

# **ZEV Technology Incremental Cost**

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# **Approach to ZEV Cost Analysis**

Modeling 2026 to 2035 Model Years

Subtract: Internal Combustion Engine (ICE) Vehicle Component Costs



Incremental Direct Manufacturing Cost



Add: ZEV

Component

Costs

## **ZEV Technology Incremental Cost Categories**



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# **Modeling the California Fleet**



Technology	Range (mi)*		
BEV	300		
Longer Range BEV	400		
PHEV	50		
FCEV	320		
*Modeled ranges are EPA label all-electric-range equivalent			



### **Battery Pack Costs**





## **Non-Battery Component Cost Projections**

- Method:
  - Near-term costs estimated from numerous teardowns and vehicle comparison reports
  - Additional 1% per year cost reduction projected for future years
- Example Cost:
  - 300-mile BEV Medium/Large SUV nonbattery component costs start at ~\$3,700 in 2026 and decrease to ~\$3,300 in 2035

#### **Non-Battery Components:**

- Motor and gearbox
- Inverter
- DC-DC converter
- HV cabling
- HV control unit
- On-board charger
- Convenience cord



#### Fuel Cell and Hydrogen Storage Costs Projected to Fall with Technology Improvement and Manufacturing Scale



US DOE funds evaluation of FCEV system costs

- Strategic Analysis: Cost models of state-of-the-art technology at several production volumes
- ANL: Cost estimates for future vehicles at high production volume with assumptions of future technology advancement
- CARB staff combined the data sources for ACC II evaluations



## **FCEV Cost Examples**



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### How to Get From Cost to Consumer Price



Incremental Direct Manufacturing Cost

\*\*Total cost of operation (TCO) analysis not considered – no fuel, maintenance, other operational costs included



#### 2026 Model Year Incremental Cost and Price for a Medium SUV

Cost Category	BEV 300	BEV 400	PHEV	FCEV
Battery Cost	\$8,896	\$12,460	\$3,015	\$1,614
Non-Battery Cost	\$4,767	\$5,310	\$2,656	\$2,728
Fuel Cell Stack & Tank Cost	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$13,916
Delete Costs	-\$7,610	-\$8,110	-\$965	-\$8,110
ZEV Assembly Cost Reductions	-\$1,600	-\$1,600	\$0	-\$800
Total Incremental Vehicle Cost	\$4,453	\$8,060	\$4,706	\$9,348
Retail Price Equivalent / Incremental Price (x1.5)	\$6,680	\$12,090	\$7,059	\$14,022



#### Fuel Cell Electric Vehicles Become Cost Competitive With Longer Range BEVs in 2033 – Both Are Cheaper Than PHEVs





#### Small Car 300-mile BEVs See Price Parity With Conventional Cars in 2035





### **Thank You!**

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## **Additional Material**



# **Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle Overview**



- FCEV systems have been in development for several decades
- Cost, durability, and performance continue to improve
- Durability and cost remain the largest challenges
- Costs still have substantial room for improvement with economies of scale

