



## Horse Powertrain wins prestigious Autocar Sturmeay Award for innovation

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- Sturmeay Award is one of the premier prizes handed out at annual awards
- Title recognises people and organizations that drive innovation and achievement
- Horse Powertrain recognized for innovations in X-Range family of hybrid and range-extender powertrains

**London, UK (10 June 2026)** – Horse Powertrain, a global leader in innovative and low-emission powertrain systems, has been awarded the prestigious Sturmeay Award at the 2026 Autocar awards.

First awarded in 2014, the Sturmeay Award is one of Autocar’s biggest and most prestigious prizes, recognizing outstanding people, companies, or technologies that represent the most significant innovations and achievement for the automotive industry.

Horse Powertrain was selected for the prize, with judges praising the impressive engineering and innovation behind the company and its products and services.

The company’s technical innovation includes its pioneering series of X-Range powertrains, which enable automakers to convert BEV-native platforms into HEVs, PHEVs, and REEVs. Furthermore, it was recognized for its breakthroughs in increasing powertrain thermal efficiency and reducing the carbon intensity of combustion and hybrid vehicles.

Matias Giannini, the CEO of Horse Powertrain, received the trophy from Autocar editor-at-large, Matt Prior, at the annual event taking place at Armoury House, London.

**On accepting the award, Matias Giannini said:** *“It is a great honour to receive this prestigious award from Autocar and a fantastic recognition of the talented global teams that make up Horse Powertrain. Together, they are delivering the innovations driving the industry towards net zero. As a powertrain solutions partner to numerous OEMs, we remain committed to a culture of innovation that, through our products and systems integration expertise, enables continuous reductions in mobility emissions - whether through electrification, alternative fuels or highly efficient hybrids.”*

**Mark Tisshaw, Autocar editor, commented:** *“Horse Powertrain’s rule-breaking approach is challenging almost every established way of thinking in the automotive game. This unique strategy that focuses on reimagining and advancing the combustion engine is as technically innovative as it is commercially disruptive. In winning this award, we are pleased to recognize the foresight and courage of a company that continues to push forward and champion the combustion engine, even in the face of the wider industry trend towards all-out electrification.”*

Named after Henry Sturmeay, the founder of Autocar magazine, previous Sturmeay Award winners include Tesla, Aston Martin’s Marek Reichman, Dacia’s Denis le Vot, Polestar’s Thomas Ingenlath and JLR’s Gerry McGovern.

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#### About Horse Powertrain

Horse Powertrain is a global leader in innovative, low-emission hybrid and combustion powertrain solutions, supporting automotive OEMs with a range of systems including engines, transmissions, power electronics, range extenders, and integrated hybrid platforms. Horse Powertrain has operations in Europe, China, and South America, and employs over 19,000 people across 18 plants and five R&D centers. Its 25 customers include Renault Group, Geely Auto, Volvo Cars, Proton, Nissan, and Mitsubishi Motors Corporation. Horse Powertrain is headquartered in London, UK.

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