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WHAT SHOULD I BE PAYING?

Volkswagen's pricing and trim structures are not always the easiest things to understand, but the ID.5 range is currently very simple: there are two trims, Match and GTX. Match starts at £45,860 and GTX comes in at £55,705.

If you're looking at monthly leasing options then you can get into a Match for just under £500 a month over three years if you're prepared to stick £7k down. As is almost always the case, you can tweak VW's online finance calculator to find a deal that suits you. On roughly the same terms, the GTX is more like £675 per month.

Of course, if you're a company car driver then you'll benefit from the perky low tax rates for [electric vehicles](#), which will make the ID.5 a more worthy candidate for the shortlist.

WHAT ARE THE TRIMS LIKE?

The Match cars are the 'value' option, and come with a single-motor powertrain, 77kWh battery, 11kW onboard charger and CCS rapid charging up to 135kW. There's LED matrix headlights, electric tailgate, dual-zone climate control, rearview camera, plus heated steering wheel and front seats.

The GTX cars are the sportier option, kitted with a twin-motor four-wheel-drive powertrain for juicier performance. They also unlock 175kW DC charging, get a new Harman Kardon sound system, sports seats, panoramic sunroof, 20in alloys, front and rear parking sensors, a heat pump and a more 'dynamic' chassis set-up for driving fun. Which, as we've covered, it doesn't really achieve.

WHICH ONE SHOULD I GO FOR?

Stick with the single motor Match car and get the most out of the 77kWh battery. To that end, the heat pump is a £1,050 option that's probably worth going for to boost efficiency in the winter. You'll make back a lot of pennies in the long run.

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