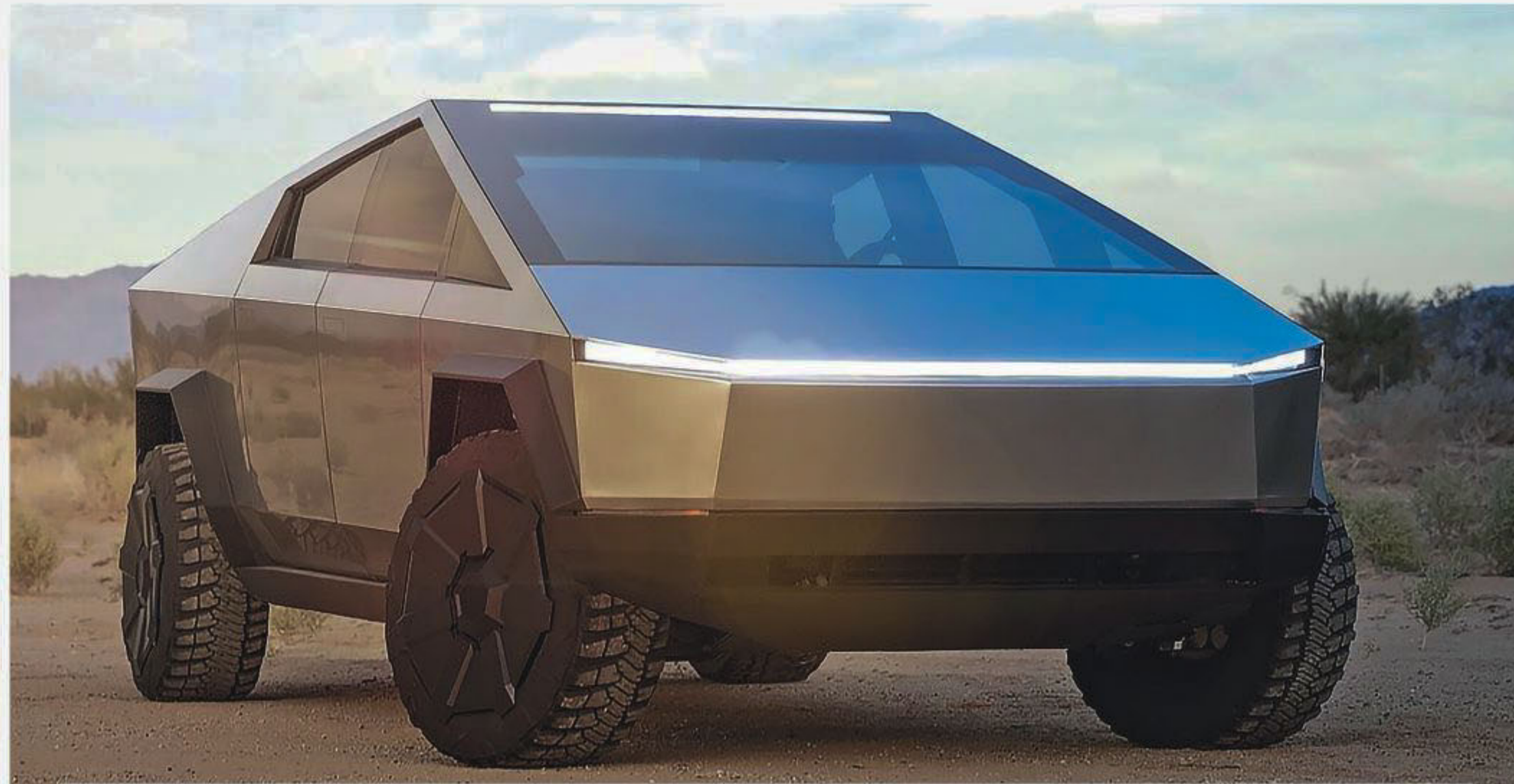


# TESLA CYBERTRUCK VERSUS THE WORLD

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The internet is full of memes based on the looks of the Cybertruck, and the shattering err... mishap during the live demonstration did not do the Cybertruck any favours. Despite the slight hiccups in the unveiling, the Cybertruck still proves a point. It spits in the face of normal, with a design as controversial as genetic cloning, performance figures that put combustion engines to shame and a price point one can justify. It isn't without competition however, so let's take a look.



## TESLA CYBERTRUCK

The Tesla Cybertruck makes big promises. During the launch, Elon claimed that the car is bulletproof, and the cold rolled ultra-hard steel underpinnings are quite reassuring. Although the window shatter test did not exactly go as planned, and the design is very love-it-or-hate-it ("Mostly, completely hate it." –

Editor), Tesla claims very impressive performance at an arguably amazing price. The base model is a single motor, low range rear wheel drive model starting from \$39,000 US Benjamins. The range topping model is said to have a range of 500+ (!!) miles, and performance figures to give top of the line supercars a run for their money.



## RIVIAN R1T

Said to go on sale from 2020, the R1T boasts performance figures marginally slower than the Cybertruck, but at the much more premium price—\$69,000 for the base model and over \$100,000 as you go up the trim ladder. The design is smooth and seamless; everything you'd expect a futuristic car to look like. Rivian is a new startup however, so a lot to prove.



## FORD MUSTANG MACH-E

A Mustang SUV would have been sacrilege a few months ago. And to make it electric? Lord help you. But with the changing market, Ford felt it was appropriate to position themselves accordingly with this. It looks promising—the extended range \$53,000 California Route 1 Mach E can go 300 miles on single charge. Impressive, but the Tesla has an upper hand.

**BOLLINGER B2**  
The Bollinger B2, with its rudimentary design and emphasis on off-roading, may appeal to buyers that like to live the life of an adventurer. Its range isn't too promising however, an estimated 200 miles. 614 HP does sound good, but we don't really know if the estimated \$125,000 price tag will influence customers to get themselves one of these. Looks like a Defender, no?



## LORDSTOWN ENDURANCE

The Endurance looks exactly like what a top brand would release as their concept vehicle. The race is on to bring the first all-electric pickup to the market. This small American startup has joined the race, and is apparently about to commence production later next year from a former GM plant. Lordstown has only released renderings so far, with estimated range of 250 miles.



## COLLECTIBLES

# HotWheels — Best of 2019



**Subaru Impreza 22B**  
Looks a little taller than it should be, but people love it. And with a wheel swap, you will too.



**Audi Sport Quattro**  
Legendary Group B racer—turn your living room carpet into a Finnish rally stage.



**Nissan 300ZX Twin Turbo**  
Don't attempt to take the headlights out and make your own Lambo Diablo VT. That's not how HotWheels work.



**Porsche 911 Carrera**  
Perfect base for RWB inspired customs? With a bit of modelling putty, yes.



**Honda Civic Type R**  
Last year's hottest hot-hatch finally makes it in HW form. Now all you need is a scale Nurburgring to set lap records.



**Land Rover Series III Pickup**  
Legendary Land Rover truck. At least this one won't leak oil.



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