

Audi's lifted Q6 E-tron Off-Road concept is ready for winter driving

Audi has revealed a new dual-motor electric off-road vehicle concept based on the Q6 E-tron that looks ready for a snowpocalypse. The automaker built a working prototype that lifts the vehicle by 6.3 inches and widens it by 9.8 inches, giving it a stance that wouldn't be out of place if it appeared in Truck Country, USA.

Audi's CEO Gernot Döllner calls the "Q6 E-Tron Off-road concept" a "reinterpretation of Quattro," which is the company's marketing term for its all-wheel-drive models.

The extra ride height is courtesy of four bespoke portal axles integrated into the wheel hub assemblies at the front and rear that Audi says increase torque at the wheel by 50 percent. Each axle is powered by an electric motor with a combined power output of 380kW and up to 9,883 lb ft of torque at its peak. That's up 3,245 lb ft of torque from the normal Q6 E-tron, which is Audi's first vehicle built on Volkswagen's modular Premium Platform Electric (PPE) platform (also used in the new A6 E-tron and Porsche Macan EV).

The vehicle is designed to climb hills as steep as 45 degrees but the company did nerf the Q6's top speed a bit down to 108 mph. Still, no one should drive that fast anyway in a vehicle lifted this high. This also makes the Off-road concept a much more realistic one compared to more sci-fi Audi concepts like the Activesphere coupe / pickup truck combo with a mixed reality cockpit or the truly apocalyptic all-terrain "AI:Trail" that has drones for headlights.

Audi's Q6 E-tron Offroad concept will be featured at the FAT International Ice Race in Austria on February 1st. The company will also show it in action via its social media channels.

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