



**ROAD TEST**

EXCLUSIVE RATINGS & REVIEWS  
BASED ON TESTING AT CR'S  
327-ACRE AUTO TEST CENTER

# BMW iX: High-Scoring, High-Tech SUV



LUXURY ELECTRIC SUVs

✓ **BMW iX**   
High-Scoring,  
High-Tech EV

**85**

OVERALL SCORE

**ROAD-TEST SCORE 97**

**HIGHS** Luxurious ride comfort, agility, quick acceleration, quiet cabin, high-quality interior, lots of passenger space

**LOWS** Confusing controls

**POWERTRAIN** 516-hp, dual electric motors; 1-speed direct-drive transmission; all-wheel drive

**RANGE** 324 miles

**PRICE** \$87,100-\$111,500 base price + \$995 destination charge  
**Total MSRP as tested** \$92,695

**THIS IMPRESSIVE EV** is speedy and ultraquiet, and it delivers a cushy ride. Even with its complicated controls, the iX earned one of the highest road-test scores ever.

Thanks to a prodigious 516 hp, the iX can launch down the road with a seemingly never-ending crescendo of smooth, forceful power. At just 4.3 seconds from 0 to 60 mph, it's about half a second quicker than the Tesla Model X.

An EPA-estimated 324-mile range means the iX can go for days of typical driving without recharging. Its 11-kilowatt onboard charger can gain about 35 miles of range per hour for relatively quick at-home charging on 240 volts, while its 200-kW maximum acceptance rate at public DC fast chargers is competitive.

The iX's standard air

suspension gobbles up anything thrown at it, no matter how bumpy the road. And although the iX is tall and heavy, it takes corners with enthusiasm.

The front seats are wide and comfortable, and rear-seat passengers will find plenty of room and good underleg support. The cabin is luxurious, made even more special thanks to a package that gives some of the controls a fancy, crystal-like look.

Many of the controls are confusing, though. BMW's iDrive 8 system moves most functions to a touchscreen, and it requires more steps to accomplish even basic tasks.

BMW's Active Driving Assistant suite includes most active safety features, but it's disappointing that highway-speed AEB is optional, instead of standard.

**Safety Term Glossary:** AEB automatic emergency braking; BSW blind spot warning; LDW lane departure warning; LKA lane keeping assistance; RCTW rear cross traffic warning.

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