



Electric Vehicle Decision-Making Guide



So you're considering purchasing an electric vehicle (EV)? Use this checklist and list of important questions to ask the dealer or seller as you prepare to purchase or lease your EV. Checking 'no' for one or more questions does not mean you are unprepared to purchase an EV.

The EV Buyer's Checklist

	YES	NO
Do I have the ability to charge an electric vehicle at home?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do I have the ability to charge an electric vehicle at work?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are there EV charging stations near me, at stores and other places I frequent?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
As a buyer, am I eligible for the existing federal income tax credit?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the vehicle I'm interested in eligible for the federal income tax credit?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do I take frequent, long road trips that would require a gas-powered vehicle?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have I found an EV model that will work for me and for anyone else in my household who will use it on a regular basis?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Key Questions to Ask Before You Buy

- What are the battery size options for the vehicle I'm interested in, and what is the average driving range?
- Are there any dealership incentives available with the purchase of the vehicle I'm interested in?
- Are there any other incentives I should be aware of?
- How does the vehicle I'm interested in handle hot and cold weather, from a battery-life perspective?
- What does warranty coverage look like for the vehicle I am interested in?
- Does the manufacturer have any special programs or offers for owners? Such as complimentary charging at specific locations or rental rates for gas-powered vehicles for long trips?
- Are there any significant changes or advancements anticipated for the next model year for the vehicle I am interested in?

Find More Info

- Compare and contrast different vehicle makes and models on [FuelEconomy.Gov](https://www.fueleconomy.gov).
- Find additional resources on EVs at the [Office of Environmental and Energy Coordination](https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/office-of-environmental-and-energy-coordination).



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