Tesla’s upgraded 2024 Model 3 is now available in the US

An updated version of Tesla’s Model 3 sedan that was released in markets across Europe, the Middle East, and China last fall is now available in North America. Reportedly codenamed “Highland” while it was in development, it introduces several noticeable tweaks to Tesla’s mainstream electric sedan.

From the outside, the front end’s distinctive bump has been removed, with a sleeker hood and low-profile headlights compared to the old model that Tesla says is “optimized for max aerodynamics,” which should mean more range. It’s also available in two new colors, Stealth Grey and Ultra Red.

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The new 2024 Model 3 refresh is now the only one listed for ordering in Tesla’s configurator, and as buyers saw in other markets, there are only two versions available now, instead of three, as they can choose between a Longe Range AWD model with dual motors or the cheaper Rear-Wheel Drive version. For now, at least, there’s no longer an option to order the former top-of-the-line Performance model.

The 2024 Long Range Tesla Model 3 advertises an EPA estimated range of up to 341 miles, up from its predecessor’s 333 miles, while the rear wheel model is still listed at 272 miles.

Both versions have the same starting price as last year’s cars, but there’s one more change. The specs on Tesla’s site list the top speed for both versions of the new 2024 Model 3

as 125 mph, while the 2023 rear-wheel model topped out at 140, the Long Range went up to 145, and the Performance model could manage up to 162 mph.

The upgrades Tesla touts for the new model are new acoustic glass around an overall quieter cabin, improved ride quality with updated suspension tuning (which may be important), “more sophisticated” materials for the interior, ventilated seats, customizable ambient lighting, a brighter center touchscreen with smaller bezels and better contrast, plus an upgraded sound system with up to 17 speakers.

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