

BMW X2 28ixDrive - Fun To Drive On Twisty Roads



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fairly quick! Zero to 100 km/h is covered in 6.5 seconds, and top-speed (with the optional 'Performance Pack') is limited to 230 km/h – those are impressive numbers.

Driving Dynamics: In the city, the X2 rides OK, although, thanks to my tester wearing the largest rim size currently available (part of the 'M Sport X' package), 20-

inch on all corners, the ride was a bit stiff and jarring.

On the highway, the ride improves, but performance rubber on large rims do help create a lot of road noise.

On the plus side, the X2 handles really well, and is one of the few crossovers that is fun to drive on a twisty back road – provided the tarmac is not bumpy.

Fuel Economy: I recently test-

ed a MINI Countryman JCW, and had averaged 9.8L/100 km. The X2, with the same powertrain, I averaged 8.8L/100km. I think the slipperier shape of the X2 on the highway run really helped with the improved numbers - or maybe I was just having more fun in the JCW!

Pricing: Base price for the 2018 BMW X2 28ixDrive is \$42,250. My Galvanic Gold tester, which

was about as well loaded as an X2 can be, had a sticker price of \$54,845 (freight and dealer fees are extra).

Verdict: With the X2, BMW is trying to fill a niche that no one really asked for, but it exists to lure those customers who think the X1 is too dull to look at. Will it be a sales success? Given that it has been in showrooms for about six months already, it surely isn't

a common sight. Perhaps the sales are hurting because the X1 and the Countryman JCW offer a similar experience, and are cheaper to buy.

I am sure, in trendy cities like Los Angeles and Milan, where style is above all else, the X2 fares better. Personally, given the choice between the X1, X2, and the Countryman JCW, I'll be bringing the MINI home.

Global Compliance Testing On For All-Electric Solo

VANCOUVER, June 25, 2018 /CNW/ - Electra Meccanica Vehicles Corp. (OTCQB: ECCTF), a cutting-edge designer and manufacturer of electric vehicles, today announced that their single-passenger, all-electric SOLO continues to go through dynamic laboratory safety testing in order to meet global safety standards. The Company received its Federal Certification in the U.S. earlier this year, and is now moving forward with ongoing testing for compliance in countries around the world.

The global compliance testing is a multi-faceted series of tests, performed in several facilities, assessing the car's structural and functional integrity over numerous categories.

Electra Meccanica has partnered with the most state-of-the-art organizations and facilities to ensure that the SOLO passes the most stringent safety requirements.



"Verifying the inherent safety features of the SOLO in laboratory conditions is a long, but rewarding journey for our company," stated Jerry Kroll, Chairman and CEO of Electra Meccanica. "Going through this process al-

lows the Company to gain knowledge and expertise in compliance that will allow us to improve upcoming vehicles in our product pipeline, including the Tofino, our all-electric sports car."

The SOLO is priced at \$15,500

USD, and interested consumers can place a fully-refundable \$250 deposit by visiting EMVauto.com. A publicly held company, Electra Meccanica began trading on the OTCQB exchange and announced its ap-

plication filing for NASDAQ Capital Markets listing last October.

About Electra Meccanica Vehicles Corp.:

Electra Meccanica is a designer and manufacturer of electric vehicles.

The Company builds the innovative, all-electric SOLO, a single passenger vehicle developed to revolutionize the way people commute, as well as the Tofino, an elegant high-performance two seater electric roadster sports car. Both vehicles are tuned for the ultimate driving experience while making your commute more efficient, cost-effective and environmentally friendly.

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