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***Ford Mustang Mach-E Takes MotorWeek's 2021 "Best of the Year"
TV series' annual Drivers' Choice Award winners announced in digital ceremony***

OWINGS MILLS, MD – With mass market appeal, heavy doses of style, performance, and heritage, the **Ford Mustang Mach-E**, has taken the electric vehicle herd by storm and is *MotorWeek's* 2021 Drivers' Choice Award winner for "Best of the Year."

"By invoking the vaunted "Mustang" and "Mach" names, Ford has given electric vehicles mass market cache – and did it first," said *MotorWeek* Host and Creator, John Davis. "Mustang is one of the world's most widely known nameplates. Ford took an electric vehicle to the next level by giving it that Mustang DNA with elements of style and performance that echo the classic appeal of the Mustang coupe."

The Ford Mustang Mach-E is the "best total package of an electric vehicle that anyone has designed to date," said Davis. "Its overall tech, comfort, interior styling, ergonomic appeal, and drivability all got it to the No. 1 "Best of the Year" spot in *MotorWeek's* 2021 Drivers' Choice Awards."

The large center screen, Davis notes, while not the first of its kind, is one an average person can use without being confused or overwhelmed. The interior is modern luxury from start to finish, with the creature comforts, ergonomics, and technology that the majority of car buyers seek, plus a 300-mile range, collectively adds to Mach-E's mass market appeal.

The 2021 Drivers' Choice Award winners are featured on [Motorweek.org](https://www.motorweek.org), and will appear on a special episode of *MotorWeek* (#4023) airing on public television stations beginning February 13 and on cable's MotorTrend Network beginning February 23.

The *MotorWeek* editorial staff evaluates more than 150 cars, trucks, and sports utility vehicles every year. Winners are chosen based on driving performance, technology, practicality, fuel efficiency, and value for the dollar.

The full slate of awards announced by *MotorWeek*, now in its 40th season as TV's and digital media's original automotive magazine series, reflects the enthusiasm Americans continue to have for cars, even throughout a pandemic. While COVID-19 changed the way consumers shop in general, the car industry rose the occasion – and so did consumers.

In early 2020, at the start of the pandemic, auto sales dropped off by almost 80 percent with dire warnings of what was to come. Isolations and quarantines at various times nationwide meant families spent more time together, including in the car, if just to take a drive and get out of the house. But the market proved far more resistant than experts predicted, as SUVs and trucks continued their growing appeal, and by the end of the year sales were down by only 14 percent.

Consumers embraced alternative ownership options in car buying as the industry's comeback reflected entrepreneurial approaches, all while protecting workers. Dealers reached out online to make the process as hands-free as possible – including appointments for test drives and expanded home delivery. Prior to the pandemic, the smallest SUVs and trucks were the on-trend, but as the pandemic lingered the trend shifted to midsize and larger SUVs – indicating the need to fit a full family for those much-needed excursions.

While the Drivers' Choice Awards are annually announced with great fanfare at the Chicago Auto Show, the largest consumer-driven auto show in North America, this year, like many other major events, the one million square feet of McCormick Place convention space is on pause until later this year. *MotorWeek* salute its colleagues at the Chicago Auto Show and looks forward to returning next year to announce the 2022 Drivers' Choice Award winners.

MotorWeek and the 2021 Drivers' Choice Awards are nationally sponsored by RockAuto.

2021 Drivers' Choice Award Winners:

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| Best Small Car | Mazda3* |
| Best Family Sedan | Kia K5 |
| Best Luxury Sedan | Acura TLX |
| Best Sport Sedan | Mercedes-AMG CLA35 |
| Best Sport Coupe | Toyota GR Supra* |
| Best Performance Car | Porsche 718 |
| Best Small Utility | Ford Bronco Sport |
| Best Midsize Utility | Land Rover Defender |
| Best Large Utility | Chevrolet Tahoe/Suburban |
| Best Luxury Utility | Mercedes-Benz GLE* |
| Best Midsize Truck | Honda Ridgeline |
| Best Fullsize Truck | Ford F-150 |
| Best Eco-Friendly | Ford Mustang Mach-E |
| Best Dream Machine | Bentley Flying Spur Aston Martin DBX Porsche 911 Turbo |

* Denotes Repeat Winner from 2020

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