

# Hyundai to drive in e-SUV Ioniq 5 in India

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HYUNDAI MOTOR INDIA will step up its electric vehicle (EV) footprint with the introduction of the Ioniq 5, its first model based on the dedicated EV platform E-GMP.

The Ioniq 5 will be the Korean automaker's second all-electric model in India. Hyundai was the first foreign firm to introduce an electric car in India, Kona, in 2019. The launch date and price of the e-SUV have not been announced.

Unsoo Kim, MD and CEO, Hyundai Motor India, said, "With the introduction of E-GMP to India, we will be able to provide customers with advanced battery electric vehicles, derived from a platform that is modular, scalable and versatile."

The E-GMP platform comprises vehicle chassis that includes battery, motor and power electric systems. The battery system features a high range battery pack, while the bi-directional charging plug allows the high-voltage battery to power various electronic appliances.

It also features an integrated charging control unit that charges both the high-voltage battery and auxiliary battery. The same is used by Hyundai's sister concern Kia on the EV6.

The Ioniq 5 can achieve a top speed of 185 km/h and can be fast-charged to 80% in 18 minutes with a 350Kw DC charger. The Ioniq 5 model available outside of India has a drive range of 481 km powered by a 72.6 kWh battery. While the Kia EV6 is being imported, Ioniq 5 could see an assembly operation.

India has a limited number of brands selling electric cars with monthly volumes under 4,000 units. Hyundai is the third-largest in the electric four-wheeler space behind Tata Motors and MG Motor.