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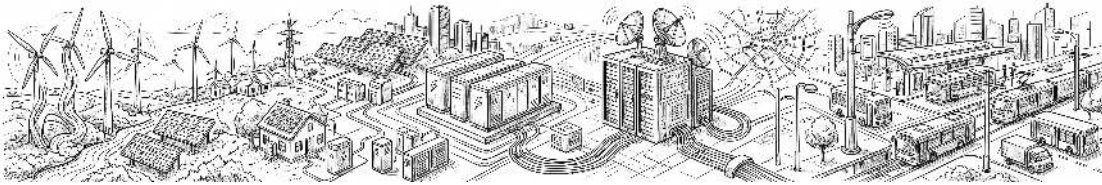
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EV Coverage (India)

- **Jeep Confirms India EV Plans, Targets 4x4 DNA:** Stellantis India confirmed Jeep will introduce an electric vehicle in India, with a **B-segment** EV reportedly planned on Tata Motors' **ARGOS** architecture under their platform partnership. Stellantis plans **7** new products and **5** refreshes across Jeep and Citroen by **2030**, starting **Q2 2027**. Expansion spans **B, C, and D** segments plus a D-segment pickup, with four-wheel-drive capability intended across the future range. Indian engineering and sourcing will anchor cost competitiveness.
- **Ghaziabad to Install 50 EV Charging Stations:** Ghaziabad will set up **50 EV charging stations** under the PM E-Drive scheme, part...





... of **238 locations** approved across Uttar Pradesh. Under a UPNEDA agreement, departments earn a **₹1 per unit** revenue share, with land leased for **10 years**. The city hosts over **70,000 EVs** — including **39,415 e-rickshaws** and **17,856 e-bikes** — against only **~40** existing stations. Power will be supplied by **UPPCL**, with stations operational **24x7**.

EV Coverage (Global)

- **Tesla Prepares Long-Delayed Roadster Unveiling:** Tesla will unveil its redesigned **Roadster** on **Thursday** at a **SpaceX** test site in McGregor, Texas, nearly **9 years** after the prototype debuted in 2017. The sports car remains priced at **\$200,000**, with reservations at **\$50,000**. Musk claims a **620 mile (1,000 km)** range and sub-one-second acceleration to **60 mph**. Analysts expect **~2,000** annual sales, a fraction of Tesla's **1.6 million** vehicles sold last year, as the company pivots toward AI, robots, and robotaxis.
- **Tesla Robotaxi Remote Operators Linked to All Crashes:** Tesla's **NHTSA** filings now show **36** unique "Robotaxi" incident reports, up from **22** in July. Two new August crashes in **Dallas (0.40 MPH)** into an SUV) and **Austin (1 mph)** into a dumpster) involved remote operators, bringing total remote takeovers to **5** — every one ending in a collision. Earlier incidents included crashes at **8 mph** and **9 mph**. Unlike **Waymo**, which forbids remote driving, Tesla's teleoperations raise reliability concerns.
- **Tesla Confirms Autopilot Engaged in Fatal NJ Crash:** Tesla's **NHTSA** filing confirms a driver-assist system was "Verified Engaged" in a fatal

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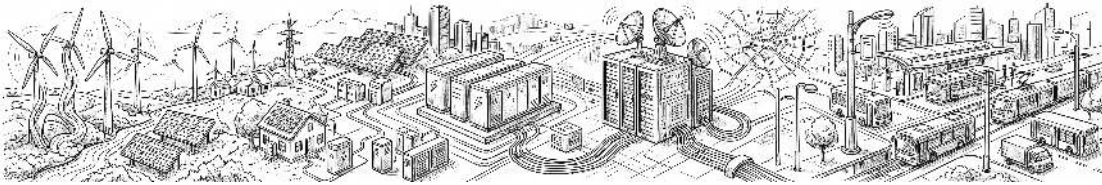
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crash on **August 22, 2026**, on Route 55, Vineland, New Jersey. The **2021 Model Y** crossed the median, killing **68-year-old** Phillip Eastman. Tesla redacted the software version and crash narrative as "confidential," a practice applied to **99.9%** of its reports. Pre-crash speed was logged at **37 mph**. NHTSA is already investigating Tesla's crash-reporting practices.

- Tesla Loses Cybercab Assembly Lead to Rivian:** Tesla's Senior Manager of Cybercab General Assembly, Jody Kerns, has quit to become Rivian's Director of General Assembly for the **R2**, the second Cybercab launch leader to exit in **2026** after Michael So joined Aalo Atomics. The departures follow commercial Cybercab rides starting **September 3** in Austin and an **NHTSA** Special Order demanding safety proof for a fleet estimated at **~1,000 vehicles**. Rivian, which produced **19,751** vehicles in **Q3** and guided **65,000–70,000** deliveries for **2026**, gains a proven launch expert.
- Tesla Roadster Relaunch Overshadowed by Musk Controversies:** Tesla's new Roadster EV launch on **October 15** at SpaceX's Waco, Texas site was marred by negative press. The **\$200,000** EV (**\$5,000** down, plus **\$45,000** within 10 days to reserve) faces scrutiny amid Musk's political spending of over **\$276 million** into Republican groups since July, and his **\$366 million** total for the 2025–2026 cycle. Starlink restrictions in Ukraine, which Poland funds at **\$50 million** annually, further damaged Musk's reputation.
- BYD's Denza Z9 GT Gets Tech Upgrade for Europe:** BYD's luxury brand Denza will upgrade its Z9 GT in Europe with the **God's Eye** intelligent driving system in **2027**, adding point-to-point city

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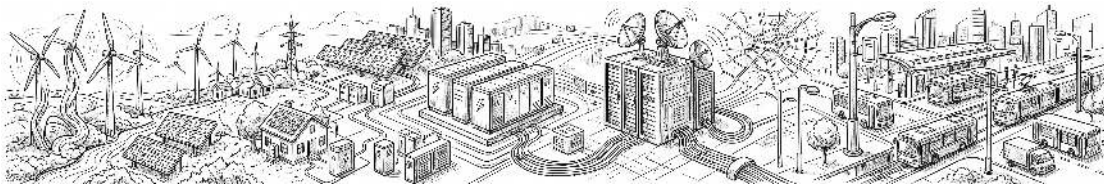
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navigation via OTA update using existing LiDAR, radar, and camera hardware. The EV offers up to **1,036 km** CLTC range, a **122.49 kWh** battery, **1,140 hp** output, and **1,500 kW** flash charging from **10% to 70% in 5 minutes**. Pricing starts at **€115,000 (\$130,000)** in Europe and **£105,000 (\$139,000)** in the UK.

- **BMW i3 Sets Record with 753-Mile Single Charge:** BMW's new i3 50L drove **753 miles (1,213 km)** on a single charge, a brand record, consuming just **8.8 kWh per 100 km**. Powered by **Gen6** cylindrical cells with **20%** higher energy density and **30%** faster charging, the sedan carries a **113.4 kWh** battery with **800V** architecture, adding **248 miles in 10 minutes** via **400 kW** charging. Deliveries begin **Q1 2027**; U.S. pricing starts at **\$61,500**.
- **BMW Unveils Revamped i7 with Chauffeur Program:** BMW's refreshed flagship i7 electric sedan features the **Gen6 eDrive** with a **113 kWh** battery delivering **447 miles (720 km)** of WLTP range (**362 miles** EPA estimated for the US). The cabin adopts **Neue Klasse** tech, including a **17.9"** floating display and **31.3" 8K Theatre Screen**. BMW UK launched a Chauffeur Program with a five-year service plan and free home charger for orders by **end of 2026**. In the US, the **2027 i7 50 xDrive** starts at **\$106,200**, while the i7 60 xDrive begins at **\$124,700**.
- **Xpeng Targets 500,000 European Sales by 2030:** Chinese automaker Xpeng aims to deliver **1 million** vehicles globally by **2030**, with **500,000** expected from Europe—more than Ford's **426,000** European sales last year. Xpeng has delivered only **60,000** cars in the region since **2020**. Facing EU local content mandates, Xpeng is

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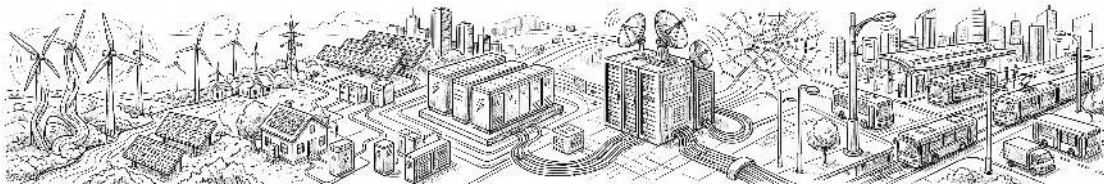
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contracting Magna in Austria but plans expanded European manufacturing, as current Magna output is insufficient. CEO He Xiaopeng sees Europe as central to doubling sales, leveraging affordable, tech-rich EVs.

- **Green SM Launches Electric Taxi Service in Los Angeles:**

Vietnamese operator Green SM has entered North America, launching an all-electric VinFast taxi service in Los Angeles — its **ninth** global market since **2023**. The fleet uses VinFast **VF 8** crossovers with app-based booking and introductory discounts. Globally, the platform has completed roughly **850 million** rides across **6 billion** km, saving an estimated **800,000 tons** of CO₂. The move follows VinFast's electric bus partnership with NexMove for the **U.S.** transit market.

- **DNV Maps Global EV Shift, India's ICE Fleet Grows:** DNV projects battery EVs will exceed **90%** of passenger fleets in China, Europe, and Southeast Asia by **2050**. China leads with **37.5 million** EVs, rising to **360 million** by **2050**, while its ICE fleet drops from **314 million** to **107 million**. Europe's ICE fleet falls from **284 million** to **77 million**. India's ICE fleet grows from **73 million** to **165 million** by the late **2040s**, delaying EV adoption into the **2050s**.

- **China Cuts VAT Rebate on Exported Vehicles:** China will reduce the VAT rebate on exported electric and plug-in hybrid cars, buses, and trucks from **13%** to **9%** starting **April 1, 2027**, aiming to curb aggressive price competition abroad. Deutsche Bank estimates BYD's net profit will fall by roughly **5,000 yuan (€670)** per exported vehicle from **Q2 2027**. BYD sold over **1.34 million** vehicles abroad in the first three quarters of **2026** (~**43%** of total sales). Chinese NEV exports

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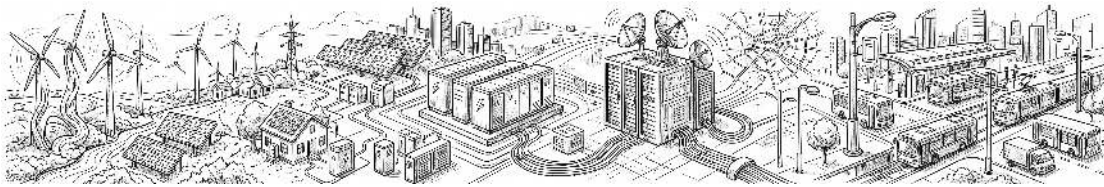
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rose **130%** to over **4 million** units in nine months, while domestic sales fell **9.4%** in September. Solar module rebates were eliminated on **April 1, 2026**, and battery rebates will be phased out by **early 2027**.

- **T&E Exposes Widening Gap in PHEV Emissions:** A T&E analysis found **2024** PHEV real-world emissions were nearly **6 times** higher than official WLTP figures, with vehicles driving electric-only **27%** of the time. Freezing the utility factor would understate emissions by **56%**. Post-correction models improved: battery sizes rose from **14 kWh** to **24 kWh (+68%)** at just a **2%** price increase. Corporate buyers represented **71%** of registrations, yet only **12 of 27** Member States apply a **≤50 gCO₂/km** tax threshold.
- **Canadian EV Buyers Await Chinese Brand Launches:** A Clean Energy Canada survey found **48%** of Canadian new car buyers want an EV next, with **42%** willing to wait for Chinese brands. Canada shifted from a **100%** import tax to a quota-based system last January. Chery, Geely, BYD, and Dongfeng plan market entries. However, EV adoption was just **10.8%** in the first half of **2026**, with buyers hoping Chinese offerings undercut domestic prices.
- **New South Wales Funds Small Business EV Fleets:** NSW's Kick Start program allocated **AU\$9 million** for small business fleet electrification, offering grants from **AU\$5,000** for passenger EVs to **AU\$50,000** for heavy commercial vehicles (23t). With battery electric passenger vehicle sales passing **25%**, adopters include STARTTS (**22 EVs of 69 vehicles**), AAT Port Kembla (**6 MG4s with 64 kWh** batteries, having cut site electricity by **1.3M kWh, down 49%**), and

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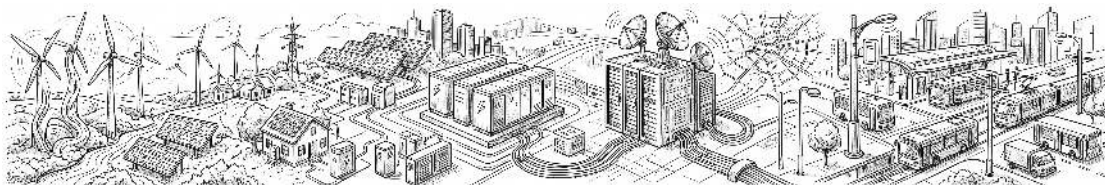
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TAFE NSW (**35 EVs, 15 chargers**, with **75** more EVs and **47** chargers planned).

- **Federal Grants Push Police Toward E-Bike Patrols:** U.S. police departments are adopting electric bicycles for patrols, funded by federal grants. Clinton's Police Department and County Sheriff's Office received **five** all-terrain Recon Power Bikes, fully funded through the **Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant**. With speeds up to **20 mph (32 km/h)** and a **50-mile (80 km)** range, e-bikes cover more ground than foot patrols while accessing trails and parks. They bridge the gap between cruisers and foot patrols, offering low-cost, approachable community policing.
- **Xtracycle Swoop ASM Praised as Premium Cargo E-Bike:** Reviewers have lauded the **\$4,495** Xtracycle Swoop ASM cargo e-bike for its Shimano CUES Di2 10-speed automatic shifting and stable geometry. The Class 3 bike reaches **28 mph (45 km/h)** with a Shimano EP6 mid-drive motor and **630Wh** battery, delivering up to **60 miles (96 km)** of range. Rated for a "2+" passenger setup, it comfortably hauled over **100 pounds** of cargo, positioning it well above **\$1,500** budget rivals.
- **Apple and Schneider Launch Smart Thermostat for Homes:** Schneider Electric and Apple unveiled a smart thermostat under the Apple Home Collection, launching in the **U.S.** and **Canada** in **early 2027**. Priced at **\$199.99** (with room sensors at **\$39.99**), the device uses Apple's **Adaptive Temperature** and **Clean Energy Guidance** features to shift heating and cooling to cheaper, cleaner periods, potentially lowering electricity bills. It supports **Matter**, **Thread**, and **NFC** pairing, with **Siri** integration and end-to-end encryption.

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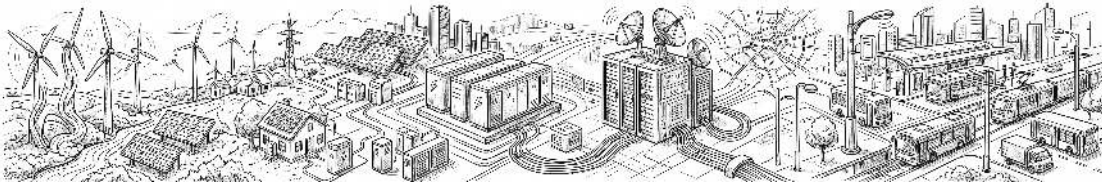
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- **Revolution Wind Fully Built, Faces Fresh U.S. Challenge:** The Trump administration has asked a federal court to reconsider the approval of the **704 MW** Revolution Wind project, despite all **65** turbines being installed and delivering power since **March 2026**. The **\$6.2 billion** project serves **350,000** homes under 20-year fixed-price agreements and is expected to cut New England wholesale costs by about **\$500 million annually by 2028**. Judge Royce Lamberth, who twice ruled halts "arbitrary and capricious," will decide next.
- **DeLorean Enters eVTOL Racing Ahead of Tesla:** DeLorean will campaign an eVTOL racer in the **Airspeeder** flying car racing series, using the spec **Mk3C** chassis. For the **2027-28** season, the company plans to partner with student engineering teams from **UC Berkeley** and **Georgia Tech** to design an all-new eVTOL racer. The announcement coincides with the expected debut of Tesla's long-delayed **Roadster 2.0** hovering technology, potentially positioning DeLorean ahead of Tesla in the flying car race.
- **Prinoth Taps Scania Batteries for Electric Groomers:** Prinoth has partnered with Sweden's Scania to deploy battery-electric snow groomers across European ski slopes, powered by up to **624 kWh** of Scania's in-house Core 800 li-ion battery system. The **691V** solution features liquid cooling and modular packs scalable from **21 kWh** to **624 kWh**. The partnership covers the electrified Prinoth Husky and the new Leitwolf E-Motion, with the first Scania-equipped groomers deployed in **2022**, proving zero-emission performance in extreme cold.

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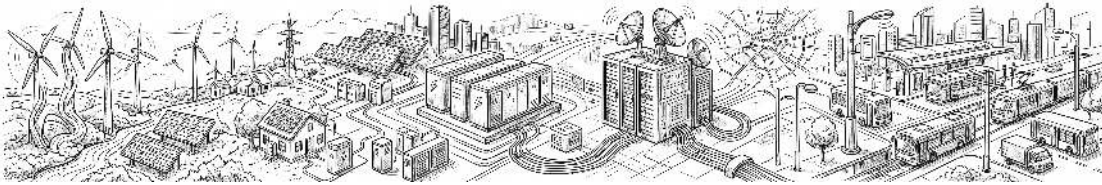
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- **Slate Opens First Chicago Experience Center for EV Truck:** Slate Auto has opened its first Experience Center in Chicago, allowing customers to inspect and test drive its **\$24,950** electric pickup. The truck launches by end-**2026** at **\$26,400** including destination fee, with **205 miles** of range from an **LFP** battery. Unlike **Rivian, Tesla, and Lucid**, Slate is skipping owned service centers, partnering instead with **RepairPal**-vetted independent shops. Buyers can also convert the pickup into five-seat **SUV** variants or the **Open Air** bed-seat kit.
- **Electric Porsche Cayenne Outperforms Audi RS Q8:** In an Autotrader UK comparison, the new **Porsche Cayenne Electric** decisively beat the **Audi RS Q8**. The Cayenne delivers **1,139 horsepower**, completing the quarter-mile in **10 seconds** at **170 mph**, versus the RS Q8's **631 hp V8** at **11.6 seconds** and **162 mph**. Despite weighing over **5,900 pounds** (~**600 pounds** more than the Audi), the Porsche was also nearly **5 seconds** faster on track and won the comfort test.

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