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The Ford F-150 going electric is a BIG deal, not least because the regular one has been North America's best-selling vehicle (not just truck) for 40 years straight. Since the Lightning - which borrows its name from high-performance, petrol-powered F-150s of yore - was revealed in May 2021, tens of thousands of Americans have reserved one.

You're looking at up to 572bhp and 775lb ft and a claimed 320 miles of range. It has a massive front trunk and something called bi-directional power, meaning the Lightning can power your tools, or even your entire house, for days at a time if needs be. Max payload is 900kg, and it can tow 4.5 tonnes, while prices range from \$60,000 to \$100,000.

An all-electric pickup truck from an American start-up... you know where this is going. Right? Except you don"t, because this pickup comes from an American start-up called Rivian. And it entered production long before that other pickup from that other company.

Come 2024 and three versions are currently available: the base spec dual motor (526bhp, 610lb ft of torque), the performance dual motor (656bhp, 829lb ft), or the quad motor (824bhp, 908lb ft). Buyers also have the option of three battery sizes - 105kWh (Standard), 135kWh (Large), and 180kWh (Max) - with the dual motor variants capable of up to 410 miles of range, and the quad motor 328 miles.

Like no truck - no vehicle, even - that you"ve ever seen before. The much-hyped Tesla Cybertruck was announced in 2019 and scheduled to begin production in late 2021 - with Tesla reportedly sitting on hundreds of thousands of pre-orders - but that came and went, when it was pushed back to 2022. Then, Elon announced it was being pushed back to 2023... when Top Gear finally, finally got the chance to pilot one around the roads of Los Angeles.

And it as good as brought the city to a standstill, as you can discover by clicking these blue words. Customer deliveries have also begun, and while we're still waiting for the promised \$40,000 single motor, RWD version (expected 2025, and to cost, er, \$60,990), the \$79,990 dual motor AWD (600bhp/340-mile range/0-60mph in 3.9secs) and \$99,990 tri-motor AWD (845bhp/320-mile range/0-60mph in 2.6secs) variants - as we were driving, wedgy shape, stainless steel body and all - have commenced. Like it or loathe it?

The Hummer EV isn"t for tradespeople, not really. Just look at it. You want some numbers? It measures eighteen feet long, six and a half feet high, more than seven feet wide and weighs more than four tonnes. The Navy SEAL of the pickup world, in other words.

With First Edition models sold out, buyers currently have the choice of two versions: the EV2X, which gets a two-motor 562bhp/7,400lb ft powertrain and up to 311 miles of range, and the EV3X, which ups the ante with

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its three-motor, 983bhp/11,500lb ft powertrain and up to 381 miles of range. Prices start from \$96,550 and \$104,650 respectively.

Of course, it would be bereft of us not to mention forget the CrabWalk feature that points the front and rear wheels up to 10? in the same direction so you can zigzag your way diagonally down the road here. Cool, just possibly not that useful in the real world...

Just as night follows day, a Chevrolet pickup truck follows a Ford pickup truck. And don't for one minute think it's just a repurposed combustion-engined Silverado: it's built from the ground up on the same electric platform as the Hummer EV.

When it opens for order, buyers will have the option of the bells"n"whistles grade \$105,000 RST First Edition, or the more rough and ready, and, er, reasonably priced \$39,900 Work Truck (WT). Differences? Where the former offers 664bhp and 780lb ft of torque, a 600kg payload, and a towing ability of 3,650kg, the latter gets you 510bhp and 615lb ft of torque, a 550kg payload and a 3,650kg towing ability. Healthy enough.

The third all-electric truck from GMC is this, the Sierra EV. Like the Hummer and Chevrolet's Silverado EV, it'll be based on GM's Ultium platform, with two motors providing a maximum of 744bhp and 785lb ft of torque. Plenty, in other words.

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