



AUTOMATED VEHICLES

The United Arab Emirates federal government has approved WeRide's automated vehicle (AV) operations in Abu Dhabi. WeRide has been testing AVs with safety operators there since 2021 and reports that the vehicles have logged approximately one million kilometers. Customers can request a WeRide AV using either the Uber app or the TXAI platform.

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Waymo has begun operating AVs on highways and now offers service to San Jose Mineta International Airport. Initially, highway travel will be limited to Los Angeles and San Francisco, California, as well as Phoenix, Arizona. It will be available only to a select group of early-access users. According to Waymo, the highway-capable AV system includes built-in redundancies and enhanced safety protocols to support safe highway operations and protect passengers.





ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Hydrohertz has developed an electric vehicle (EV) battery cooling system called Dectravalve. The system improves battery performance by keeping temperatures evenly regulated, which is expected to reduce EV charging times by up to 68%. It may also increase driving range by up to 10% and extend overall battery life.

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Harbinger, a company that manufactures electric medium-duty commercial trucks, has raised \$160 million in Series C funding. The round was co-led by FedEx, which has ordered 53 of Harbinger's trucks. Harbinger's vehicles are larger than comparable electric trucks from BrightDrop, Ford, and Rivian, and the company has sold about 200 units in 2025.





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TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

New York Governor Kathy Hochul has announced \$97.4 million in funding for projects that promote active transportation and healthy lifestyles. The funding, provided through the Federal Highway Administration's Transportation Alternatives Program, supports the state's efforts to advance community-centered transportation. The selected projects are expected to enhance quality of life, protect the environment, and strengthen local economies.

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