First Volkswagen ID.4 in CT

Club Member Marshall Breines Takes Delivery of First CT VW ID.4

With much of the club's recent efforts to support the passage of SB 127, allowing for direct sales of EVs in CT, we don't want to overlook numerous EV launches planned for 2021.

The Volkswagen ID.4 is a critical piece of that company's plan to revive itself following the Dieselgate scandal that has cost the company billions of Euros in fines and reputational damage. This is the first EV for the American market to be built on VW's new <u>Modular Electrification Toolbox</u> platform. (VW introduced a smaller model, the ID.3, in September to great success in Europe but is not bringing that vehicle to the USA.)

As batteries get more efficient, EVs are beginning to move into the segments comprised of larger vehicles, such as EUVs (Electric Utility Vehicles), which is what the ID.4 is, and pickup trucks (and heavy-duty commercial vehicles).

The vehicle pictured above is a "first edition," a fullyloaded, limited production model. It was sold out on its first day of accepting orders. These are the only versions of this vehicle arriving in this country for the time being. We expect deliveries of the standard version of the model to begin arriving in 3-4 months.

Marshall gives his ID.4 a strong review, "A great example of building a really well done SUV with lots of room, comfortable ride, and great fit/finish with well-done info system and all the tech needs one wants. You don't think it's an EV! Highly recommend for people first getting into an EV." The ID.4 is EPA rated for 250 miles of range. Marshall reports that his early experience slightly exceeds that in mostly local driving.

For a more in-depth review, Larry Thompson interviews Marshall in this <u>video</u>.

More photos of the ID.4 taken by Paul Braren:













