



Kia EV5 Long Range AWD (2026-...) (USA)

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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 500 mi
Range WLTP No data
Range GCC 475 mi
Battery (Usable/Nominal) 78/81.4 kWh
Efficiency (Energy/Range) 16.4 kWh/100 mi
Efficiency (Range/Energy) 6.09 mi/kWh

Charging

Architecture 800 V
Max AC Charging 11 kW
Max DC Charging 120 kW (97 kW at 400 V)
Charge Port Tesla (NACS)

Performance

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

Motor (Power/Torque) 230 kW (308 hp)/354 lb-ft

Acceleration 0-60 mph 5.8 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 4722 lb
Cargo Volume (Trunk/Max/Frunk) 18.1/60.5/2.4 ft3
Towing Capacity 2755 lb

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

Overview

The 2026 Kia EV5 Long Range AWD is poised to shake up the electric compact SUV segment as a stylish, tech-forward "baby EV9." This dual-motor, all-wheel-drive trim is the one to have, offering a fantastic blend of all-weather capability and energetic performance. Its standout feature is the advanced 800-volt architecture, a rarity in this class that promises efficient power delivery. While official US pricing remains under wraps, the EV5 is expected to land as a seriously compelling and competitive alternative to established rivals like the Tesla Model Y and Ford Mustang Mach-E.

What's New for 2026?

As an all-new model for 2026, everything about the EV5 is fresh. It introduces Kia's bold "Opposites United" design philosophy and the versatile E-GMP platform to the mainstream compact SUV class for the first time. The Long Range AWD trim is a highlight of the debut lineup, bringing a potent dual-motor powertrain that provides both impressive acceleration and the confidence of all-wheel drive right out of the gate. This vehicle represents Kia's ambitious push to deliver cutting-edge EV technology and design in a more accessible package.

Design & Exterior

The EV5 makes a bold statement with its futuristic, chiseled look, heavily inspired by its larger EV9 sibling. It features the distinctive "Digital Tiger Face" front end, complete with signature Star Map LED daytime running lights that give it an unmistakable presence. Its boxy-yet-aerodynamic silhouette measures 181.7 inches long, 73.8 inches wide, and 67.5 inches tall, creating a solid, confident stance on the road. This Long Range AWD version is expected to feature unique alloy wheel designs that enhance its rugged, tech-savvy aesthetic.

Interior, Tech & Cargo

Inside, the EV5 boasts a minimalist, lounge-like cabin focused on comfort and technology. A stunning panoramic widescreen display, merging the driver's cluster and central infotainment screen, serves as the cabin's high-tech centerpiece. Expect high-quality, sustainable materials throughout. For hauling gear, it's surprisingly practical, offering a useful 18.1 cubic feet of trunk space. Fold the rear seats down, and that expands to a cavernous 60.5 cubic feet. As a bonus, a 2.4 cubic foot frunk under the hood provides the perfect spot for charging cables or a small bag.

Performance & Driving Experience

This dual-motor AWD model is no slouch, packing a combined 308 horsepower and 354 lb-ft of instant torque from its front and rear Permanent Magnet Synchronous Motors. That's enough grunt to launch the EV5 from 0-60 mph in a brisk 5.8 seconds, with a top speed of 115 mph. While quick, the driving experience is tuned for comfort and refinement, delivering a quiet, composed ride. Multiple regenerative braking modes, including a true one-pedal "i-Pedal" setting, make stop-and-go traffic a breeze and help you squeeze out every last mile of range.

Range, Battery & Charging

Engineered for road trips, the Long Range AWD model features a 78 kWh usable battery pack. This powers it to an impressive Green Cars Compare's calculated 'real-world' range estimate of 475 miles, showcasing its fantastic efficiency of 6.09 mi/kWh. Its 800V architecture enables quick top-ups, even with a modest 120 kW peak DC fast-charging speed, which can take the battery from 10-80% in about 30-35 minutes. It will feature a NACS port for the US market and Vehicle-to-Load (V2L) to power your devices on the go.

Safety & Driver-Assistance Features

While official NHTSA safety scores are pending, the EV5 is expected to perform exceptionally well, building on Kia's reputation for safety. The Long Range AWD trim will come generously equipped with Kia's DriveWise suite of advanced driver-assistance systems. This includes essentials like Forward Collision-Avoidance Assist, Blind-Spot Collision-Avoidance Assist, and Lane Keeping Assist as standard. Expect Highway Driving Assist 2, Kia's excellent semi-autonomous system for adaptive cruise control and lane centering, to also be included for less stressful highway journeys.

Warranty & Maintenance Coverage

Kia's industry-leading warranty is a huge selling point and provides incredible peace of mind. The EV5 will be protected by a 5-year/60,000-mile limited basic warranty. Even better, the critical electric drive components and the high-voltage battery are covered for an outstanding 10 years or 100,000 miles, whichever comes first. This comprehensive coverage, which includes a guarantee against major battery capacity loss, makes the long-term ownership proposition one of the best in the business.

How powerful is it? How fast does it accelerate?

The Kia EV5 Long Range AWD (2026-...) achieves a 0 to 60 mph acceleration in 5.8 seconds (placing it at Nº42 out of 119 ranked positions, among 987 electric vehicles, with some cars sharing positions) and attains a maximum speed of 115 mph.

Its powertrain provides a power output of up to 230 kW (308 hp) and a torque of 354 lb-ft.

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

Kia EV5 Long Range AWD (2026-...) achieves a real-world range of 475 miles, placing it at №3 among 268 ranked positions. However, this range is subject to several influences:

- Speed: Traveling at higher speeds reduces battery life.
- Temperature: Extreme cold or hot weather can affect range.
- Terrain: Hilly or mountainous landscapes decrease range.
- Driving habits: Aggressive driving with frequent acceleration and braking consumes more energy.
- Feature usage: Climate control and media systems also influence range.

It's important to acknowledge that these are estimations, and your actual driving range may differ. Consider these factors when planning your trip and be ready for potential charging stops.

Utilize the interactive EV Navigation map for trip planning assistance.

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

The Kia EV5 Long Range AWD (2026-...) in the USA comes with a Tesla (NACS) charging port. It can be charged at home using a standard domestic socket or at any public AC charging station with the compatible cable. It's important to note that the car's on-board charger (inverter) limits the maximum AC charging rate to 11 kW, resulting in approximately 60 miles of range added per hour of charging.

For significantly faster charging, public DC fast-charging stations are available. Although the car can achieve a maximum DC charging rate of 120 kW, factors such as battery temperature and charge level may affect the actual charging speed.

Use EV Charging Calculator to estimate charging time, rate, and cost.

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

The size and weight specifications for Kia EV5 Long Range AWD (2026-...) are as follows:

• 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: 4722 lbs (weight of the empty car, no people or cargo)

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

The rear cargo area of the Kia EV5 Long Range AWD (2026-...) provides 18.1 cubic feet of space when the rear seats are upright (Nº81 out of 168 ranked positions, among 987 electric vehicles, with some cars sharing positions).

Folding these seats down unlocks a maximum cargo capacity of 60.5 cubic feet (Nº62 out of 202 ranked positions, among 987 electric vehicles, with some cars sharing positions).

In addition, the car has a frunk, a front compartment with 2.4 cubic feet dedicated to smaller items.

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

The Kia EV5 Long Range AWD (2026-...) is officially rated to tow 2755 lbs. This applies to trailers equipped with brakes.

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