

Tesla Models

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What is the Tesla Model S?

The Tesla Model S is a luxury car that runs solely on battery power. Unlike other high efficiency cars, the Model S is more powerful than many modern combustion engine cars. Though the price is still high at around \$70,000, Tesla is working to make their product more available to the common public.



<http://electriccars2016.com/2016-tesla-model-s-cleanest-vehicle/>

How the Model S Began

The Tesla roadster was the only other like it in 2009

\$109,000 car and price kept it from being successful

Needed a \$350 million dollar loan to get program going

Fisker automotive was largest competition in luxury electric cars

Fortunately for Tesla, Fisker was unable to receive the funds needed to mass produce their electric model sedan



<http://www.caranddriver.com/reviews/2009-tesla-roadster-road-test>

“Ludicrous” Performance Capabilities

- “Ludicrous” optional performance package for the Model S P90D model allows the 4,647.3 pound sedan to accelerate from 0 - 60 mph in 2.8 seconds.
 - There are only 7 production cars in the history of the automobile that accelerate faster than the Ludicrous-equipped Tesla Model S P90D!
 - 5 out of 7 of the faster-accelerating cars were produced in quantities of less than 30 produced.
- The Ludicrous package also provides dual motors producing a combined 713 lb-ft of torque and 761 horsepower available the moment your foot touches the accelerator
- Essentially, the Tesla Model S P90D gives the owner \$300,000+ gas-guzzling supercar performance at a \$128,000 price with no gasoline, and a sedan’s versatility.

How is it better than other green cars

Uses a battery that is 3 to 4 times larger than other green cars

Leads to better performance and range

Tesla uses 18650 cylindrical cells instead of prismatic cells

Leads to 50% greater performance than industry average

Helps to keep battery costs at a minimum



<http://www.torquenews.com/2250/what-makes-tesla-s-batteries-so-great>

Harmful effects of Tesla Model S

Made from aluminum instead of steel

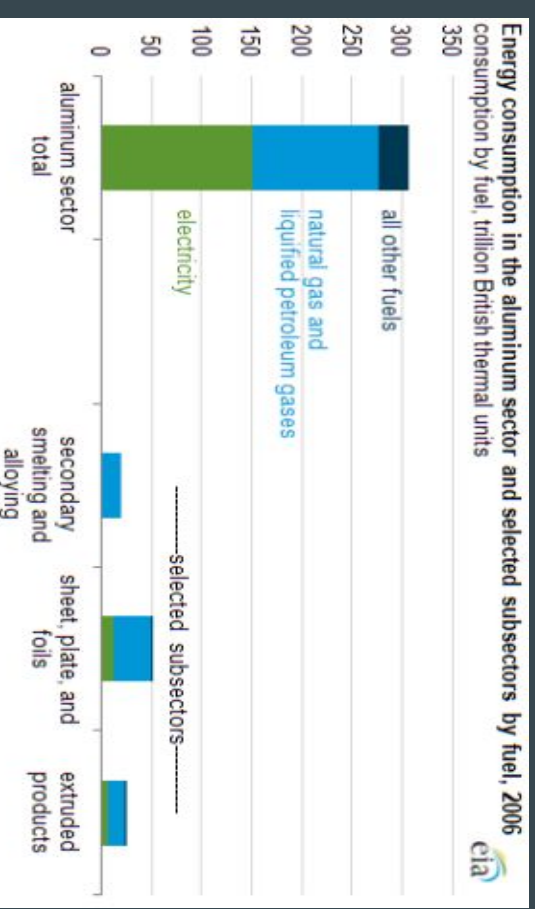
Leads to much higher performance

Not found in natural state

Aluminum smelting requires a lot of energy

Aluminum is 100% recyclable

Secondary use doesn't require much energy



<http://time.com/money/3432529/tesla-electric-environmentally-friendly-aluminum/>

Electric Cars and Environmental impact

Modern transportation causes pollutants to be spread into the atmosphere on a large scale. Smog and acid rain are also effects of transportation emissions. Electric cars, such as the Model S, can greatly reduce emissions and the effect of transportation on the environment. The Model S is considered a zero emission vehicle, it doesn't even have a tailpipe. This however does not consider where the electricity came from that runs it.

Conclusion

Tesla Model S has many innovations that make it an efficient vehicle. However, it still has some downfalls. Teslo boast zero emissions yet some of the features of the Model S are harmful to the environment. The positives outweigh the negatives in this case and the Tesla Model S is a big step in the pursuit of environmentally friendly vehicles.

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