61kWh long-range battery. Anticipated driving ranges reach up to 197 miles for the standard-range and up to 278 miles for the long-range version (WLTP pending).

Both feature 400v architecture and deliver rapid DC charging. The Standard model completes the process in 29 minutes, while the Long Range takes just a minute or so more.



Northgate finding ways to give clients the upper hand

Fleets can rely on Northgate for solutions to B2B mobility needs thanks to its wide array of vehicles and services

Fleet News spoke to Spencer Davi, Northgate's UK Sales and Marketing Director, about how the company consolidates the expertise and offerings of leading mobility businesses to provide customers with an extensive variety of winning solutions.

"It gives us the upper hand in the market," Davi said.

"But it also gives our customers the upper hand in terms of choice and, ultimately, that's what we want to try and give them."

Priorities and requirements for fleets

For UK fleets, particularly those in the light commercial vehicle (LCV), accident management and repair spaces, there are many specific and wide-ranging needs. However, Davi noted that, regardless of fleet size and other developments, cost management always proves a priority.

Davi said: "Regardless of any other economic challenges or political changes, you're always going to have businesses that are going to want to manage costs and maximise the efficiency of the fleet as much as possible, and that's totally normal."

However, the shifting nature of the sector has led to fleets approaching their solution-providers with concerns that go beyond their current issues.

With one eye on the future

"A lot of people are looking at the future – the next few years," Davi explained.

"They're trying to make decisions as best they can around what's right for them now, with one eye on the future."

Northgate has developed a winning proposition: offering vehicles and solutions that best meet customer mobility requirements, along with service and support when unforeseen events occur.

Davi said: "Our mission is to give businesses the reliable commercial vehicles they need with minimum fuss, and to keep customers moving smarter. The only way we can do that is to be smarter and have a forward-thinking vision ourselves. I don't think you can do that without clear, actionable, data-led insights."

Customers are provided with an integrated end-to-end service, with all mobility solutions managed under one contract.



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A range of specialised vehicle options

With an extensive range of hire options, Northgate operates as the UK's largest B2B mobility solutions and LCV provider. Its proposition includes flexible contract options with a high-quality maintenance programme and 24/7 breakdown cover on all vehicles.

For fleets looking to engage more fully with electrification, Northgate's award-winning 'Drive to Zero' programme offers data-driven insights that are unique to each customer.

"We use telematics data, customer data, our own data, and we analyse their drive to zero capabilities," explained Davi.

"We look at everything – from charging infrastructure, miles conducted via various regions, driver styles, we put everything in – to see if that fleet has the possibility to be electrified now or in the future."

Input from Blakedale

Customers seeking products and solutions for motorway maintenance and highway operations can benefit from bespoke traffic management vehicles through Northgate's Blakedale subsidiary.

"In the traffic management world, Blakedale has huge experience," said Davi. "Northgate is experienced in traffic management, but Blakedale purely focuses on this."

Blakedale's offering includes a range of impact protection vehicles, utility-focused LCVs and general-purpose maintenance vehicles. Fleets with specific requirements can rely on Blakedale to customise any passenger vehicle, truck or van.

Additionally, as a contributor to Northgate's 'One Fleet' programme, Blakedale has provided mobile elevating work platforms (MEWPs) to customers in the UK and Ireland.

Since its acquisition by Northgate, Blakedale's proposition has been enhanced through integration into wider workflows.

Davi explained: "The first thing we did was start to look at product knowledge – we carry out training and engagement days with customers and staff so we can better understand customer needs, and our ability to provide bespoke solutions each time."

"We try to commit to having one account manager for all our strategic customers, whether they require Northgate or Blakedale bespoke vehicle products."

"This means we can go on the journey with them, ensure that there's one simple point of contact, but we can still retain all the skills and expertise from multiple businesses behind the scenes."

This has seen a substantial increase in specialist builds thanks to Northgate's greater build capacity, with its traffic management fleet having doubled since 2022.



Fleet customers requiring refrigerated vehicles can utilise the services of FridgeXpress, Northgate's dedicated refrigerated vehicle hire division.

Offering the UK's widest range of temperature-controlled vans and more than 20 years of expertise, FridgeXpress provides high-value and bespoke hire solutions to meet fleet operational needs.

The expanded and consolidated range of vehicles offered across Northgate, FridgeXpress and Blakedale ensures fleet customers benefit from the skills, knowledge and products accessible across the entire business.

"That expertise, support and availability made a huge difference; not just to us, but to customers as well," noted Davi.

"Then with FridgeXpress, we've also got heavy commercial vehicle (HCV) builds and fleet management expertise shared across Northgate, FridgeXpress, and Blakedale, with HCV tippers and plant body vehicles and fridge trucks being built and supplied by the wider group."

Lease companies, corporates, and

manufacturers across the UK can make use of electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) designed to facilitate straightforward and widespread electrification across operations with award-winning supplier and installation provider, ChargedEV.

Davi commented: "ChargedEV can offer a full turnkey solution – whether it's home charging, workplace charging, funding options, service maintenance, public roaming, home reimbursements – this is a big factor.

"It has its own LCV fleet as well, so it's going through with the same electrification journey as our customers."

With more than 60,000 domestic charge points fitted and 3,000 commercial installations across the UK, ChargedEV works with Northgate to provide customers with nationwide coverage and customisable packages, ensuring a smooth electric transition.

"Between us and ChargedEV, we fully understand the challenges that customers have got," Davi noted.

"We work closely with them to utilise our own experience in that journey as well."

Accelerated disposal

Northgate's fleet disposal programme is managed through Van Monster's online platform, offering fleet customers a one-stop shop for disposal services.

Davi said: "We've got the ability to move large numbers of vehicles very, very quickly – whether that's into a market to sell via trade or e-auctions or retail sites, we've got multiple options at speed – so it means we can get them to sale quicker.

"The quicker we get them to sale, the better possible values for customers."

With a fleet's costs impacted by the speed and operational difficulties associated with the disposal process, Van Monster's experience and range of disposal options ensures that customers can enjoy an accelerated and complication-free service.

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6E

The Mazda 6e will go on sale this year as a fully-electric saloon with a 345-mile range.

A rival to the BMW i4 and Tesla Model 3, the 6e is expected to be priced from around £40,000.

It will be offered with a choice of 68.8kWh or 80kWh battery packs. The 68.8kWh version offers a range of up to 300 miles. With 200kW DC charging, it charges from 10%-80% in 22 minutes, meaning a range of 145 miles can be added in 15 minutes. The electric motor delivers 258PS for a 0-62mph performance of 7.6 seconds.

For customers prioritising longer range usage, the 80kWh version enables a range of up to 345 miles. With 244PS, it reaches 62mph in 7.8 secs. Both versions produce the same 320Nm of torque with a rear-wheel drive layout.

The longer range 80kWh Mazda 6e will charge from 10%-80% in 45 minutes.

The car has a saloon appearance but is actually a five-door hatchback. It incorporates frameless doors for a more premium look and feel.

On the inside there's a driver-focused cockpit that features a 14.6-inch touchscreen and a 10.2-inch instrument set, complemented by an augmented reality head-up display.

From a practical perspective, the car offers a 330-litre boot plus an additional 70-litre storage space under the bonnet.



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2026: An electrifying year for Mazda



By Steve Tomlinson, Head of Fleet at Mazda

2026 is a big year for Mazda Fleet as we're launching three stunning new models. First is the Mazda6e, an elegant hatchback with fastback saloon

styling. There's the Mazda CX-6e, a bold mid-sized SUV bringing businesses electric performance in style. And we're also launching the all-new Mazda CX-5 - the next iteration of our bestselling model.

ALL-NEW MAZDA6e

The spiritual successor to the iconic Mazda6, stunning Japanese craftsmanship has created a refined cabin and striking exterior that commands attention.

This model brings drivers an intuitive driving experience with exceptional performance and advanced technologies. It brings businesses the practicality of storage space in both its hatchback boot and bonnet compartment, impressive towing capability, and a spectrum of safety technologies.

Expect UK specifications in February.

ALL-NEW MAZDA CX-5

Coming to the UK this summer, this next-level SUV offers cutting-edge technology, smart connectivity, and more space than ever. It's also been awarded five stars by Euro NCAP.

ALL-NEW MAZDA CX-6e

A mid-sized SUV with a 78-kWh battery offering a range of up to 300 miles* and rapid charging that can top up the battery from 10-80% in just 24 minutes.

Safety is taken seriously, and with its 'Soulful Futuristic Modern' theme, its bold styling is too. Inside the exterior's sculptural design is an intelligently configured cabin with a 26-inch touchscreen.

Look out for the MAZDA CX-6e in Q4.



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* Range determined in accordance with WLTP (Worldwide Harmonized Light Vehicle Test Procedure) for the Grade "Takumi". The actual range values may differ depending on the equipment, the grade and individual factors. The actual range achieved under real conditions varies depending on the driving style, speed, use of comfort features (e.g. seat heating, air condition), auxiliary equipment, outside temperature, number of passengers/loads, topography and the ageing and wear process of the battery.



CX-6E

Mazda's electrification strategy is finally ramping up and shortly after the 6e arrives it will be joined by the CX-6e. This new mid-size SUV will sit alongside the existing CX-60 as an electric alternative.

It will be built in China and shares a platform with the Changan Deepal S07.

Powered by a 78kWh battery, the car delivers 258PS to the rear wheels and has a WLTP range of up to 300 miles.

The new cockpit design centres on a sweeping 26-inch touchscreen with a customisable dual-split layout that provides passengers with access to a wide range of information. This is complemented by a large head-up display.

First deliveries are expected in late summer.





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GLB

At its spring launch, the new GLB will be available as either a five- or a seven-seat model, with a range of up to 394 miles.

It will feature a battery with a usable 85kWh capacity and there will be a choice of 272PS GLB 250+ and sportier GLB 350, which offers all-wheel drive and a 353PS motor.

The GLB can be charged at up to 320kW from the appropriate DC ultra-rapid unit, adding up to 163 miles in 10 minutes. It can charge at up to 22kW from an AC charger.

The model range will be expanded a few months after launch to include additional battery-electric variants, including an entry-level BEV model as well as a hybrid.



GLC

This year Mercedes-Benz will retire the EQC and replace it with the all-new GLC EQ.

The new car's electric powertrain has a range of up to 406 miles. It follows the recently launched CLA, as part of an all-new electric product line-up.

Pricing starts at £60,350, for the GLC 400 4Matic. Additional powertrain options will be introduced later.

Powered by a 94kWh battery and two electric motors, the range-topping GLC 400 4Matic can travel 406 miles (WLTP) on a single charge.

It has 489PS, can accelerate from zero to 62mph in 4.3 seconds and reach a top speed of 130mph.

Using 800v technology, the battery can add 188 miles of range in 10 minutes at a rapid charger.

A heat pump comes as standard, along with a one-box braking system that maximises energy recovery without compromising brake pedal feel.

The new GLC is longer than the existing model, benefiting passenger space. There is more legroom and more headroom for those on board, while boot space measures 570 litres. There's also an additional 128 litres of storage under the bonnet.

A widescreen display spans the width of the dashboard, measuring 39.1 inches in diameter. It serves as the infotainment touchscreen and the instrument cluster, while also offering functionality for the front passenger. It incorporates AI technology to provide a personalised and more intuitive user experience.

Every model is equipped with an extensive sensor set using up to 10 external cameras, five radar sensors and a dozen ultrasonic sensors to offer advanced driving assistance.





S6

MG Motor UK is expanding its model line-up with the new S6, a mid-size electric SUV with a WLTP range of up to 329 miles.

Prices start at £37,995 and the model is available in three variants, all using a 77kWh battery.

The S6 SE Long Range features a single motor with a total power output of 245PS and a range of up to 329 miles.

Trophy Long Range offers the same 329-mile capability, power and rear-wheel drive configuration, but with more equipment.

The all-wheel drive Trophy Dual Motor offers 362PS. This high-performance model has a range of 301 miles, with a 0-62mph acceleration time of 5.1 seconds.

All models feature a 10.25-inch driver display and 12.8-inch infotainment screen. The Trophy also has a head-up display showing key vehicle and safety information as well as navigation guidance.

The Trophy trim level includes heated and ventilated front seats, a panoramic sunroof as well as an 11-speaker audio system.

MG has already achieved a five-Star Euro NCAP safety rating for the car, with key assessments including a 92% score for adult occupants and 84% for vulnerable road users.

There are seven airbags as standard and drivers are supported by MG Pilot, which has a suite of driver assistance technologies.

These include Active Emergency Braking, four individual lane safety features, blind spot detection, intelligent speed limit assist plus a driver monitoring system.

All models are capable of charging from 10%-to-80% in 38 minutes when using the appropriate DC ultra-rapid charger.

The S6 is MG's eighth all-electric vehicle in the UK and the third to use the maker's Modular Scalable Platform which was first seen on the MG 4.

The SE Long Range is available at £37,995, the Trophy Long Range is priced at £40,995 and the Trophy Dual Motor is £43,995.

MG Motor UK will add further (as yet unstated) EV and PHEV models to its range in the first half of 2026.



MG4 URBAN

The MG4 was a game-changer for the brand when it launched in 2023, bringing advanced technology and a long range for an affordable price. A heavily updated version of the car will arrive later this year.

Before then, MG is introducing the MG4 Urban as an all-new model that will sit alongside the existing MG4. This new car will compete in the compact segment, alongside models such as the BYD Dolphin Surf, Citroën e-C3 and Renault 5.

Despite sharing a name with the MG4, the MG4 Urban sits on a completely different platform. It is front-wheel drive and is compatible with advanced solid state battery technology.

When the car arrives, in Q1, it's expected to cost less than £25,000.



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MG's fleet focus



By Geraint Isaac
Head of Fleet Sales MG

MG will be significantly increasing its offering to Fleets in 2026, both in the range of cars we can offer and an

increased Fleet Team. Firstly, in terms of personnel, we have already appointed a Contract Hire and Leasing Manager for the South of the Country and are in the process of appointing someone for the North. These are two new positions for the business and the individuals will be tasked with working far more closely with Leasing Companies than we have previously. They will also compliment the existing Fleet Team with opportunities for Business.

We are going into 2026 with an expanded team that is full of experience and can offer the service levels expected to both current and new Fleet customers.

2025 saw our business grow considerably in the Public Sector arena and we are looking to expand on this further in 2026. As an approved supplier on the Government CCS Platform, this has provided us with access to offer a wide range of Public Sector Bodies the complete MG Product Range. The New MG IM models have been a great success since their launch in September 2025, with over 3,000 orders already taken to Fleet Customers. We are looking to further grow these volumes in 2026.

From a product perspective, we will have a Full Years production of the new Models recently launched, MG IM5, MG IM6 and MG S6, together with a facelift of the award winning MG4 and a New Small EV car in Q1. At the end of Q1 we will be launching another New Model in a segment we have not previously been in but will be an attractive proposition for Fleets. These will add to the existing range of HEV, PHEV and EV models that MG already offer to Fleet Customers.



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Japanese car brand Mitsubishi will re-launch in the UK this year under the management of International Motors.

Sales of new Mitsubishi cars ended in 2020, when the carmaker decided to freeze development of new models for Europe.

The new Mitsubishi range will feature models from its global line-up, including its latest four-wheel drive and hybrid vehicles.

The Outlander plug-in hybrid electric vehicle (PHEV) and the latest-generation Mitsubishi L200 Series 7 double-cab pick-up truck have been confirmed to arrive in the UK this year.

All-new from the ground up, the latest Mitsubishi Outlander PHEV is 2.5cm longer, 6.2cm wider, and 3.8cm taller than its predecessor.

It is powered by an enhanced 2.4-litre petrol engine with a traction battery powering front and rear electric motors.

The EV-based 4WD powertrain delivers a combined power output of more than 300PS, and promises a driving range that will exceed 500 miles.

The seventh-generation L200 is powered by an extensively re-engineered 2.4-litre two-stage bi-turbo diesel engine. Power and torque have been increased compared with its predecessor.

The L200's Super Select 4WD-II system offers a choice of two- and four-wheel drive, along with centre differential locked full-time four-wheel drive and low gear centre differential locked four-wheel drive, with the choice of seven Normal, ECO, Gravel, Snow, Mud, Sand and Rock driving modes.

Mitsubishi also offers a range based on existing Renaults. The Eclipse Cross, for example, is modelled on the Renault Scenic E-Tech.



LEAF

Nissan is introducing an all-new third generation Leaf, which is set to arrive on UK roads early this year.

The model, which is built in the UK, promises a range of up to 375 miles and features a bold new look.

It qualifies for the Government's £3,750 electric car grant, bringing the starting price down to £32,249.

At the car's official unveiling, Nissan said it is ushering in a new chapter for the Leaf, which has been re-designed and re-engineered to meet the needs of modern EV customers, while remaining true to its innovative roots.

The body has been designed to maximise aerodynamics, while the interior prioritises space and passenger comfort.

The interior features dual 14.3-inch displays, powered by a Google-based operating system. While it has a minimalist layout, there are still physical controls for the climate settings and audio system.

Under the skin, the Leaf sits on the same platform as the Ariya.

Two versions will be available: Standard and Extended. The Standard has a 52kWh battery and can cover up to 270 miles between charges.

The Leaf Extended uses a 75kWh battery and has a 375-mile range.

DC fast charging is supported at up to 150kW, enabling a 260-mile range boost in 30 minutes.



MICRA

The Micra, whose styling harks back to previous iterations of the model, will be available in two battery options – 40kWh and 52kWh – with ranges of 198 and 260 miles respectively.

It shares a platform with the recently launched Renault 5.

The 40kWh models offer 122PS and 225Nm of torque, and these increase to 150PS and 245Nm for the bigger battery cars.

Both models can be rapid charged at an appropriate DC charger from 15%-80% in 30 minutes, through their respective 80kW and 100kW on-board chargers, with a heat pump standard on all models.



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POLESTAR 5

Polestar will continue to expand its line-up in 2026 with the launch of the Polestar 5.

Prices for the five-door 'grand tourer' start at £89,500.

It is based on the Polestar Precept and has a range of up to 416 miles.

Two versions are available: Dual Motor and Performance, in Launch Edition Trim.

The Polestar 5 Dual Motor has a power output of 748PS and 812Nm, enabling 0-62mph acceleration in 3.8 seconds.

The Performance version has 884PS/1,015Nm and can hit 62mph from rest in 3.1 seconds.

Both versions are electronically limited to 155mph.

A 106kWh battery gives a range of 416 miles in the Dual Motor and 351 miles in the Performance. An 800v electrical architecture – the first of its kind on a Polestar vehicle – allows the Polestar 5 to charge at up to 350kW on a suitable DC charger. The 10%-80% battery charge benchmark can take as little as 22 minutes.

The 5 is the first Polestar model to be built from the ground up by the brand, rather than utilising a platform shared with other Geely group models.

Using a hot-cured bonded aluminium platform, the structure is light and rigid. Polestar says the 5 has torsional rigidity higher than that of a supercar. It also consists of 13% recycled aluminium and 83% aluminium from smelters utilising renewable electricity, substantially lowering the car's carbon footprint.



Porsche

CAYENNE ELECTRIC

Porsche is now taking orders for the all-new Cayenne Electric, which will be sold alongside the existing petrol and plug-in hybrid models.

Using a fresh platform, the Cayenne Electric provides advanced functionality with 400kW ultra-fast charging and a range of up to 398 miles.

The all-electric Cayenne family initially comprises two models: the Cayenne Electric and the Cayenne Turbo Electric – both with all-wheel drive.

The Cayenne Turbo accelerates from 0-62mph in 2.5 seconds and reaches a top speed of 162mph, thanks to a power output of 1,156PS and 1,500Nm.

The entry-level Cayenne model has 408PS in normal operation and 442PS and 835Nm of torque with Launch Control. It accelerates from 0-62mph in

4.8 seconds, on its way to a top speed of 143mph.

Both models use the same 113kWh battery. WLTP range is up to 398 miles for the Cayenne Electric and 387 miles for the Turbo. A 10%-80% charge takes just 16 minutes and 202 miles of range can be added in 10 minutes, when using a 400kW charging system.

The Cayenne Electric also offers leading energy recovery figures, achieving Formula E levels with up to 600kW of recuperative power. In everyday life, Porsche claims about 97% of all braking operations can be handled purely by the electric motors. The mechanical friction brakes rarely need to intervene.

Prices start from £83,200 for the Cayenne Electric and £130,900 for the Cayenne Turbo Electric.

TWINGO

Following the success of its retro-styled 4 and 5 models, Renault is continuing the theme with the Twingo E-Tech city car.

It will arrive later this year with a price of less than £20,000.

The Twingo will form part of a seven-model electric car line-up from Renault and will serve as the entry point to its range.

When it arrives in the UK, the Twingo will rival the Citroën e-C3 and Dacia Spring.

The Twingo is powered by an 82PS motor and is fitted with a 27.5kWh battery. A range of up to 163 miles is expected.

As standard, the car comes with a 6.6kW AC charger.

Drivers will have to specify an optional 50kW DC charger if they want

to be able to utilise faster public charging points.

Development of the new model is being managed by Ampere, Renault's EV and software spin-off. The initial design work was completed in France, then engineering was carried out in China. The car will be built in Slovenia.

Like the new Renault 4 and 5 models, the Twingo's design is heavily inspired by the first-generation model from 1992.

It has compact dimensions, with a length of 3.79m. Wheelbase length has been maximised to improve passenger space and a sliding rear seat bench enables a trade between boot space and rear legroom.

In its largest configuration, the luggage compartment has a volume of 360 litres.



Dacia



DACIA SPRING

Dacia will apply updates to numerous models this year, including the Spring.

The revised Spring, which is the cheapest electric car in the UK, will be offered with either a 70PS or a 99PS powertrain, replacing the 45PS and 75PS versions that were previously offered.

Dacia says the power boost makes the Spring more driveable on motorways and larger roads.

Changes are also being made to the car's suspension, to improve stability. These include revised damper settings and the fitment of an anti-roll bar. Combined with improved weight distribution, Dacia claims the new Spring will deliver better handling.

Both motors are paired with a new 24.3kWh battery, giving a maximum range of up to 140 miles (WLTP).

Prices will start at £15,995 when the car arrives in April.

UNCHARTED

The Subaru Uncharted is the brand's first all-electric compact SUV and is claimed to combine ruggedness with dynamic agility.

A purposefully-styled exterior is complemented by a generously equipped cabin, featuring a 14-inch infotainment display.

The Uncharted has a turning circle of 5.5 metres and 210mm of ground clearance.

Three drivetrain options will be available, including an all-wheel drive system, utilising dual motor technology. The flagship model's 77kWh battery provides 344PS and up to 292 miles of range, with 0-62mph in five seconds and 1,500kg of towing capability.

Subaru will also offer a Long-Range, front-wheel drive (FWD) version, utilising the same 77kWh battery, but powered with a single motor, delivering a range of up to 363 miles.

An alternative single-motor, FWD version will also be available with a smaller 57.7kWh battery, offering a range of 276 miles.

All versions will be equipped with fast charging capability, allowing it to charge from 10% to 80% in 30 minutes. It will launch in the UK early this year.



E-OUTBACK

Inspired by the 30-year legacy of Subaru's Outback, the E-Outback combines everything drivers love about its trusted petrol-powered sibling – versatility, capability, and go-anywhere confidence – with enhanced electric power and refined technology.

The Subaru E-Outback has a 74.7kWh battery, providing 380PS and enabling it to accelerate from 0-62mph in 4.4 seconds, while also offering a range of more than 279 miles. It is fitted with a symmetrical AWD system, and is complemented by 210mm of ground clearance, a dual X-Mode terrain selection system and provides a 1,500kg towing capacity.

A comprehensive range of passive and active safety systems, including Emergency Driving Stop, Secondary Collision Braking, and EyeSight Driving Assist system-inspired features are fitted as standard.

The Subaru E-Outback is longer than the Solterra, giving increased luggage space.

It is set to arrive in the UK in the summer.

SOLTERRA

Three years after its debut as Subaru's first electric vehicle, the Solterra has been refreshed with significant hardware and software upgrades, as well as sleek new styling.

The dual e-axes now deliver 344PS, enabling the Solterra to accelerate from 0-62mph in 5.1 seconds. The drive battery capacity has increased to 73.1kWh and is capable of exceeding 310 miles on a full charge.

Further battery improvements have also resulted in faster charging speeds, with the Solterra now able to charge from 10% to 80% in just 30 minutes. Towing capacity has also doubled to 1,500kg.

A design refresh brings aero-optimised front styling, a redesigned interior, and a new 14-inch infotainment display. Safety has been enhanced with added camera support for all-surface awareness.

The revised Solterra will launch early this year.



ALFA ROMEO TONALE

Alfa Romeo is updating the Tonale in 2026, with a refreshed look, updated technology and revised powertrains. The mid-size SUV will be offered with a 175PS hybrid or a 270PS plug-in hybrid option. Both engines have been updated to comply with the latest emissions standards and feature a new computer promising a smoother drive.



DS No8

DS Automobiles has a new flagship model that signals the brand's next chapter in design, technology and electrification. Positioned at the top of the DS range, the No8 reflects a clear shift towards more expressive styling and refined performance.

A headline range figure of 466 miles is achieved by the Long Range model which has a 97kWh battery. The Standard model has a 74kWh battery and a 341-mile range. DS will also offer the car with a dual motor powertrain serving up 350PS.

With a bold silhouette, defined by sharp lines, sculpted surfaces and a confident road presence, the car's design blends elegance with innovation. Inside, the cabin places emphasis on comfort, material quality and digital integration. There's nappa leather upholstery and a large central touchscreen.

Technology plays a central role in the DS No8, with advanced connectivity and driver-assistance systems forming part of the overall experience. The model has been developed to meet growing demand for premium vehicles that combine luxury with efficiency, aligning with DS Automobiles' broader electrification strategy.

Pricing starts at £50,790, or £54,690 for the Long Range variant.



JEEP COMPASS

Jeep has unveiled the next-generation Compass, which moves to a platform shared with the Citroën e-C5 Aircross, Peugeot 3008 and Vauxhall Grandland.

The new model is set to arrive shortly, with electric, hybrid and plug-in hybrid powertrain options.

Development was shared between teams in the USA and Europe, resulting in a car that blends "rugged, off-road capability and seamless daily usability".

The new Compass is larger than its predecessor, yet it retains a smaller footprint than its stablemates.

Jeep quotes a boot volume of 550 litres and says passengers will have more legroom.

The Compass has a distinctive design, with numerous 'traditional Jeep' styling touches.

The powertrain line-up includes a 145PS Hybrid; a 195PS Plug-in Hybrid and three full-electric versions, ranging from a 213PS front-wheel drive version up to a 375PS all-wheel drive model.

The electric version has a range of up to 310 miles.



FIAT GRANDE PANDA

Technically, the new Panda launched last year, but production delays have meant that right-hand drive models won't land in the UK until March.

The rugged five-door compact SUV features retro-styling and will be available with an electric powertrain. 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 Electric is priced from £20,795. It has a compact footprint, with a length of 3.99m and a width of 1.76m. Fiat says there is ample room inside for five passengers, due to clever packaging, 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.



LEAPMOTOR B05

Leapmotor will launch a new electric hatchback this year to rival the Vauxhall Astra and VW ID3.

The B05 will be offered in the UK in one high-specified trim level and priced around £30,000.

It is based on a new platform (Leap 3.5), which is shared with the forthcoming B10 crossover.

Powertrain details for the B05 have not been confirmed, but it's likely that they'll be shared with the B10.

The B10's electric motor develops 218PS and can be paired with one of two battery options. The Pro version has a 56.2kWh pack offering up to 224 miles of WLTP range, while the ProMax (67.1kWh) provides 261 miles. Both batteries support 11kW AC charging and ultra-fast DC charging up to 168kW, enabling a 30%–80% charge in less than 20 minutes.



VAUXHALL ASTRA FACELIFT

Like the 308 (below), the Astra will also get a facelift this year. The car will feature a new front end, improved technology and enhanced powertrains. Both hatchback and estate bodystyles will be available.

Hybrid, plug-in hybrid and electric powertrains will be offered. The plug-in hybrids were updated for the current generation Astra, with a new 17.2kWh battery, and are expected to be carried over to the new car.

The 2026 Astra Electric will have a longer range, too. Using a 58kWh battery, it can travel 22 miles further than its predecessor with a WLTP range of 282 miles.

It also now has vehicle-to-load (V2L) functionality for the first time, offering the ability to power external devices directly from the car's battery.

In every variant, the new Astra offers even more seating comfort than before. On the entry-level version, the Intelli-Seats, specially developed by Vauxhall and available for the first time on the Astra, come as standard.

The new Astra gains Intelli-Lux HD lighting, similar to that seen on the Grandland, for the first time.



PEUGEOT 308 FACELIFT

A mid-life facelift brings fresh styling, improved technology and more efficient powertrains to the Peugeot 308.

The car comes in both hatchback and estate bodystyles.

Key among the changes is a new battery for the electric e-308. It increases the car's range by 23 miles, to 281 miles. The new unit has a capacity of 55.4kWh and is paired with the same 156PS electric motor as the outgoing model.

Using 400v electrical architecture, the e-308 support charging at up to 100kW and can complete a 10%-80% charge in around 32 minutes. An 11kW AC charger is fitted as standard.

The 308 plug-in hybrid has also been enhanced with a new battery. The 17.2kWh unit gives a zero-emission range of 53 miles, while peak power is now 195PS. The new powertrain is paired with a seven-speed automatic transmission.

The 308 has been given a new front end with a more aerodynamic bumper that improves efficiency and gives a sleeker appearance. The headlights have also been redesigned and now incorporate a full-width LED light signature and an illuminated Peugeot emblem.

As before, the 308 is fitted with Peugeot's i-cockpit interior that places the instrument cluster display above a small oval steering wheel. A 10-inch touchscreen controls the key functions, in conjunction with the smaller i-toggle customisable touch panel.

URBAN CRUISER

Toyota has a bold plan to roll out a new range of electric vehicles in 2026 and the Urban Cruiser will be the cheapest model to launch.

It's built in partnership with Suzuki and is a sister car to the new eVitara.

Toyota will offer the car with 49kWh and 61kWh battery options, priced from £29,995.

The 49kWh unit featured in the entry level Icon model has an output of 144PS and a range (WLTP combined) of up to 213 miles.

The 61kWh battery, fitted as standard in the Design and Excel versions, delivers 174PS and a range of up to 264 miles.

A DC (67kW) charge should take around 45 minutes.

All Urban Cruiser versions are equipped with an energy-saving heat pump for the air conditioning system and manually operated battery pre-heating to optimise performance in colder conditions.

The car is built on a new platform dedicated to battery electric vehicles.



TOYOTA BZ4X

Toyota has updated its electric bZ4x model for 2026 and confirmed that a new estate body style will be offered.

The latest model benefits from significant technical upgrades, increased customer choice, new equipment features, refreshed design and enhanced dynamic performance and ride comfort.

Prices start at £39,995, which is £4,000 more than the outgoing version. The new car does, however, qualify for the £1,500 electric car grant.

The line-up now offers a choice of two batteries – 57.7kWh and 73.1kWh – to suit different customer performance and budget priorities.

Combined with new eAxles these provide greater power with higher efficiency, extending the car's driving range up to 352 miles. A new battery pre-conditioning function and the provision of a 22kW on-board AC charger (Excel grade) contribute to improved battery charging times.

Entry level models have 170PS and a 274-mile range. The larger battery boosts power to 224PS and range to 352 miles. There's also an all-wheel drive option with 342PS and a range of 292 miles.

The bZ4x Touring is 140mm longer and 20mm taller than a bZ4x, boosting boot space by 148 litres to 600 litres.

Its body provides a more rugged appearance with a grained black finish for the wheel arches and black wheels.

Another Touring-specific feature is the roof rails.

RAV4

The Rav4 will re-launch this year with some major technical updates, including an all-new infotainment system and enhanced driver assistance.

Both hybrid and plug-in hybrid powertrains will feature, with the latter benefiting from a larger battery that provides a 62-mile zero-emission range.





C-HR+

Building on the success of the hybrid-powered C-HR, the new C-HR+ introduces an electric powertrain to the range.

Set to arrive in March, the new car is priced from £34,495 and qualifies for a £1,500 discount via the Government's electric car grant scheme.

The C-HR+ will be available in three trims – Icon, Design and Excel – all with front-wheel drive.

The Icon features a 57.7kWh battery and has a driving range of up to 284 miles; the Design and Excel are equipped with a higher capacity 77kWh unit, enabling a range of up to 376 miles.

The C-HR+ uses Toyota's dedicated e-TNGA electric vehicle architecture – the same modular platform used by the bz4x model – and this offers a 30% increase in torsional rigidity and a 65mm lower centre of gravity compared with the C-HR.



HILUX

Toyota has unveiled the ninth-generation Hilux, which will be offered with an electric powertrain for the first time.

The all-new pick-up will arrive later this year, offering a double cab body only.

The 2.8-litre mild hybrid diesel engine from the current Hilux will be carried over to the new model and is expected to be the best-seller.

The electric powertrain features a 59.2kWh battery and front and rear eAxles, providing permanent all-wheel drive. Pre-homologation data indicates approximate figures of 715kg for the payload, and 1,600kg for the towing capacity, with a WLTP driving range of approximately 150 miles. Toyota says it has targeted best-in-class charging capabilities that will minimise vehicle downtime.

A hydrogen fuel cell powertrain is scheduled to arrive in 2028, completing the line-up.

Details of the UK model range, specifications and prices will be announced in due course.

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2026 sees the launch of a range of new electric vehicles for Toyota, starting with the compact B-SUV Urban Cruiser, our entry level EV which will enable more customers to

transition to EV's. This is closely followed by the C-HR+, a coupe-inspired design that provides a range up to 376 miles on a single charge. Spring sees the arrival of bz4X Touring, providing efficient, versatile performance and a significant increase in load space over current bz4X. Toyota LCVs are also included with the all-new Hilux arriving in the summer with an EV option available for the first time.

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ES90

Having updated its XC60 and XC90 models in 2025, together with introducing the EX30 Cross Country, Volvo will kick off 2026 with the launch of the ES90.

Built to replace the S90 and V90, the electric newcomer blends the styling of a saloon with the practicality of a large hatchback.

The ES90 will be offered with three powertrain options: Single Motor Extended Range, Twin Motor and Twin Motor Performance.

Entry-level Single Motor cars use a 92kWh battery, with a 404-mile range. Twin Motor cars are fitted with a 106kWh battery, giving the

ES90 a maximum range of 435 miles. Power outputs range from 333PS, for the Single motor, to 680PS for the Performance version. The mid-spec Twin Motor has 449PS.

The car also features 800-volt electrical architecture, which enables ultra-rapid charging. With a 350kW charger, the ES90 can gain 186 miles of range in 10 minutes.

With a 3.1-metre wheelbase, the ES90 promises a large passenger compartment and "extremely generous legroom". The boot has 424 litres of space, which can be expanded when the rear seats are folded. There's also a 22-litre storage compartment under the bonnet.



EX60

Volvo has revealed initial details of its next-generation electric SUV, the EX60, a key new model in the brand's rapidly expanding EV line-up.

Positioned as an all-electric sister car to the hugely popular XC60, the EX60 will sit between the EX40 and EX90 and is expected to play a central role in Volvo's transition to a fully-electric range.

The headline statistic is a range of more than 500 miles, making the EX60 one of the most capable models in its class.

Built on Volvo's new SPA3 platform, the EX60 promises improved efficiency and faster charging compared with current models. The Swedish manufacturer says the platform will also allow for continuous over-the-air improvements throughout the vehicle's lifespan.

Safety remains a core focus, with the EX60 debuting new technology designed to adapt more precisely to occupants and driving conditions.

Design details remain under wraps, but Volvo has hinted at a clean, modern evolution of its Scandinavian styling.



CUPRA RAVAL

Cupra will finally reveal its Raval in February, with a market introduction planned for later in the year. It will be a pivotal vehicle for the group as it debuts a new compact electric car platform known as MEB+.

The development work was largely done by Cupra, but the platform will be shared among all group brands.

Using an electric motor on the front axle, the Raval will launch with a choice of two powertrains, powered by either a 38kWh or a 54kWh battery.

A range of up to 280 miles is expected.

Based on the 2021 Cupra Urban Rebel concept, the new car is expected to offer sporty styling, nimble handling and a driver-centric interior.



SEAT ARONA/IBIZA

Seat has confirmed a raft of updates for its Arona and Ibiza models due to launch early this year.

Both compact models have been given external and internal upgrades, along with improved technology. The updated styling is complemented by new colours and a new range of alloy wheels.

The fronts of both cars are completely renewed with fresh hexagonal grille designs, slimmer full-LED headlights and more aggressive bumper designs. Inside, both models benefit from a step up in quality, design and connectivity.

The engine line-up starts with a 1.0-litre turbo-charged petrol unit with 95PS and a five-speed manual gearbox.

A 115PS version is available with a six-speed manual or a seven-speed automatic transmission. Arona is also available with a 150PS petrol engine.

ŠKODA EPIQ

Škoda has showcased its upcoming new electric compact SUV, which is due to go on sale later this year.

The Epiq is expected to cost less than £25,000 when it enters the growing segment for cheap urban electric cars.

Key rivals will be the Fiat Panda and Renault 4, with the Epiq's

underpinnings related to those of the Cupra Raval and VW ID Polo.

At 4.1 metres in length, Škoda says the Epiq will feature a spacious interior and has 475 litres of luggage capacity.

The powertrain promises a range of up to 264 miles. It's likely that the Epiq will utilise the same 38kWh and 56kWh battery options as the Raval.



VW T-ROC

The T-Roc is one of VW's best-sellers, despite only offering internal combustion engines. While the new model still lacks an electric variant, hybrid power is the key focus.

The car adopts VW's new styling language, bringing it in line with the

Tiguan, Passat, Golf and ID range. First UK deliveries are expected in Q1.

The second-generation T-Roc is longer, benefiting rear passenger space and luggage capacity. There's now 475 litres of boot space.

Prices start at £31,620 for mild hybrid versions. A full hybrid is set to launch later in the year.



VW ID CROSS

Volkswagen has presented the ID Cross concept, which is a precursor to an electric version of the T-Cross compact SUV.

It will compete with the Citroën e-C3 Aircross, Ford Puma Gen-E and Renault 4, when it goes on sale.

Based on VW's MEB platform, the ID Cross is a front-wheel drive compact crossover.

It has a similar footprint to the existing T-Cross and has a 450-litre boot.

The powertrain offers a range of 260 miles and has a 211PS electric motor.



VW ID POLO

Utilising the new MEB+ platform developed by Cupra, the ID Polo will make its debut towards the end of the year.

Originally known as the ID2, the new car will adopt VW's familiar model name when it goes on sale.

The compact EV will launch with a choice of two powertrains, powered by either a 38kWh or a 54kWh battery.

Its interior will feature more physical switchgear than the current ID line-up, marking a reversal in the trend for buttonless cabins.

VW has also developed some retro-themed graphics for the car's digital instruments and infotainment system that nod to the analogue dials found in the brand's historic models.





G6 FACELIFT

Xpeng will launch a refreshed version of the G6 one year after the brand made its UK debut.

The Chinese carmaker has enhanced its Tesla Model Y-rivalling SUV with new battery technology and more than 20,000 incremental developments.

Enhancements have been made to the G6's chassis and suspension tuning, steering dynamics, electric powertrain behaviour, battery management and NVH (noise, vibration and harshness) levels.

Visually, there's a new light bar at the front, body-coloured wheel arch cladding and a rear spoiler. On the inside, the car features new wood trim, enhanced infotainment, a more powerful wireless phone charger and heating, cooling and massage functions for the front seats.

The new G6 is available in three variants: Standard Range, Long Range and Performance.

Prices start at £39,990, for the Standard, which has a rear-mounted electric motor and a 292-mile range. The Long Range car (£44,990) has a larger battery and returns up to 326 miles between charges. Performance versions have two motors, with 487PS, and a range of 316 miles. They come in a new Black Edition trim, costing £49,990.

Xpeng's new 80.8kWh lithium iron phosphate battery supports industry-leading charging speeds with a peak power of 451kW.

Zeekr

7X AND 7GT

Zeekr is expected to make its brand debut in the UK this year and introduce a line-up of new electric models.

The 7X SUV and the 7GT Shooting Brake are among the cars expected to launch first as the Geely-owned marque begins its roll-out.

Built on an enhanced 800v electrical system, the Zeekr 7X offers two battery options for different driving needs: a 75kWh battery for a range of 375 miles or a 100kWh unit with a 484-mile range.

The smaller battery benefits from Zeekr's ultra fast charging capability, enabling a charge from 10%-to-80% in 10.5 minutes. It will be a key rival to Tesla's Model Y.

The 7GT is a high-performance electric shooting brake. It has sharp styling, a luxurious interior and a chassis tuned for European roads.

It is priced to compete with the MG IM5 and VW ID7 – costing around £40,000 – but has the performance characteristics of a much more expensive car, such as the Porsche Taycan.

The car has a large footprint with a length of 4,817mm and a width of 2,070mm. It is equipped with the same battery options as the 7X.

The 7GT provides comfortable space for five passengers, along with a luggage capacity of 456 litres.

Zeekr is yet to confirm the car's range, but it has said that 0-62mph will be possible in 3.3 seconds.

