

Automotive InSight

**The Bronco
is Back!**



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News

Nikola runs out of charge

GM recently jumped into the EV fray by betting their hand on Nikola. GM's Newsroom says that they put an 11% stake worth \$2B in the company so that they can have a hand in the business and use their technologies in their own cars (GM, "Nikola and General Motors"). Unfortunately, just a week after the



partnership was announced, the company was called out as a fraud and sued. Trevor Milton, the founder of the company, resigned (Yahoo Finance, "Nikola Founder"). The company was hoping to release its electric and hydrogen fuel-cell pickup, the Badger.

A Tesla Cheaper than a Toyota?

Tesla has been working hard to put out cheaper, more competitive cars into the market. On Tesla's "battery day," they ended with a claim that they would have a \$25,000 dollar Tesla in the next three years (cnet.com, "Tesla Battery Day"). For contrast, the cheapest Tesla currently available is the Model 3, (pictured) which starts at \$35,000.



Challengers

Volkswagen is trying to get a piece of the EV pie with the new ID.4, a crossover aimed to nab sales from Tesla's Model Y. The ID.4 promises 250 miles of range at a \$40,000 starting price (vw.com).



WWYD? (What Would You Drive?)

What Would You Drive? is a section where someone is asked what cars they would have, given a certain constraint. For example, I, the editor, will give you my (practical) dream 5-car garage.

The Jeep Grand Cherokee Trackhawk comfortably fits 5 and luggage. This practical 4WD family car packs a huge punch, however, with its 707 horsepower supercharged V8 taken straight out of a Dodge Challenger Hellcat.



The Fiat 500 Abarth is a small, Italian hot hatchback - a pint-sized 160 horsepower



characterful ball of fun. I'd definitely get mine with a manual.

A sporty, good looking grand-tourer is a good fit in any garage. The BMW M8, with over 600hp, will go plenty fast to keep up with supercars, but plush enough to not break your back. Close runner-up: the Bentley Continental GT.



As an off-road enthusiast, I find the Ford F-150 Raptor appealing since it is a truck capable of tackling just about any terrain straight from the factory.

Plus, with a 13,000lb towing capacity (jimtiddwellford), it doubles well as a trailer-hauler for weekend getaways.

No dream garage would be complete without a supercar.



My pick is the McLaren 720S. With 710 horsepower, it has the power to back up its mesmerizing looks. It runs from 0-60mph in under 3 seconds, and will keep pulling until it hits 212.

Back From the Dead

Taking an in-depth look
the Ford Bronco this

Back in 2014 the Nissan Xterra and the Toyota FJ stopped production, leaving the Jeep Wrangler and the Toyota 4Runner the entire off-road SUV market solely to themselves. Sales have stayed strong for those vehicles, and secondhand prices remain some of the highest on the market. It was only a matter of time before carmakers decided to grab their market share. Ford has taken its time to bring back the Bronco, but that is a good thing. Ford wanted to make sure they appealed to off-road enthusiasts, while still giving customers a classic design that harkens back to the original Bronco design. Ford accomplished this by making two models. The regular Bronco is a truck-based body-on-frame design, which is a necessity for it





at the resurrection of
Halloween season

to be accepted in the off-road community. It's set squarely against the Jeep Wrangler, as it features many customizability features, including the ability to remove the doors, roof. This Bronco comes in two and four-door versions, and



include a variety of trim levels to pick from that feature various off-road and luxury features that customers may want.

The second model, the Bronco Sport, offers independent rear suspension, which will give better handling and ride quality for those who spend most of their time on-road (roadandtrack.com, "The 2021 Ford Bronco Sport"). The Bronco will start at \$28,500, while the Bronco Sport will start at just over \$26,500.



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