

Revero is a combination of two Latin words-Re and Vero, meaning continuous improvement and truth. The Balboa Blue paint and optional 22-inch wheels made a striking combo on my test vehicle.

Karma Revero

HAT GOES AROUND tends to come around and that's true with the Karma. First seen in 2011 as the Fisker Karma and then gone just one year later, the low-slung luxury vehicle is back, this time relaunched as the recharged 2018 Karma Revero.

The big grand tourer is still an extended-range electric vehicle, packing a GM-sourced four-cylinder gas engine underhood, which serves as a generator for the lithium-ion battery pack and electric motors. Plug the Karma in and with the battery fully charged, there's 50 miles of all-electric range. With the engine cycling on, the range extends to 300 miles. A DC Quick charger will charge the battery to 85 percent in 24 minutes. Six-piston Brembo brakes are tied into a tiered adaptive regenerative braking system which boasts three levels of responsiveness. Drivers can choose if they want the regen system to drastically slow the car or more gradually intervene. They can also select between three drive modes—Stealth,

Sustain, or Sport, further dialing in their preferred vehicle experience.

The previous car's solar roof was an industry first and it continues to pack a wow-factor. By soaking up the sun's rays, it'll add around 1 to 3 miles of range a day. Another first is this vehicle's brand-new badging. Each mesmerizing blue disc, set in a ring of aluminum, mimics a solar eclipse and is hand-painted by an artist in Hawaii.

Inside the Karma's cockpit, there's room for four, who sit around the high center console, which houses the battery pack. Premium leather and reclaimed wood trim abound, and front and center is a massive 10.2-inch infortainment system, complete with Apple CarPlay and Android Auto and the availability of over-the-air updates.

Each Karma is hand-built in Southern California, starts at \$130,000, and comes with a 5-year unlimited mileage warranty. Learn more about Karma at www.karmaautomotive.com.





Each luminous "badge" (above) is hand-painted. The interior cabin features lots of leather wrapped surfaces and good visibility while driving.



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