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Hyundai IONIQ 6 N Crowned 2026 World Performance Car

- IONIQ 6 N named 2026 World Performance Car, marking the second time in three years that Hyundai's N brand has secured the award after IONIQ 5 N in 2024
- This marks the fifth consecutive year Hyundai Motor has been honored at the World Car Awards

NEW YORK/SEOUL, April 2, 2026 – Hyundai Motor Company has achieved a significant victory at the **2026 World Car Awards**, the **IONIQ 6 N** named the **World Performance Car**. The winners of the 22nd annual awards were announced live today at a ceremony during the 2026 New York International Auto Show.

"This recognition from the World Car Awards jury means a great deal to the thousands of people at Hyundai who designed, engineered, and built this vehicle. Customers appreciate great design, advanced technology, and real-world value that the IONIQ 6 N offers. We are grateful to the jury for this honor. And we are grateful to the customers around the world who choose Hyundai every day and inspire everything we build. This award belongs to them and to the team that earned it." – **José Muñoz, President and CEO of Hyundai Motor Company**

What Are the Key Features of the Winning Vehicle?

IONIQ 6 N triumphed in the World Performance Car category by redefining high-performance for the electric era. It combines thrilling power with sophisticated, driver-focused technology for both track and road.

- **Exceptional Performance:** IONIQ 6 N delivers up to 641 hp with N Grin Boost, accelerating from 0 to 62 mph in just 3.2 seconds.
- **Driver-Focused Features:** N e-Shift provides the feel of a real gearshift, while N Active Sound+ delivers an engaging sound experience.
- **Advanced Battery Technology:** The 84.0 kWh battery can charge from 10 percent to 80 percent in about 18 minutes with a 350-kW charger under optimal conditions.

How Do These Honors Build on Hyundai's Success at the World Car Awards?

This is the fifth consecutive year that Hyundai Motor has been recognized at the World Car Awards, a testament to its continued leadership in automotive innovation. Previous major wins include:

- **2025:** INSTER (CASPER Electric) – World Electric Vehicle
- **2024:** IONIQ 5 N – World Performance Car
- **2023:** IONIQ 6 – World Car of the Year, World Electric Vehicle, World Car Design of the Year
- **2022:** IONIQ 5 – World Car of the Year, World Electric Vehicle, World Car Design of the Year

This consistent recognition underscores Hyundai Motor's leadership as the brand continues to push the boundaries of design and technology.

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About Hyundai Motor Company

Established in 1967, Hyundai Motor Company is present in over 200 countries with more than 120,000 employees dedicated to tackling real-world mobility challenges around the globe. Based on the brand vision 'Progress for Humanity,' Hyundai Motor is accelerating its transformation into a Smart Mobility Solution Provider. The company invests in advanced technologies such as robotics and Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) to bring about revolutionary mobility solutions while pursuing open innovation to introduce future mobility services. In pursuit of a sustainable future for the world, Hyundai will continue its efforts to introduce zero-emission vehicles with industry-leading hydrogen fuel cell and EV technologies.

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