GPT-6.1 Terra on Amazon Bedrock: how to read a benchmark that is the vendor's own

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AWS's 2 November weekly roundup reports that OpenAI GPT-6.1 Terra is now generally available on Amazon Bedrock. The AWS author is careful about the claims, and that care is worth copying.

TL;DR The short version

- GPT-6.1 Terra, the everyday-workload line of the GPT-6 family, is now generally available on Amazon Bedrock.
- Its headline score comes from OpenAI's own evaluation, which the AWS author is careful to attribute.
- Note who ran a benchmark, and compare models on cost per completed task rather than cost per token.

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What was reported

- AWS describes Terra as the everyday-workload line of the GPT-6 family.
- On OpenAI's own Agents' Last Exam evaluation, OpenAI reports Terra scoring 15 percentage points higher than GPT-5.6 Terra, on par with GPT-6 Astra, and finishing tasks more than three times faster than both.
- AWS states plainly that these are OpenAI's figures, not an independent test, and points readers to price as the thing to check.
- AWS says Terra is priced well below the model beside it.

How to use this

- Note who ran the test. Vendor-run benchmarks are not worthless, but they are chosen by the people selling the product.
- Compare on cost per completed task, not cost per token. A cheaper model that needs more retries can cost more overall.
- Match the tier to the job: an everyday-workload model for routine steps, a stronger one only where the quality gain is measurable.
- Design so the model can be swapped. When pricing and quality move this quickly, a hard-wired choice becomes a liability.

Facts in this post were read from the sources listed below on 10 November 2026; this is a developing story or product and details may have changed since.

Sources and further reading

1. AWS News Blog. AWS Weekly Roundup: GPT-6.1 Terra on Bedrock, Step Functions as agent tools, and more. 2 November 2026. aws.amazon.com/blogs/aws/aws-weekly-roundup-gpt-6-1-terra-on-bedrock-step-functions-as-agent-tools-and-more-november-2-2026/

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