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Kia tests high-performance 2025 EV6 GT with 585 BHP, rapid charging capability

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Kia unveiled the 2025 EV6 facelift earlier this year, show-

casing numerous upgrades to both its exterior and interior. Now, the South Korean automaker is testing its range-topping version, the EV6 GT.

Ahead of its global debut, the 2025 Kia EV6 GT has been spotted undergoing testing in Germany. This upcoming model will feature all the upgrades of the standard model, including an updated powertrain. However, as a performance version, the EV6 GT will also include sportier front and rear bumpers, updated light graphics, larger wheels with a new design, contrasting color options, and slightly revised interior trim op-

tions.

The 2025 EV6 will come with a larger 84 kWh battery pack as standard, paired with either single or dual electric motors that produce up to 320 BHP in regular trims. Reports suggest that the upcoming EV6 GT variant will have the same battery specifications but will generate a massive 585 BHP from its dual electric motor setup.

Additionally, the EV6 GT will support up to 350 kW DC fast charging, allowing for a 10-80% charge in just 18 minutes. However, Kia has yet to confirm the expected driving range for the sportier EV6 GT model.



Ferrari to accept crypto-payments in Europe



Rome, Italy

in a statement.

Italian luxury carmaker Ferrari said its European dealers will start accepting cryptocurrency, following a similar move in the United States.

The new payment system -- which includes verification of the source of the funds, and immediate conversion of the payments into traditional currency -- will be rolled out from the end of July, it said.

"The entry into the European market follows the successful launch of this alternative payment system in the United States less than a year ago, to support dealers in better addressing the evolving needs of its clients," the company said

"By the end of 2024, Ferrari will expand cryptocurrency transactions to other countries in its international dealer network, where cryptocurrencies are legally accepted."

Cryptocurrencies, the most famous of which is bitcoin, are a type of digital currency which, unlike traditional currencies, are not controlled by centralised financial institutions.

Billionaire Elon Musk declared in 2021 that he would sell Tesla cars for bitcoins -- before changing his mind, arguing that its production was too polluting and that he would only accept it when it was less polluting.

Tesla Model S Plaid sets 8.56s record



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The Tesla Model S Plaid has set a new quarter-mile record with a time of 8.56 seconds.

The record-setting sprint was performed by DragTimes, who shared the stats and video on the social media platform X (formerly Twitter). The video shows the Model S Plaid on a drag strip, reaching a top speed of 162 mph while completing the quarter-mile.

The video also reveals that the

Model S Plaid was stripped down to reduce weight, with the entire front dash removed. The sprint took place on a prepared drag strip, aiding in the impressive timing.

Despite being a \$90,000 four-door electric sedan, the Model S Plaid's quarter-mile performance is notable, especially considering its main rivals are hypercars priced over \$2 million.



Audi unveils first-ever A6 e-tron: up to 756 km range

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Audi has unveiled the first-ever A6 e-tron, available in Sportback and Avant styles, built on the PPE architecture. The A6 e-tron boasts a striking design with split headlamps, a body-colored grille, angular bumper, sleek door handles, and 19-inch wheels



(upgradable to 21 inches). The rear features a full-width LED light bar, subtle diffuser, and an illuminated Audi logo.

Measuring 4,928 mm in length, 1,923 mm in width, and 1,527 mm in height, the A6 e-tron has a 2,946 mm wheelbase, a 502-liter rear boot, and a 27-liter trunk.

Inside, it mimics the Q6 e-tron SUV's dash-

board with an 11.9-inch digital cluster, a 14.5-inch touchscreen, and an additional 10.9-inch screen for passengers. Features include ambient lighting, a new steering wheel, a touchpad for controls, a toggle switch for the drive selector, and a rotary dial for media. Other amenities are a 20-speaker Bang & Olufsen system, full ADAS suite, 360-degree camera, and a panoramic roof.

The A6 e-tron offers RWD, Quattro, and S6 variants, all

with a 94.4 kWh battery. The base model produces 362 BHP, the Quattro 422 BHP, and the S6 up to 543 BHP with launch control. It offers a range between 610 km to 756 km and supports 270 kW fast charging, achieving 10-80% charge in 21 minutes. Set to rival the BMW i5, the A6 e-tron will be priced from around 75,000 euros and will be available internationally in the coming months.



Xiaomi founder, chairman and CEO, Lei Jun speaks in front of an image of the Xiaomi SU7 car at an event where he also launched a new mobile phone in Beijing



Google Maps now suggests parking location

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Google has updated its Maps application to provide users with a more stress-free experience, media reports say.

The new update to Google Maps now highlights the building the user is looking for, identifies the entrance, and shows where they can park their vehicles.

While the current version only provides directions such as "your destination is on the right," the new update aims to offer a "more complete" experience.



Google Maps will first highlight the building on the app, then locate nearby parking areas.

Google calls the new feature "destination guidance" and will be available across all platforms in the coming weeks.

After this, the feature will use dotted lines to guide users from the parking lot to the building's entrance. Additionally, walking directions will be updated in real-time based on the user's location.

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includes Google Maps on smartphones running Android and iOS, as well as Apple CarPlay and Android Auto.