Upcoming 2025 & 2026 EVs

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1. Introduction

I need another paper for about a week from when I'm starting this. The good news is that found a very fertile information source in a book that I'm reading. The bad news is that I've leaned on this heavily lately, and would like to change subjects for at least one post. This is that post.

The other good news is that when I picked the title subject at random, and went searching for information, I found reference 1 below immediately, and this was just what I was looking for.[1]

I've used this source many times in the past, and it is trusted. I will abbreviate the information that I use below, so if you want to see the rest of the story (including models planned for 2027 and beyond), go through the link in this reference.

2. 2025 Models

Mercedes-Benz CLA With EQ Technology: *The German automaker's first new EV based on the fresh MMA architecture is the latest generation CLA. Mercedes ditched the EQ naming scheme for its new-gen battery-powered cars and will instead use the same designations as the combustion-powered models, albeit with the EQ Technology moniker attached.*

3. 2026 Models

Jeep Recon: *The Recon is a boxy SUV "inspired by the Wrangler" built on the Stellantis' STLA Large platform. It has removable doors and dual-motor all-wheel drive as standard equipment, giving it 650 horsepower and 620 pound-feet of torque, good enough for a 0-60 time of 3.6 seconds. Pricing starts from $65,000, excluding destination, and the estimated range is 250 miles on a full battery. Image is on the next page.*

[1] InsideEVs Editorial Team, "Here Are The Upcoming Electric Cars For 2025, 2026 And Beyond," Nov 27, 2025, https://insideevs.com/features/726302/future-electric-cars/

BMW iX3: *This is BMW's first model based on the brand-spanking-new Neue Klasse EV platform. In other words, it's a large and pretty efficient 800-volt electric SUV that can charge really quickly and is expected to deliver about 400 miles of range on a full battery. The new iX3 was built from the ground up as an EV, so don't expect to see any gas engines in the lineup.*

BMW i3: *Despite the name, the new BMW i3 will have nothing in common with the first generation of the model, which was a quirky but cool city-oriented electric hatchback. No, the new i3 will be a fully grown electric alternative to the gas-powered 3 Series. Based on the same Neue Klasse platform as the new iX3, the latest-generation i3 sedan is expected to be available with up to four electric motors for serious power.*

Chevrolet Bolt: *An American-made fan favorite returns after a three-year hiatus. It might look mostly the same as the discontinued Bolt EUV, but the new model has been revamped almost entirely under the skin. There are a new electric motor and new lithium iron phosphate (LFP) battery pack that promises longevity and worry-free charging. (Unlike the previous-generation model, which had a bit of a battery-fire issue.)*

With a starting price of $28,995, it will become one of America's cheapest new EVs, alongside the new Nissan Leaf. (Note that the Leaf is covered on the next page).

Nissan Leaf: *The 2026 Nissan LEAF is a fully redesigned electric crossover offering up to 303 miles of EPA-estimated range, advanced technology, and a starting price under $30,000.*

Design and Body: The 2026 LEAF transitions from a compact hatchback to a small crossover SUV design inspired by the Nissan Ariya. It features motorized flush front door handles, concealed rear door handles in the C-pillars, and a dimming panoramic sunroof on higher trims. The interior has dual 12.3-inch or 14.3-inch displays, a flat floor, and redesigned seats that improve second-row legroom. Cargo space is 20 cubic feet behind the rear seats and expands to 55.5 cubic feet with the second row folded down.

Performance and Powertrain: All trims use a front-wheel-drive layout with a single electric motor. The S+ and higher trims have a 75 kWh battery producing 214 hp and 261 ft-lb of torque, while the base S trim has a 52 kWh battery with 174 hp and 254 lb-ft. Acceleration from 0-60 mph is approximately 6.8 seconds for the Platinum+ trim. The vehicle weighs around 4,231–4,369 pounds depending on trim.

Range and Efficiency: S+ trim: 303 miles EPA range, real-world highway range ~255–270 miles at 70 mph

SV+ trim: 288 miles EPA range, real-world highway range ~270 miles

Platinum+ trim: 259 miles EPA range, real-world highway range ~250 miles

Efficiency is around 28–33 kWh per 100 miles depending on driving conditions. Cold weather can reduce range by 25–35%, while extreme heat may reduce it by 10–15%.

Charging: The 2026 LEAF supports dual charging ports: a J1772 port for Level 1/2 home charging and a Tesla-style NACS port for DC fast charging up to 150 kW. Charging from 10% to 80% takes approximately 35–38 minutes on a compatible fast charger. Level 2 home charging takes 9–10 hours for a full charge. NACS (North American Charging System) access provides over 17,000 Tesla Supercharger stations in the U.S.

Pricing:

S+ trim: $29,990 MSRP

SV+ trim: $34,230 MSRP

Platinum+ trim: $38,990–$41,930 MSRP depending on options

After federal EV tax credits (up to $7,500), the S+ trim could effectively cost around $23,985.

Slate Truck: *Slate Auto is a newcomer in the EV game, and it wants to flip the script when it comes to pickups. Backed by Amazon's Jeff Bezos, Slate's small truck takes simplicity to the extreme, offering customers the ability to add niceties like power windows and a radio for a bit of extra money, but only if they want to.*

The company calls its vehicle a "blank slate," and it shows. It's as bare-bones as it gets, but there's a good reason for that: the price is also low. Starting at an estimated $27,000 without incentives, the base model could become the cheapest new EV in the country.

Rivian R2: *Rivian has proved it can make a compelling, luxurious, capable electric SUV that consumers love. Its next task is more significant: Build one that most people can afford. That's where the Rivian R2 comes in. The R2 is a compact electric SUV, similar in size to the Tesla Model Y, with a target price of around $45,000 before incentives. Rivian says the R2 will enter production in the first half of 2026. They will initially be built at Rivian's existing production facility in Normal, Illinois.*

As of April 2, when I'm writing this, I asked Bing: "Has the Rivian R2 been released?"

It replied: "*The Rivian R2 has not yet been widely released, but deliveries to select customers are expected by late spring 2026."*

Thus, I would expect limited deliveries in May, a few more in June, and then slowly ramping up over the summer.

Porsche 718 Electric: *The next-generation Porsche 718 will be all-electric, although the top-spec versions of the current model will live on powered by gasoline. We don't have the full details yet, but the new electric sports car should ride on the same platform as the electric Macan. And the performance numbers, potentially exceeding 600 horsepower in top spec, could be eye-popping.*

Ditto the price.

Range Rover Electric: *Land Rover's first EV will be the Range Rover Electric. JLR has not given us the full info dump yet. But we know it will have an 800V architecture, a wading depth of 33.46 inches (about on par with a Defender on coil springs or a Ford Bronco Sasquatch) and, importantly, look very much like the combustion Range Rover.*

Mercedes-Benz GLB with EQ Technology: *The first-generation EQB electric seven-seater has been discontinued, but a replacement will come next year in the form of the new GLB crossover. Based on the same MMA architecture as the latest-generation CLA sedan, the new crossover will retain the seven-seater configuration of its predecessor, while adding a lot more screens and upping the charging power significantly.*

The Mercedes-Benz GLC with EQ technology (above): *is an all-new electric SUV that combines luxury, performance, and advanced technology, offering up to 713 km of range on a single charge.*

The Mercedes-Benz GLC with EQ technology represents a significant advancement in the brand's electric vehicle lineup. This model is built on a dedicated electric vehicle platform, the MB.EA, which allows for optimized performance and efficiency. The GLC is designed to compete with other SUVs, such as the BMW iX3 and Audi Q6 e-tron.

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Performance: *The GLC 400 4MATIC variant features dual electric motors that deliver a combined output of 360 kW (approximately 483 hp), enabling it to accelerate from 0 to 100 km/h in just 4.3 seconds. It is equipped with a 94 kWh battery, providing a range of up to 713 km on the WLTP cycle.*

Charging Capabilities: *The GLC supports 800V electrical architecture, allowing for rapid charging. It can add up to 303 km of range in just 10 minutes of charging at high-speed stations. The standard AC charging rate is 11 kW, with an optional 22 kW available.*

Interior Technology: *The interior features the MBUX Hyper-screen, a massive 39.1-inch touchscreen that spans the dashboard, providing an intuitive interface powered by an AI-driven operating system. This system enhances user experience with personalized settings and ambient lighting options.*

Design: *The GLC showcases a modern design with a distinctive illuminated grille and a sleek silhouette. The vehicle's aerodynamics are optimized, achieving a low drag coefficient of 0.26, which contributes to its efficiency.*

Porsche Cayenne Electric: *The first-ever electric Cayenne takes a page out of the first-generation's book. As in, it has looks only a mother could love. But just like the Cayenne that was both despised by brand fans and loved by the company's accountants because it sold extremely well, the new Cayenne EV might do the same.*

It's the most powerful road-going Porsche ever made, with over 1,000 horsepower in the top-spec Turbo version. It also makes wireless charging a viable option to the wired alternative, with the in-house developed charging pad capable of delivering up to 11 kW of power. It will cost you, though.