Renault 5 E-Tech against eight rivals

A sample controls benchmark, built from the free table: every control side by side, read from a photograph or a published source.

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At a glance

- Physical climate controls: 5 of 9 (Renault 5 E-Tech, MG 4 EV Urban, Kia EV3, Hyundai Kona and Volkswagen ID.3). On the touchscreen or a touch panel: Mini Cooper, BYD Dolphin, Peugeot 208 and Volvo EX30.
- A volume knob or roller: 7 of 9. No volume control of its own on the dashboard: Volvo EX30.
- Touch pads on the steering wheel: Volvo EX30. The other wheels have buttons that move.
- The light switch on a touchscreen or touch panel: MG 4 EV Urban and Volvo EX30.
- All five basic controls where Euro NCAP’s 2026 procedure expects them: 6 (Renault 5 E-Tech, Kia EV3, Hyundai Kona, Mini Cooper, Peugeot 208 and

Volkswagen ID.3). Not all five: BYD Dolphin (SOS button away from the roof), Volvo EX30 (hazard switch in the roof console).

- Wireless Apple CarPlay: 8 of the 8 checked.
- 3 dated changes to these controls within the current generations, in Volkswagen ID.3.

The controls, side by side

Renault 5 E-Tech first. A dash means the car has not been checked for that control yet.

Control	Renault 5 E-Tech	MG 4 EV Urban	Kia EV3	Hyundai Kona	Mini Cooper	BYD Dolphin	Peugeot 208	Volvo EX30	Volkswagen ID.3
Climate	Physical	Physical	Physical	Physical	**Touchscreen**	**Touchscreen**	**Touchscreen**	**Touchscreen**	Physical
Volume	Buttons	**Knob**	**Roller**	**Knob**	**Knob**	**Roller**	**Knob**	**Screen or wheel only**	**Knob**
Indicators	Stalk	Stalk	Stalk	Stalk	Stalk	Stalk	Stalk	Stalk	Stalk
Steering-wheel controls	Buttons	Buttons	Buttons	Buttons	Buttons	Buttons	Buttons	**Touch pads**	Buttons
Gear selector	Column stalk	Column stalk	Column stalk	Column stalk	**Buttons**	**Dial**	**Lever**	Column stalk	Column stalk
Light switch	Stalk	**Touchscreen**	Stalk	Stalk	Stalk	Stalk	Stalk	**Touchscreen**	–
Hazard switch	Button in the centre	Button in the centre	Button in the centre	Button in the centre	Button in the centre	Button in the centre	Button in the centre	**Button in the roof console**	Button in the centre
Front wipers	Stalk	Stalk	Stalk	Stalk	Stalk	Stalk	Stalk	Stalk	Stalk

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SOS button	Button in the roof console	–	Button in the roof console	Button in the roof console	Button in the roof console	**Button elsewhere**	Button in the roof console	Button in the roof console	Button in the roof console
Apple CarPlay	Wireless	Wireless	Wireless	Wireless	Wireless	Wireless	Wireless	–	Wireless
Android Auto	Wireless	Wireless	Wireless	Wireless	Wireless	Wireless	Wireless	–	Wireless
Euro NCAP basic controls	All five where expected	–	All five where expected	All five where expected	All five where expected	**Not all five: SOS button away from the roof**	All five where expected	**Not all five: hazard switch in the roof console**	All five where expected

Answers that differ from the Renault 5 E-Tech are in bold.

Where each rival differs from the Renault 5 E-Tech

- **MG 4 EV Urban:** Volume: Knob (Renault 5 E-Tech: Buttons); Light switch: Touchscreen (Renault 5 E-Tech: Stalk).
- **Kia EV3:** Volume: Roller (Renault 5 E-Tech: Buttons).
- **Hyundai Kona:** Volume: Knob (Renault 5 E-Tech: Buttons).
- **Mini Cooper:** Climate: Touchscreen (Renault 5 E-Tech: Physical); Volume: Knob (Renault 5 E-Tech: Buttons); Gear selector: Buttons (Renault 5 E-Tech: Column stalk).
- **BYD Dolphin:** Climate: Touchscreen (Renault 5 E-Tech: Physical); Volume: Roller (Renault 5 E-Tech: Buttons); Gear selector: Dial (Renault 5 E-Tech: Column stalk); SOS button: Button elsewhere (Renault 5 E-Tech: Button in the roof console).
- **Peugeot 208:** Climate: Touchscreen (Renault 5 E-Tech: Physical); Volume: Knob (Renault 5 E-Tech: Buttons); Gear selector: Lever (Renault 5 E-Tech: Column stalk).

- **Volvo EX30:** Climate: Touchscreen (Renault 5 E-Tech: Physical); Volume: Screen or wheel only (Renault 5 E-Tech: Buttons); Steering-wheel controls: Touch pads (Renault 5 E-Tech: Buttons); Light switch: Touchscreen (Renault 5 E-Tech: Stalk); Hazard switch: Button in the roof console (Renault 5 E-Tech: Button in the centre).
- **Volkswagen ID.3:** Volume: Knob (Renault 5 E-Tech: Buttons).

Changes within the generation

Dated, each with the source that says so.

Year	Car	What changed
2026	Volkswagen ID.3 Climate: buttons back	The ID.3 Neo moved temperature, fan, A/C and demisting from touch sliders and the screen to a strip of rocker-style buttons in the centre console. Source
2026	Volkswagen ID.3 Volume: buttons back	A rotary volume knob on the centre console replaced the touch slider, which VW says answered customers' wish for a classic control instead of a slider. Source
2026	Volkswagen ID.3 Steering wheel: buttons back	The ID.3 Neo's redesigned multifunction steering wheel has clearly structured button panels in place of the earlier touch pads. Source

The version each answer was checked on

Each car’s page shows the photographs and sources.

- Renault 5 E-Tech: 2024 Renault 5 E-Tech (Geneva show car), left-hand drive. Checked 10 November 2026.
- MG 4 EV Urban: 2026 MG4 EV Urban (second-generation MG4), Germany, left-hand drive. Checked 10 November 2026.
- Kia EV3: 2025 EV3 Earth, South Korea, left-hand drive. Checked 10 November 2026.

- Hyundai Kona: 2023 Kona Electric, Europe, left-hand drive. Checked 10 November 2026.
- Mini Cooper: 2024 Cooper SE (J01, Auto Zürich show car), Switzerland. Checked 10 November 2026.
- BYD Dolphin: 2024 Dolphin Premium, Indonesia, right-hand drive. Checked 10 November 2026.
- Peugeot 208: 2025 208 GT (facelift), Argentina, left-hand drive. Checked 10 November 2026.
- Volvo EX30: 2023 launch car, left-hand drive. Checked 10 November 2026.
- Volkswagen ID.3: 2026 ID.3 Neo (the revised and renamed ID.3), Europe, left-hand drive. Checked 10 November 2026.

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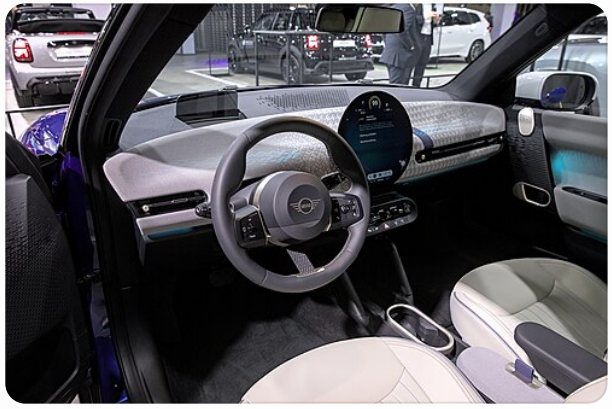

Mini Cooper

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BYD Dolphin

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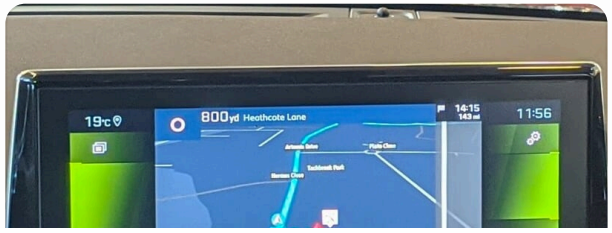



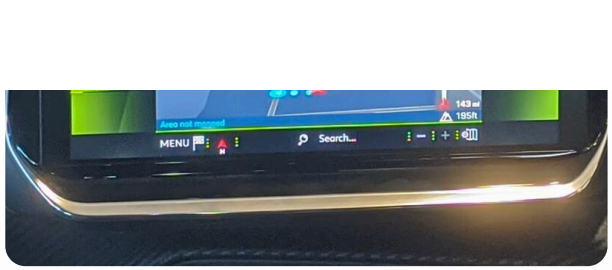

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