

After the first week of testing—the Tannistest in Denmark last October—followed by numerous individual tests, the jury met last week at the Automotive Testing and Research Center, of Mortefontaine CERAM near Paris for a final series of tests on the circuit and the surrounding roads. The finalist builders came to explain the spirit, the strengths and the advantages of their model.



Car of the Year is organised by seven major magazines in Europe: Auto in Italy, Autocar in the United Kingdom, Autopista in Spain, Autovisie in the Netherlands, L'Automobile in France, Stern in Germany and Vi Bilägare in Sweden. The top 60 reporters from 23 countries in the automotive world in Europe elect the winner.

The Jaguar I-Pace won out over six competitors, though it was a bit of a close call as for the first time, two cars got the same number of points: the Alpine A110 and the Jaguar I-Pace. The Jaguar finally won the prize by decision of the jury, as it was placed in first position more often (18 times versus the Alpine's 16). Runners-up included the Kia Ceed, Ford Focus, Citroën Aircross, Peugeot 508, and Mercedes-Benz A Class.