



Buying an EV checklist

Work through this before you test drive, and take it with you to the dealer.

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Car and variant

Dealer

Date

1. Your driving know this before you shop

- ☐ **Your usual week's kilometres** and your longest regular trip.
A car's real highway range is often 20–30% below its official figure, and less in cold weather.

- ☐ **Where you'll charge at home:** a power point, a wall charger, or no off-street parking.

- ☐ **Your electricity plan:** is there a cheap overnight or free midday rate?

- ☐ **How often you tow, take long trips or carry a full load**

- ☐ **Run your numbers** in the EV Pick running-cost calculator for the cars on your list.

2. On the test drive

- ☐ **Plug it in:** check the charge port position works for your garage or driveway.
- ☐ **Try the one-pedal or regenerative braking settings,** and whether you like them.
- ☐ **Check the boot with your actual gear** (pram, golf clubs, tools), and whether there's a frunk.
- ☐ **Test the driver-assist features:** lane-keeping can feel intrusive in some cars. Find how to turn it off.
- ☐ **Use the screen while parked:** can you find the climate, wipers and mirrors easily?
- ☐ **Drive on a rough road and the highway** for ride comfort and road noise.
- ☐ **Check rear visibility and the reversing camera**

3. Costs to compare

- ☐ **The drive-away price in writing** including on-road costs, stamp duty and rego.
- ☐ **Insurance quotes** before you buy: some EVs cost much more to insure.
- ☐ **Servicing costs and intervals,** or whether servicing is included.
- ☐ **Home charger cost** if you need one (often \$1,500–\$3,000 installed).
- ☐ **Tyre size and replacement cost:** EVs often wear tyres faster.
- ☐ **Novated lease quote** if your employer offers one: EVs under the luxury car tax threshold can be exempt from FBT.

4. Warranty and the battery

- ☐ **Battery warranty years and kilometres**, and what capacity it guarantees (often 70%).
 - ☐ **Who services it near you**, and how far the nearest service centre is.
 - ☐ **Roadside assistance**: does it include towing to a charger if you run flat?
 - ☐ **Which charging cables come with the car**: a portable cable for a power point is not always included.
 - ☐ **Check for recalls** on the model at [vehiclerecalls.gov.au](https://www.vhiclerecalls.gov.au).

5. Before you sign

- ☐ **Confirm the exact variant, battery size and colour** on the contract.
- ☐ **Delivery date and what happens if it's late**
- ☐ **Trade-in value in writing**, separate from the new car price.
- ☐ **Ask for any free charging credit or home charger offer** in writing.
- ☐ **Install the car's app** and check how it locks, pre-cools and schedules charging.

Tip: compare the five-year cost, not the sticker price. A cheaper car with dearer insurance and tyres can cost more to own.

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