



Kia EV5 Long Range FWD (2026-...) (Europe)

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Years of Production 2026
Market Availability EU

Country of Manufacture South Korea

Current Status Announced

Body Style SUV

Price Europe (New/Used) €No data/No data

Range and Efficiency

Range EPA 893 km
Range WLTP No data
Range GCC 848 km
Battery (Usable/Nominal) 78/81.4 kWh
Efficiency (Energy/Range) 9.2 kWh/100 km
Efficiency (Range/Energy) 10.87 km/kWh

Charging

Architecture 800 V
Max AC Charging 11 kW
Max DC Charging 120 kW (97 kW at 400 V)
Charge Port CCS Type 2

Performance

Drive Type AWD PMSM (front), PMSM (rear)

Motor (Power/Torque) 160 kW (215 hp)/480 Nm

Acceleration 0-100 km/h 8.9 s

Top Speed 185 km/h

Dimensions

Length4615 mmWidth (with Mirrors/no Mirrors)No dataHeight1715 mmWheelbase2750 mm

Cargo and Towing

Number of Seats 5
Curb Weight 1958 kg
Cargo Volume (Trunk/Max/Frunk) 513/1714/67 I
Towing Capacity 1250 kg

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About Kia EV5 Long Range FWD (2026-...)

Overview

The 2026 Kia EV5 is set to shake up the electric family SUV market, slotting in beneath the mighty EV9. This Long Range model aims to be a compelling alternative to rivals like the Tesla Model Y and VW ID.4, blending bold styling with supreme practicality. Its key selling point is a promise of enormous range, making it a standout choice for those looking to ditch petrol and range anxiety for good. While final European pricing is still under wraps, expect it to be fiercely competitive, positioning the EV5 as a high-value, feature-packed contender.

What's New for 2026?

As an entirely new model making its European debut in 2026, everything about the EV5 is fresh. It brings Kia's celebrated 'Opposites United' design language and EV-dedicated platform philosophy to a more compact and accessible segment. The EV5 will launch with Kia's next-generation 'ccNC' infotainment system, promising quicker responses and over-the-air updates to keep the tech current. It effectively miniaturizes the award-winning EV9 experience, packaging its futuristic appeal and user-focused technology for a broader audience, marking a significant new chapter for Kia's electric lineup.

Design & Exterior

The EV5 has some serious road presence, looking every bit the baby EV9. Its chunky, futuristic aesthetic is defined by the 'Digital Tiger Face' and stunning 'Star Map' signature LED daytime running lights that give it a unique identity. The design is clean and robust, with flush door handles and aero-optimised wheels enhancing its modern look. Measuring 4615 mm in length, 1875 mm in width, and 1715 mm in height, its dimensions strike a perfect balance between a commanding SUV stance and city-friendly maneuverability, ensuring it looks sharp from every angle.

Interior, Tech & Cargo

Step inside, and the EV5 greets you with a spacious, lounge-like cabin focused on comfort and sustainability. The dashboard is a minimalist masterpiece, dominated by a panoramic display panel that seamlessly integrates the driver's cluster and infotainment. Passenger space is generous, and the use of recycled materials enhances the premium, eco-conscious vibe. Practicality is off the charts, with a massive 513-litre boot that expands to 1714 litres with the seats down. Plus, a handy 67-litre frunk under the bonnet provides extra storage for charging cables or shopping bags.

Performance & Driving Experience

This version of the EV5 packs a surprising punch with its dual-motor, all-wheel-drive system delivering sure-footed traction in all conditions. The powertrain produces a combined 160 kW and a hefty 480 Nm of instant torque, getting you from 0-100 km/h in a respectable 8.9 seconds. The driving experience is expected to be supremely quiet and comfortable, prioritising a smooth ride for family duties. Like other Kia EVs, expect multiple regenerative braking levels, including the brilliant 'i-Pedal' mode that allows for easy one-pedal driving around town, making the daily commute an absolute breeze.

Range, Battery & Charging

This is where the EV5 Long Range aims to lead the pack. It's equipped with a 78 kWh usable battery pack, which delivers an incredible real-world range estimate of 848 km, as calculated by Green Cars Compare, thanks to its stellar efficiency of 10.87 km/kWh. For charging, it uses the European standard CCS Type 2 port. At home on an AC charger, it tops out at 11 kW. When you're on the move, its 800V architecture allows for DC fast charging up to 120 kW. It also includes Kia's handy Vehicle-to-Load (V2L) feature.

Safety & Driver-Assistance Features

While the EV5 has not yet been crash-tested by Euro NCAP, it's engineered to target a top five-star safety rating. It will come loaded with Kia's latest DriveWise assistance systems. Expect features like Highway Driving Assist 2 (HDA 2), which provides advanced adaptive cruise control with lane-centering, to be available. Standard kit is likely to include Forward Collision-Avoidance Assist, Blind-Spot View Monitor, and Lane Following Assist, ensuring a comprehensive safety net is in place to protect you and your passengers on every journey.

Warranty & Maintenance Coverage

Kia's industry-leading warranty is a massive selling point and provides fantastic peace of mind. The EV5 will be covered by the comprehensive 7-year / 150,000 km basic vehicle warranty, which is one of the best in the business. Crucially, this same 7-year / 150,000 km coverage extends to the high-voltage battery, guaranteeing it against excessive degradation. With fewer moving parts than a traditional car, maintenance will be simpler and more affordable, further lowering the total cost of ownership over the vehicle's lifetime.

How powerful is it? How fast does it accelerate?

The Kia EV5 Long Range FWD (2026-...) is equipped with a powertrain that delivers up to 160 kW (215 hp) of power and 354 lb-ft of torque.

This enables a 0 to 60 mph acceleration in 8.6 seconds (Nº70 out of 119 ranked positions, among 987 electric vehicles, with some cars sharing positions) and a top speed of 115 mph.

How far can it go on single charge? What is the real-world range?

The estimated real-world range for Kia EV5 Long Range FWD (2026-...) is 527 miles, ranking it №2 out of 268 ranked positions. Several conditions can influence this range:

- Speed: The battery drains faster at higher speeds.
- Temperature: Extreme temperatures can impact range.
- Terrain: Range is reduced on hilly or mountainous terrain.
- Driving style: Aggressive driving behaviors, such as frequent acceleration and braking, decrease efficiency.
- Feature utilization: Climate control and media system usage also affect range.

These figures are approximations, and your actual driving range may vary. When planning trips, consider these factors and be prepared for potential charging stops.

For trip planning assistance, utilize the EV Navigation interactive map.

What charging options are available? How long does it take to

charge it?

The Kia EV5 Long Range FWD (2026-...) in the USA is equipped with a Tesla (NACS) charging port. You can charge it conveniently at home using a standard outlet, or utilize any public AC charging station with the appropriate cable. However, the car's built-in charger (inverter) limits the maximum AC charging speed to 11 kW, which translates to roughly 67 miles of range added per hour.

For faster charging, use DC fast-charging stations. The Kia EV5 Long Range FWD (2026-...) supports a maximum DC charging rate of 120 kW, but it's important to note that battery temperature and current charge level can affect the actual charging speed you'll experience.

To estimate charging time, rate, and cost, you can use EV Charging Calculator.

How big is it? What are the dimensions (length, width, height)?

Kia EV5 Long Range FWD (2026-...) comes in the following dimensions:

• Length: 181.7 in

• Width: in (including side mirrors) or 73.8 in (excluding side mirrors)

• Height: 67.5 in

• Wheelbase: 108.3 in (distance between the center of the front and rear wheels)

Curb weight: 4316 lbs (weight of the empty car, no people or cargo)

How much cargo space does it offer? Does it have a front trunk?

Behind the rear seats of the Kia EV5 Long Range FWD (2026-...), you'll find 18.1 cubic feet of storage space (Nº81 out of 168 ranked positions, among 987 electric vehicles, with some cars sharing positions).

Folding down the rear seats expands the total cargo capacity to 60.5 cubic feet (№62 out of 202 ranked positions, among 987 electric vehicles, with some cars sharing positions).

Frunk capacity: The front trunk is called a "frunk", and it offers an additional 2.4 cubic feet for storing small items.

Is it suitable for towing? What is the maximum towing capacity?

The Kia EV5 Long Range FWD (2026-...) can safely tow up to 2755 lbs, provided that the trailer has its own braking system.

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