

## 2023 BMW i7 xDrive60

The 2023 BMW i7 xDrive60 offers the best of almost everything you'd expect a luxury sedan to have. Like its combustion-engine siblings, it's exceptionally refined and remarkably quiet, with the added benefit of smooth, instantaneous acceleration that, while not always a priority, is undeniably impressive. What we love most about it is that it retains BMW's 7 Series design language, blending in with the crowd without shouting that it's an EV. Now, if you were to compare the 2023 i7 xDrive60 to a regular 7 Series, the 760i would be the most natural comparison. Powering it is BMW's 4.4-liter V8, which is also quiet despite putting out 540 horsepower or so. Other than that, there's no major difference between the two. Let's take a look at the 2023 BMW i7 xDrive60's performance figures, battery capacity, and range, among other intricacies of its electric drivetrain.

### Still A 7 Series, Only Quieter And "Cleaner"

Powering the 2023 BMW i7 xDrive60 are two electric motors, one in the front and one in the rear, producing a combined power output of 536 horsepower and 549 lb.ft. There's no conventional transmission, so it wouldn't be wrong to assume that it weighs less than the ICE-powered 7 Series. However, the liquid-cooled 101.7 kWh lithium-ion battery pack weighs a ton, pushing the car's weight to just over 6,000 pounds. Nonetheless, 0-60 mph takes 4.1 seconds, give or take, and the top speed is electronically limited to 150 mph. On the factory standard 19-inch wheels, the 2023 i7 xDrive 60 offers an estimated driving range of 317 miles per charge. The larger 20-inch and 21-inch wheels offer around 20 miles less than that. When depleted, the battery takes around 30 minutes to charge fully on a public charging station with a DC fast charger.

### You'll Want To Be In The Back Rather Than The Front

When you see the 2023 BMW i7 xDrive60, it's not the type of car you instinctively want to enter from the front. Sure, the thrill of EV acceleration is tempting, but for that experience, the i4 M50 might be a better match. All the good offerings are in the rear, where you get heated and cooled seats, sometimes a massaging function, a mini refrigerator, and the pièce de résistance, a 31-inch 8K BMW Theater screen, which was optional. It has 5G connectivity, Amazon Fire TV, and more. We forgot to mention that the second-row seats recline electrically, the doors close automatically, plus there's a panoramic sky lounge LED roof. The driver and front seat passenger get similar amenities on top of a digital dashboard comprising of a large floating display split into a digital instrument cluster and infotainment display. We'll cover what features each of those has in a few.

### Quietly Fits In Among The Lineup

The 2023 BMW i7 xDrive60 borrows its aesthetic from its ICE-powered siblings; hence, it blends into the 7 Series lineup well. The only difference you'll notice is on the front end, which on the i7 is slightly less aggressive, leaning more towards a refined aesthetic, and the pleasingly minimalistic rear, only incorporating taillights, relevant badges, and a subtle diffuser. The chrome vaned grille adds to its grandeur, and so do the sharp headlights. The wheels are different compared to what you'd get, say, on a 740i, but they are not an immediate giveaway that the car is an EV.

### Technology That Anticipates Your Needs

Most of the 2023 BMW i7 xDrive60's technology is similar to the 7 Series variants, but this isn't necessarily negative, given that it's also a flagship sedan. The display we mentioned earlier runs on BMW's iDrive 8.5 system that incorporates Apple CarPlay, Android Auto, a Wi-Fi hotspot, hands-free navigation, real-time traffic display, and more. Of course, these are available on the infotainment display side, but some can be displayed on the instrument cluster as it's highly customizable. In the safety and driver assists suite, you get features such as a hands-free driving mode, traffic assist, automated emergency braking, pedestrian detection, and more. These are in addition to the essentials such as stability control, traction control, tire-specific pressure monitoring, and ABS. There's more, but let's move on to pricing.

### You Should Buy One

In today's market, a 2023 BMW i7 xDrive60 will set you back around \$80,000, a \$40,000 drop from its MSRP. Should you buy one over a gas-powered 7 Series? Absolutely.

## Final Thoughts

The 2023 BMW i7 xDrive60 is a standard setter in the EV luxury sedan segment. Some of its best attributes are its quiet refinement, luxury, and impressive range, which are more than enough reasons to buy one.