



BYD Dolphin Surf Active (2025-...) (USA)

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General Info

Years of Production	2025 -
Market Availability	EU
Country of Manufacture	China
Current Status	Produced
Body Style	Hatchback
Price USA (New/Used)	\$No data/No data

Range and Efficiency

Range EPA	No data
Range WLTP	137 mi
Range GCC	116 mi
Battery (Usable/Nominal)	30/32 kWh
Efficiency (Energy/Range)	25.9 kWh/100 mi
Efficiency (Range/Energy)	3.87 mi/kWh

Charging

Architecture	400 V
Max AC Charging	11 kW
Max DC Charging	65 kW
Charge Port	CCS Type 2

Performance

Drive Type	FWD PMSM
Motor (Power/Torque)	65 kW (87 hp)/129 lb-ft
Acceleration 0-60 mph	10.7 s
Top Speed	93 mph

Dimensions

Length	157.1 in
Width (with Mirrors/no Mirrors)	77.6/67.7 in
Height	62.6 in
Wheelbase	98.4 in

Cargo and Towing

Number of Seats	4
Curb Weight	2853 lb
Cargo Volume (Trunk/Max/Frunk)	10.9/36.6/No data ft3
Towing Capacity	No data

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About BYD Dolphin Surf Active (2025-...)

Overview

The 2025 BYD Dolphin Surf Active is shaping up to be a super-compact electric hatchback aimed squarely at budget-conscious city dwellers. If it ever hits US shores, expect it to be one of the most affordable ways to get into a brand-new EV. This Active trim, with its focus on essential features and urban-friendly specs, prioritizes value. While official US pricing isn't available as it's currently an EU-market model, its European positioning suggests it would be a real bargain, potentially making EV ownership accessible to a much wider audience stateside.

What's New for 2025?

The "Dolphin Surf Active" appears as a fresh entry for the 2025 model year, likely representing a new or significantly reconfigured base model for specific markets. While BYD's Dolphin has been making waves internationally, this particular "Surf Active" iteration with its 30 kWh battery is geared for maximum affordability. For a potential US introduction, this 2025 version would signify BYD's latest take on an entry-level EV, packing current tech into a pint-sized package designed primarily for zipping around town rather than long-haul cruising.

Design & Exterior

The Dolphin Surf Active rocks BYD's "Ocean Aesthetics" design, making it look quite modern and distinctive for a small hatch. It's got a cheeky, friendly face that should appeal to younger buyers. Dimensionally, it's properly compact: just 157.1 inches long, 67.7 inches wide (excluding mirrors), and 62.6 inches tall – perfect for tight city parking! The Active trim will likely feature practical wheel designs and standard LED lighting, keeping things stylish yet sensible. Its small footprint makes it an ideal urban runabout.

Interior, Tech & Cargo

Inside, the Dolphin Surf Active is expected to offer a surprisingly modern and minimalist cabin for its class, likely with some fun, youthful touches. While materials will be budget-friendly, BYD usually delivers decent build quality. It's a strict 4-seater, so cozy but usable for city trips. Cargo-wise, you get a practical 10.9 cubic feet in the trunk, expanding to a useful 36.6 cubic feet with the rear seats folded. Don't expect a frunk here. A rotating central touchscreen with smartphone connectivity should be standard, handling infotainment duties.

Performance & Driving Experience

Don't expect supercar thrills from the Dolphin Surf Active; it's all about efficient city motoring. Its single Permanent Magnet Synchronous Motor (PMSM) sends 65 kW (around 87 hp) and 129 lb-ft of torque to the front wheels. This setup delivers a 0-60 mph sprint in a leisurely 10.7 seconds, perfectly adequate for darting through urban traffic. The driving experience will likely prioritize a comfortable ride and easy maneuverability over sporty handling. Multiple regenerative braking modes should help you eke out extra miles.

Range, Battery & Charging

The Dolphin Surf Active packs a 30 kWh usable battery, delivering a Green Cars Compare estimated real-

world range of 116 miles – ideal for daily commutes and city errands. Efficiency is rated at a decent 3.87 mi/kWh. For charging, it boasts an 11 kW onboard AC charger, meaning a full top-up could take under 3 hours at home. DC fast charging maxes out at 65 kW. The car uses a CCS Type 2 port, common in Europe; a version for the US market would require a CCS Type 1 or NACS connector for compatibility.

Safety & Driver-Assistance Features

Official US NHTSA or IIHS safety ratings for the Dolphin Surf Active aren't available, as it's not currently sold in the US, and Euro NCAP ratings for this specific 2025 trim are also pending. However, BYD typically equips its vehicles with a reasonable suite of safety tech. Expect standard features like automatic emergency braking, lane-keeping assist, and possibly rear parking sensors on the Active trim. More advanced systems like adaptive cruise control might be reserved for higher-spec versions, should a broader lineup reach the States.

Warranty & Maintenance Coverage

While specific US warranty details for the BYD Dolphin Surf Active are unconfirmed due to its current EU-only market status, BYD generally offers competitive coverage in other regions. Buyers could potentially expect a basic vehicle warranty around 6 years/93,000 miles and a battery warranty of approximately 8 years/124,000 miles, covering degradation to 70% state of health. Details on complimentary maintenance for a hypothetical US model would be announced closer to any potential launch. BYD's Blade Battery tech is also known for its safety and durability.

How powerful is it? How fast does it accelerate?

The BYD Dolphin Surf Active (2025-...) can accelerate from 0 to 60 mph in 10.7 seconds ([Nº88 out of 119 ranked positions](#), among 987 electric vehicles, with some cars sharing positions) and reach a top speed of 93 mph.

The car's powertrain delivers up to 65 kW (87 hp) of power and 129 lb-ft of torque.

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

Real-world range of the BYD Dolphin Surf Active (2025-...) is 116 miles ([Nº235 out of 268 ranked positions](#), among 987 electric vehicles, with some cars sharing positions) — depending on several factors, including:

- Speed: Higher speeds deplete the battery faster.
- Temperature: Extreme cold and hot weather impacts range.
- Terrain: Hilly or mountainous terrain reduces range.
- Driving style: Aggressive driving with frequent acceleration and braking consumes more energy.
- Use of features: Features like climate control and media system also affect range.

It's important to remember that these are just estimates, and your actual range may vary. It's always best to factor in these various factors when planning your trip and be prepared for potential charging stops.

Plan your trips using the [EV Navigation interactive map](#).

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

In the USA BYD Dolphin Surf Active (2025-...) has a CCS Type 2 charge port.

- You can charge it at home using a standard domestic socket or plug into any public AC charging station using the right cable. Keep in mind that the car's on-board charger (inverter) limits the maximum AC charging rate to 11 kW, which translates to approximately 38 miles of range added per hour of charging.
- For quicker charging, consider using a compatible DC fast-charging station. The car boasts a maximum charging rate of 65 kW, but remember that battery temperature and charge level can influence the actual speed you'll experience.

Estimate charging time, rate and cost using [EV Charging Calculator](#).

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

Here are the dimensions and weight for the BYD Dolphin Surf Active (2025-...):

- Length: 157.1 in
- Width: 77.6 in (including side mirrors) or 67.7 in (excluding side mirrors)
- Height: 62.6 in
- Wheelbase: 98.4 in (distance between the center of the front and rear wheels)
- Curb weight: 2853 lbs (weight of the empty car, no people or cargo)

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

Here's a breakdown of the BYD Dolphin Surf Active (2025-...) cargo space:

- Trunk capacity: With the rear seats up, you get 10.9 cubic feet of cargo space in the back ([Nº140 out of 168 ranked positions](#), among 987 electric vehicles, with some cars sharing positions).
- Max cargo capacity: Fold down the rear seats, and you open up 36.6 cubic feet of total cargo space ([Nº168 out of 202 ranked positions](#), among 987 electric vehicles, with some cars sharing positions).
- Frunk capacity: The car doesn't have a "frunk" (front trunk).

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

The car isn't officially rated for towing.

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