

Electric vehicles evs kathmandu

The electric vehicle market has experienced growth worldwide in the past few years with more car manufacturers prioritizing electric powertrains instead of traditional internal combustion engines that rely on fossil fuels. This trend, towards mobility, is also evident in Nepal's emerging market for vehicles (EVs). Although in its stages there is a growing interest in and sales of EVs in Nepal due to concerns about increasing fuel costs and the detrimental effects of vehicle emissions, in urban areas.

2024 is expected to be a pivotal year for electric mobility in Nepal with multiple new EV models launching and government policies aimed at encouraging EV adoption. This article explores the current state of electric cars in Nepal looking at the most popular models available, pricing across variants, government incentives, developing charging infrastructure, and the future outlook for mass adoption of electric vehicles.

While globally there are over 450 models of electric cars available, Nepal's options are currently limited but growing every quarter. Below are some of the most popular electric cars that have been launched in Nepal either via official distributor channel partners or parallel imports.

Part of India-based Tata Motors' push into electric mobility, the Nexon EV compact SUV is among the highest-selling electric cars in Nepal. Key features and pricing:

With its SUV body type ideal for Nepal's roads, the Tata Nexon EV offers an attractive option for customers looking to switch to an electric vehicle without compromising performance or practicality.

It comes equipped with both AC and DC fast charging capability. The 7.4 kW onboard AC charger takes about 6-8 hours from 0-100% charge. Through 50 kW DC fast charging, the battery can be rapidly charged up to 80% in just 50 minutes.

The Hyundai Kona Electric is the electric version of the standard Kona crossover SUV model. It is imported to Nepal via the official Hyundai distributor - Laxmi Intercontinental Pvt. Ltd. Details include:

The British automaker also introduced its first plug-in hybrid model in Nepal - the MG HS Plug-in hybrid. The petrol-electric powertrain plus EV-only range gives customers an alternative Green choice to pure electric cars. Key details are:

Priced at Rs. 65,99,000 ex-showroom in Nepal, the HS PHEV allows customers to partially shift to electric mobility while avoiding the range anxiety that pure EVs induce for some buyers.

German automaker Volkswagen has also entered Nepal's electric mobility space with its first long-range premium electric SUV - the ID.4 in 2022. It carries the following credentials:

China-based electric mobility giant BYD offers its long-range E6 electric crossover SUV in Nepal through local partner Sidley Enterprises Pvt Ltd. The BYD E6 specs and details are:

BYD focuses on safety and has earned top ratings in C-NCAP crash tests across multiple models including E6. The seven-seater E6 offers abundant range for daily commuting via its in-house developed Blade battery technology which is also catching on in overseas markets.

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