The low cost of repairing and maintaining an electric vehicle

A new Consumer Reports analysis compares repair and maintenance costs of EVs to gas-powered vehicles

EV owners are paying 50% less on repair and maintenance costs than owners of gas-powered vehicles

Battery-electric vehicles are costing their owners in maintenance and repair costs:
- First 50K miles: $0.012 per mile
- 50K to 100K miles: $0.028 per mile
- 100K to 200K miles: $0.043 per mile

Gas-powered vehicles are costing their owners in maintenance and repair costs:
- First 50K miles: $0.028 per mile
- 50K to 100K miles: $0.060 per mile
- 100K to 200K miles: $0.079 per mile

Electric-powered lifetime average:
- $0.031 per mile

Gas-powered lifetime average:
- $0.061 per mile

ABOUT THE ANALYSIS

- This analysis used thousands of 2019 and 2020 reliability survey reports from Consumer Reports members to determine how much owners are spending on repair and maintenance.
- The data also shows that repair and maintenance costs are slightly higher for plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEVs) than for BEVs until the 100,000-mile mark, and slightly lower beyond 100,000 miles. The average lifetime maintenance and repair costs for PHEVs came out to $0.030 per mile, however, that finding is based on a smaller sample size.