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Mercedes-Benz breaks energy efficiency record with EQXX

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The automaker has broken its own record set in April, after unveiling the research vehicle in January. Image credit: Mercedes-Benz

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German automaker Mercedes-Benz's all-electric EQXX has broken its own efficiency record of 1,008 kilometers, or 626.3 miles, in a single charge, exceeding the goal by 194 kilometers, or 120.5 miles.

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Unveiled to the world in January, the Vision EQXX was developed as the brand's most energy-efficient vehicle to date. Since then, Mercedes-Benz has been building excitement for the vehicle among consumers through advertising campaigns and test runs.

"The Vision EQXX has proven that it can easily cover more than 1,000 kilometers on a single battery charge, this time faced with a whole different set of real-world conditions," said Markus Schfer, chief technology officer at Mercedes-Benz, in a statement.

"As Mercedes-Benz strives to go all-electric by 2030 wherever market conditions allow, it is important to show to the world what can be achieved in real terms through a combination of cutting-edge technology, teamwork and determination."

New roads, new heights

Following its record-breaking April journey from Stuttgart to Cassis, France, the vehicle has set a new bar with its latest 1,202-kilometer trip from Stuttgart to Silverstone in the United Kingdom.



The journey from Stuttgart to Silverstone involved higher temperatures and greater road density. Image credit: Mercedes-Benz

The vehicle crossed the French border near Strasbourg and then went across northern France at highway speeds to Calais, where it boarded the Eurotunnel. From there, it took the M25 around London, stopping at Mercedes-Benz Grand Prix in Brackley.

From Brackley, the Vision EQXX traveled to Silverstone where it was joined by special guest Mercedes Formule E driver Nyck de Vries. He took the vehicle to its maximum speed limit of 140 km/h on the notable British racetrack, completing 11 laps.

Unlike the April journey, the main challenges on this trip were summer temperatures of up to 86 degrees Fahrenheit, matched with greater traffic density near Stuttgart and in the southeast of England.

In December 2021, the brand teased the world premiere of the Vision EQXX with a series following the journey to achieve it. Mercedes-Benz explored the inspiration, challenges and successes that are part of the journey to reinventing the automobile through "The Extra Mile" video series ([see story](#)).

A month later, it unveiled the vehicle to the world and simultaneously reported solid sales growth throughout 2021 ([see story](#)).

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