

# Virgin Hyperloop to build a hyperloop certification center

American transportation company Virgin Hyperloop announced its plans to build a hyperloop safety certification testing facility at West Virginia.

Virgin hopes the facility will play a crucial role in the creation of a national hyperloop safety certification framework for the U.S., a process that will require direct involvement of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). Fortunately for Hyperloop, the DOT has already taken the first

step through the issuance of guidance documentation in advance of a framework in July of this year.

So far, the company has been developing its hyperloop technology at its proving ground in North Las Vegas. The new facility will be used specifically for certification but will involve similar large-scale testing.

Virgin hopes to fully safety certify its hyperloop system by 2025, followed by commercial operation by 2030.



## New cars this week



Honda's midsize pickup truck got an update, and it looks tougher. Gone is the Ridgeline's soft, crossover-like front end of the last generation, replaced by a much more tough squire looking grille with matching front fenders. The rear end also received some touch-ups, with a beefy new bumper and exposed twin exhaust. The changes to the interior are minimal though the new infotainment system has a physical volume knob, a feature that was unexplainedly removed in the previous iteration. The drivetrain is also left untouched, meaning the car is still powered by the 3.5-litre V6 engine making a respectable 280 Hp and 262 lb-ft of torque. Can someone



please import one of these already?

Moving from the land of Green tea to the country that conquered half the planet for it, we have the newly refreshed Jaguar XF. Exterior remains mostly the same, though the slimmed LED headlight and new grille give the car an amused judgemental look worthy of a Jag. The interior has been given a major touch up, in the sense of a new 11.4-inch infotainment screen with Apple CarPlay and Android Auto connectivity. A convention gear lever replaced the rotary knob, probably to save future users thousands in repairs. The base power comes from a 2.0-litre turbo four-cylinder making 246 Hp with a 0-100 of 6.5 seconds. Classy.

## Amazon debuts its first custom fully electric delivery vehicle

US online shopping giant Amazon has received their first custom-built EV delivery van.

Built through its partnership with Rivian, the vehicle externally shares many similarities with its internal combustion counterparts. The main difference, however, lies under its skin.

In a blog post detailing the vehicle, Amazon laid out some of its unique features. The van is fitted with sensor-based highway driving and traffic assist systems, exterior 360-degree cameras, larger than the usual driving compartment, integrated three-level shelving with a bulkhead cargo compartment separating door, and a built-in Alexa voice assistant.

Amazon aims to massively expand its all-electric fleet by 2030, starting with 10,000 of these vans on roads globally within the next two years. With the final production goal being 100,000 units.

## Voice of Business BRANDrill 2020 will be held virtually

Voice of Business (VoB), the student-run business club and publication house of the University of Dhaka, is to host their third BRANDrill 2020 competition virtually in light of the pandemic.

Sponsored by IPDC and hosted under the slogan "the ultimate branding showdown", the month-long

branding competition is going to be held nationally and with expected participation from the students of universities all around Bangladesh.

A total of three rounds will be held to assess and find out the ultimate branding masters, as well as insightful workshops to provide the tricks and

tactics to facilitate their performance. The grand finale will presumably be held on November 6.

Keeping in mind the threats of Covid-19, all the spheres of this event will be performed virtually. VoB organizers claim to make this online event significantly outstanding.

## EDITOR'S NOTE

### Get up, stand up

The past week has been a weary one. From being overwhelmed with news of violence against women to a nationwide eruption of protest against the ongoing rape pandemic and utter the disappointment of realising that the conversation is not reaching it's intended mass, the week has taken a toll on all of us.

We, at Toggle, are terrified, enraged and disappointed. But above all we are determined. Determined to do whatever we can to contribute to this movement. So, we do what we do best-we write. We try to help our readers-especially womenby listing out options for them to prepare themselves in cases emergencies.

We wish we lived in a better world. But we don't. And we hope this week's Toggle helps out, even if it's just a little bit.

-Zarif Faiaz, Sub-editor

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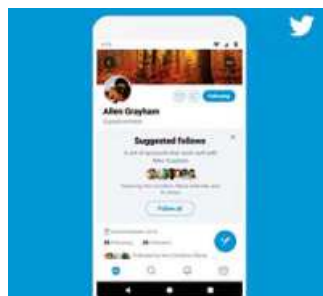
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