



Kia EV5 Standard Range FWD (2026-...) (USA)

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General Info

Years of Production	2026 -
Market Availability	EU
Country of Manufacture	South Korea
Current Status	Announced
Body Style	SUV
Price USA (New/Used)	\$No data/No data

Range and Efficiency

Range EPA	400 mi
Range WLTP	No data
Range GCC	380 mi
Battery (Usable/Nominal)	57.3/60.3 kWh
Efficiency (Energy/Range)	15.1 kWh/100 mi
Efficiency (Range/Energy)	6.63 mi/kWh

Charging

Architecture	800 V
Max AC Charging	6.6 kW
Max DC Charging	102 kW (97 kW at 400 V)
Charge Port	Tesla (NACS)

Performance

Drive Type	FWD PMSM
Motor (Power/Torque)	160 kW (215 hp)/229 lb-ft
Acceleration 0-60 mph	8.2 s
Top Speed	115 mph

Dimensions

Length	181.7 in
Width (with Mirrors/no Mirrors)	No data
Height	67.5 in
Wheelbase	108.3 in

Cargo and Towing

Number of Seats	5
Curb Weight	4294 lb
Cargo Volume (Trunk/Max/Frunk)	18.1/60.5/2.4 ft3
Towing Capacity	661 lb

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

Overview

The 2026 Kia EV5 Standard Range FWD arrives as the stylish, more compact sibling to the acclaimed EV9, poised to shake up the mainstream electric SUV market. Aimed squarely at savvy buyers, this trim combines bold design, a highly practical interior, and an efficient front-wheel-drive powertrain. While official pricing is unconfirmed, the EV5 is expected to launch with a competitive sticker price starting under \$45,000. This positions it as a formidable challenger to established rivals like the Tesla Model Y and Volkswagen ID.4, offering a compelling blend of futuristic style and family-friendly functionality.

What's New for 2026?

As an all-new model for the US market, everything about the 2026 EV5 is fresh. It introduces Kia's cutting-edge E-GMP platform and "Opposites United" design philosophy to the compact SUV segment for the first time. This creates a more accessible entry point into Kia's electric lineup beneath the larger EV9, without sacrificing distinctive styling or clever interior packaging. For American drivers, the EV5 represents a brand-new, right-sized electric family hauler that packs the very latest Kia technology and design language into an efficient and highly anticipated package.

Design & Exterior

The EV5 is a real head-turner, looking like a shrunken-down version of its bigger EV9 sibling. It rocks Kia's signature 'Digital Tiger Face' with striking Star Map LED daytime running lights that give it a unique and futuristic presence. Its boxy, rugged silhouette provides a proper SUV stance, yet it's perfectly sized for city life. This Standard Range FWD model measures a nimble 181.7 inches long, 73.8 inches wide, and 67.5 inches tall. It's a sharp, modern design that boldly stands out from the sea of curvy electric crossovers.

Interior, Tech & Cargo

Step inside, and the EV5 feels spacious and futuristic, almost like a lounge on wheels. The cabin is dominated by a sleek panoramic widescreen display that elegantly merges the driver's digital instruments and the central infotainment hub. This five-seater boasts impressive practicality with a generous 18.1 cubic feet of trunk space, which expands to a massive 60.5 cubic feet when the rear seats are folded down. Plus, you get a handy 2.4 cubic foot frunk up front for stashing charging cables or extra gear. It's a tech-forward and thoughtfully designed space.

Performance & Driving Experience

Don't expect neck-snapping launches, but this EV5 is no slouch. The single permanent magnet motor drives the front wheels, delivering a respectable 160 kW (around 215 hp) and 229 lb-ft of instant torque. That's enough grunt to get you from 0-60 mph in a brisk 8.2 seconds. The driving experience is expertly tuned for comfort and efficiency, making it a brilliant daily driver. It's smooth, quiet, and predictable, with the E-GMP platform providing a solid, confidence-inspiring ride for cruising around town or hitting the open highway.

Range, Battery & Charging

This Standard Range model is built for efficiency. It packs a 57.3 kWh usable battery, which Green Cars Compare calculates can deliver an impressive real-world range of 380 miles, achieving a stellar 6.63

mi/kWh. Thanks to its advanced 800-volt architecture, it juices up quickly. Despite a modest 102 kW max DC charging speed, it can go from 10-80% in under 25 minutes at a compatible fast-charger, using the US-standard NACS port. At home, the 6.6 kW AC charger will easily provide a full charge overnight.

Safety & Driver-Assistance Features

While official NHTSA and IIHS safety ratings are pending for this new model, expect a top-tier performance given Kia's excellent track record. The EV5 will come packed with Kia's comprehensive Drive Wise safety suite. Standard features should include Forward Collision-Avoidance Assist, Lane Keeping Assist, and Blind-Spot Collision-Avoidance Assist. More advanced systems like Highway Driving Assist 2, which combines adaptive cruise control with lane centering for semi-autonomous driving, will undoubtedly be available to make long trips safer and less stressful.

Warranty & Maintenance Coverage

Kia's warranty is one of the best in the business and should give EV5 buyers serious peace of mind. You can expect the industry-leading 10-year/100,000-mile limited warranty covering both the battery and powertrain, which guarantees the battery retains at least 70% of its original capacity. This is backed by a 5-year/60,000-mile limited basic warranty that covers most of the vehicle. This robust coverage underscores Kia's confidence in its EV technology and provides excellent long-term protection for your investment.

How powerful is it? How fast does it accelerate?

The Kia EV5 Standard Range FWD (2026-...) can accelerate from 0 to 60 mph in 8.2 seconds ([Nº66 out of 120 ranked positions](#), among 1002 electric vehicles, with some cars sharing positions) and reach a top speed of 115 mph.

The car's powertrain delivers up to 160 kW (215 hp) of power and 229 lb-ft of torque.

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

Real-world range of the Kia EV5 Standard Range FWD (2026-...) is 380 miles ([Nº22 out of 270 ranked positions](#), among 1002 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 Kia EV5 Standard Range FWD (2026-...) has a Tesla (NACS) 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 6.6 kW, which translates to approximately 39 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 102 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 Kia EV5 Standard Range FWD (2026-...):

- 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: 4294 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 Kia EV5 Standard Range FWD (2026-...) cargo space:

- Trunk capacity: With the rear seats up, you get 18.1 cubic feet of cargo space in the back ([Nº82 out of 169 ranked positions](#), among 1002 electric vehicles, with some cars sharing positions).
- Max cargo capacity: Fold down the rear seats, and you open up 60.5 cubic feet of total cargo space ([Nº62 out of 204 ranked positions](#), among 1002 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 Standard Range FWD (2026-...) has a towing capacity (braked) of up to 661 lbs (maximum weight the car can tow safely with a trailer that has its own brakes).

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