

NEWS LETTER

Electric Cars: Problems in the New Age of Travel

Electric cars are often seen as the future of transport, but reports show they still face several challenges. While they can help reduce pollution, some problems make electric cars difficult for everyone to use at the moment.

1. Cost of Electric Cars

One major issue is the high cost of electric cars. Many electric vehicles are thousands of pounds more expensive to buy than petrol cars, with some costing £8,000–£10,000 more upfront. Although electric cars can be cheaper to run and save money over time, the high purchase price can put many families off making the switch.

2. Lack of Charging and Long Charging Times

Another issue with electric cars is charging. In some towns and rural areas, there are not enough charging points, which can make drivers worry about running out of power on long journeys. Reports also show that charging an electric car takes much longer than filling up a petrol car, as petrol can be added in minutes while electric cars may need to be plugged in for several hours, which some drivers find inconvenient.



“Electric cars are good for the environment, but I worry about finding somewhere to charge on long journeys”

James Vane

3. Quiet Cars Can Be a Safety Risk

One concern raised by reports is that electric cars are much quieter than petrol cars, especially when travelling at low speeds. This can make it harder for pedestrians, cyclists, and people with visual impairments to hear them approaching. In busy towns and cities, the lack of engine noise could increase the risk of accidents because people may not realise an electric car is nearby until it is very close.