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MotorWeek announces its 2025 Drivers' Choice Awards Best of the Year: Chevrolet Equinox EV

OWINGS MILLS, MD – *MotorWeek* today announced its 2025 Drivers' Choice Awards, highlighted by its 2025 Best of the Year winner – the all-electric Chevrolet Equinox EV.

The full slate of Drivers' Choice Awards presented by *MotorWeek*, now in its 44th season as TV and digital media's original automotive magazine series, reflects the new age of EVs while maintaining the mantle of practicality with an eye toward the future. The Drivers' Choice Awards digital ceremony can be viewed at *MotorWeek*.org and *MotorWeek*'s YouTube channel.

The Equinox EV builds on the solid reputation of the internal combustion engine Equinox, which has been among North America's most popular compact SUVs for two decades. While sharing a name and purpose, the Equinox EV is an all-new 21st-century standout with its combination of extended driving range, family practicality, and affordable price. It also promises to open up the world of all-electric motoring to a wider audience like no battery-electric before it. That is why *MotorWeek's* editorial staff awarded the Chevrolet Equinox EV its top vehicle honor.

John Davis, *MotorWeek* creator and host said, "While this is not the first time an EV has won Best of the Year honors, the Equinox EV, with over 300 miles of standard range for all models, and just under \$35,000 price tag before incentives, is poised to finally make an EV purchase something most families and fleet buyers, large and small, can not only afford but, also, cannot afford to ignore.

"Rarely is a brand able to transform a highly familiar nameplate into a new-era standard bearer, but that is just what Chevrolet has done with the all-new Equinox EV," noted Davis. "This Equinox EV is also a real head turner, with some of the best-looking styling to come out of the Bow Tie Brigade in decades."

Chevrolet has put everything it has learned in nine decades of building SUVs into the ground-breaking Equinox EV. *MotorWeek's* staff notes the vehicle's airy and modern interior that has room for five adults along with an impressive suite of technology.

"While the gas-powered Equinox has been a standard for small utilities for some 20 years, the Equinox EV picks up the torch for an all-electric driving future," explained Davis. "Along with its over-300-mile range, using a Level 3 DC-Fast Charger, the new Equinox EV can add back as much as 70 miles of range in only 10 minutes. So, the 2025 Chevrolet Equinox EV is so much more than just a new generation of a great selling nameplate, it's a class revolution that delivers better than ever."

"We are honored to see our best-selling EV receive this recognition," said Scott Bell, global vice president, Chevrolet. "It's a vehicle we are extremely proud of – it looks and drives great, is affordable and it just happens to be an EV. There's no surprise it's converting EV skeptics and bringing new folks to the Chevrolet family."

MotorWeek's production team evaluates more than 150 cars, trucks, and sports utility vehicles every year. Drivers' Choice Award winners, in 12 consumer-driven categories, were chosen based on driving performance, technology, practicality, fuel efficiency, and value for the dollar.

"Our category winners this year cover a wider array of vehicles than ever, not only in vehicle type but in capability and price. Plus, as the award's name says, we love driving all of them" said Davis. "Prices start (on this award list) from around \$29,000. Even with more EVs being introduced into the market, those who prefer traditional internal-combustion-powered cars will find popular brands have not forgotten them and have many updated models on the way. For those uncertain about a full-on transition to EV, many vehicles on our list come with either standard or optional hybrid powertrains. With inventories fully stocked, dropping interest rates, and rising dealer and manufacturer financial incentives, 2025 is shaping up to be a new car buyer's market dream."

The 2025 Drivers' Choice Award winners also appear on a special episode of *MotorWeek* (**#4423**) airing on public television stations beginning February 8. The episode can also be seen on the series' cable partner, the <u>MAVTV Motorsports Network</u>, starting February 16.

MotorWeek and the 2025 Drivers' Choice Awards are nationally sponsored by <u>Auto Value</u> and <u>Bumper-to-Bumper</u>, and <u>TireRack.com</u>.

2025 MotorWeek Drivers' Choice Awards

Best of the Year... Chevrolet Equinox EV

Drivers' Choice Individual Categories

1. Best Family Car Toyota Camry

2. Best Luxury Car Mercedes-Benz E-Class

3. Best Sport Sedan Genesis G70

4. Best Sport Coupe Dodge Charger Daytona

5. Best Performance Car Hyundai IONIQ 5 N

6. Best Small Utility Chevrolet Equinox

7. Best Midsize Utility Acura MDX

8. Best Large Utility Toyota Grand Highlander**

9. Best Luxury Utility Lincoln Nautilus

10. Best Small Truck Chevrolet Colorado*

GMC Canyon*

11. Best Fullsize Truck Ram 1500

12. Best EV Chevrolet Equinox EV

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About MotorWeek

Television's longest-running and most-respected automotive series, *MotorWeek* launched a new TV genre in 1981 by becoming the first weekly series to offer consumer-oriented car and truck reviews, do-it-yourself car care tips, and the latest auto industry news. The winner of numerous automotive journalism awards, *MotorWeek* is a trusted source of automotive news on television and the web.

<u>Maryland Public Television</u> produces and distributes the series nationwide and overseas. It airs on 90 percent of PBS stations. Viewers can find the days and times their local public television station airs *MotorWeek* by going to the <u>station listings page on *MotorWeek*.org</u>. *MotorWeek* can also be seen on the <u>MAVTV</u> motorsports and automotive enthusiasts' cable channel, and Spanish-language viewers can catch the show on the V-me network.

Current episodes can be streamed 24/7 on mobile devices and streaming boxes or sources by downloading the free PBS app, while the latest episodes are also available for free at pbs.org/motorweek. Recent seasons of MotorWeek are also now available on the free streaming service Tubi. Hundreds of MotorWeek-archived road tests and features, including popular Retro Road Test Marathons, can also be accessed at youtube.com/motorweek, reaching nearly three million viewers each month.

For additional 24/7 access to all things *MotorWeek*, download the free *MotorWeek* app with its unique "EVerything" tab offering specifications of all the electric and plug-in vehicles, both new and used, on the market today.

MotorWeek is also the source for up-to-the-minute automotive news, instantaneous driving impressions, and exclusive videos at *MotorWeek.org*. Viewers can also follow the series on Facebook, as well as download complete shows on iTunes.

For commercial licensing opportunities regarding the 2025 *MotorWeek* Drivers' Choice Awards including the use of the logo, contact David Eng of PARS International Corp. at (212) 221-9595 x145 or *David.eng@parsintl.com*.

^{*}Denotes Repeat Winner from 2024

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