

RENAULT, DACIA AND ALPINE WIN AWARDS AT 2020 WHAT CAR? CEREMONY

- **New ZOE triumphs in 'Electric Car' category.**
- **New ZOE also wins the 'Best Electric Car' for less than £30,000 category.**
- **Dacia Sandero awarded 'Best Small Car for less than £12,000' for eighth year in a row.**
- **Duster takes 'Best Family SUV for less than £18,000' for second consecutive year.**
- **Alpine A110 named 'Sportscar of the Year'.**

London (United Kingdom), January 15, 2020 – Four models of Renault, Dacia and Alpine have been rewarded yesterday during the prestigious What Car? ceremony. Since 1978 the 'What car? Car of the Year' ceremony is among the most respected in the UK automotive industry.

Seventh consecutive success for ZOE

The New Renault ZOE has triumphed in the 2020 What Car? Awards, winning the 'Best Electric Car' title overall and taking the honours in the 'Best Electric Car for less than £30,000' category. This success represents the seventh consecutive year that ZOE has been honoured at the annual What Car? ceremony.

Steve Huntingford, Editor of What Car? explained:

The Renault ZOE won a price point last year but this overhauled model represents such an improvement that it's the best small electric car you can buy. With its bigger battery, it covered 192 miles in our real range test- around a third more than its predecessor. What's more it's classier inside and more enjoyable to drive, thanks to brisk acceleration, composed handling and a settled ride on the motorway.

Dacia at the double with Duster and Sandero

Dacia is celebrating a double success at the 2020 What Car? Awards, with wins for both the Sandero and Duster. For the Sandero, it was an incredible eighth consecutive victory as it scooped the 'Best Small Car under £12,000' category, while the Duster was handed the 'Best Family SUV under £18,000' for the second year on the trot.

It should come as no great surprise that the Sandero is our favourite value car for less than £10,000, given that it has already continued seven What Car? Price point trophies to the mantelpiece at Dacia HQ. Yet again, nothing has emerged that can get close to the amount of car it offers for your money, Steve Huntingford said about the Sandero's success.

Speaking about the Duster's second successive win, he explained:

Buyers who need a mid-size SUV rather than a small one to transport their family around and whose budget is tight, will love Dacia Duster. As you'd expect from the Romanian firm, you get huge amount of car for the money, with plenty of passenger space and a large boot. Choose the turbocharged 1.3-litre petrol engine that we favour and you'll have a car that's pleasantly brisk and reasonable economical. It also rides well, especially around town, thanks to its soft suspension.

Alpine A110 awarded second consecutive Sports Car of the Year title

The Alpine A110 has been presented with the Sportscar of the Year title for the second year in a row. Once again it impressed the What Car? team with its dynamic abilities and everyday usability.

Steve Huntingford commented:

Key to the appeal of the reborn Alpine A110 is its featherweight construction; it weighs a whopping quarter of a tonne less than some rivals. That in turn means that its suspension doesn't have to be overly stiff, it's tyres especially wide nor its engine massively powerful for it to perform as well as it does. With steering that chatters continuously about the road's surface and even reasonable running costs on its side, the A110 is simply unmatched among sports cars.

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