Kia reveals pricing for its first electric PV5 van with UK preorders

Kia is opening up preorders in the UK for its PV5 Passenger electric van at a starting price of £32,995, or about $44,000 with a standard range battery.

Kia says preorders will open up tomorrow, May 1st, with initial deliveries in the UK planned for “late 2025.” It will come in a five-seat configuration (seven seats will come later) and customers can choose between the base “Essential” package or the “Plus” version that comes standard with the long range battery.

The standard range 51.5kWh battery can power the PV5 for 149 miles on a single charge based on the European WLTP spec, while the long range 71.5 kWh pack gets 249 miles of range. Kia says pricing for the larger battery will be revealed later.

The Plus upgrades the Essential’s 16-inch steel wheels to alloy ones, and adds an optional heat pump. The higher trim also includes heated front seats with power adjustments, a heated steering wheel, a powered tailgate, Vehicle-to-Load AC outlet adapter support, wireless phone charging, safety additions like cross traffic collision avoidance, power folding mirrors, and more.

Kia says it’s keeping options “simple and straightforward,” so you can’t select features between the two trims beyond upgrading the standard white paint to a premium option like “Cityscape Green” or “Runway Red.”

The PV5 is part of Kia’s lineup of all-electric PBVs (Platform Beyond Vehicle) that were introduced at CES in 2024. These modular EVs have a flexible architecture where the bodies can be swapped into a minivan, a full-sized van, or a small truck, depending on needs. The larger PV7 is coming in 2027, and the PV9 in 2029.

On the PV5, both batteries get a single electric motor with a max output of 120kW for the long range. The PV5’s 400-volt E-GMP.S architecture offers up to 150kW charging, which Kia says can charge from 10 to 80 percent in less than 30 mins.

Kia will also offer the PV5 in commercial Cargo, Crew, and Chassis Cab versions in 2026, when it starts shipping the vehicle to additional markets. The automaker intends the PV5 to also be used in fleets for deliveries and ride hailing. Uber has already signed on as Kia’s first customer.

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