















Work Package 1: Net Zero Car in 2030

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Total cost of ownership (TCO) of a net zero CO2e emission car bought new in 2030

Project Introduction

- Element Energy recently completed TCO results at an EU level and in 9 focus European markets for BEUC – the European Consumer Organisation
- Analysis included modelling CO₂ tailpipe emission for different uptake scenarios of battery electric vehicles (BEVs), from which conclusions were made for European manufacture emission targets
- Increasing focus within EU regulatory debate is being given to total lifecycle emissions and it is essential to quantify the cost impact this will have on European consumers
- This pack contains initial results for the total cost of ownership of a net zero CO₂e emission car bought new in 2030
- Following work package 1 this project has considered:
 - WP2: battery replacement & additional engine maintenance cost scenarios
 - WP3: battery recycling review

This initial results pack contains the following sections:



This report provides a "pessimistic" top estimate of decarbonisation costs and aims to outline the outstanding questions regarding lifecycle emissions that should be considered for future study

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Proposed EE Approach

- A BEV bought new in 2030 will save ca. €3,800 for its first owner vs. an equivalent Petrol ICE (using a "normal supply" chain) or ca. €4,500 vs. an E Fuel powered ICE⁽¹⁾
- However, on a purely CAPEX basis, bought new in 2030, a medium BEV remains ca. €1,200 more expensive than a Petrol ICE (excluding VAT)
- EE has analysed whether a BEV still provides substantial savings over a conventional ICE if it had a net zero supply chain
- Analysis will help inform discussion on how to split decarbonisation costs equitably between: (1) the consumer, (2) car industry & (3) government spending

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WP1: Net Zero Car in 2030 – Car OEMs with commitments to deliver a net-zero car

Growing momentum for OEMs to look beyond tailpipe emissions and focus on net-zero life-cycle emissions

Car OEM	Models	Commitment	Timeframe	Key Actions
	VW ID.3 VW ID.4	 These models are "CO₂ balance sheet neutral", including supply chain, production, use phase and recycling 	Current	 Use on-site photovoltaics at Brussels plant for electricity
	One new model	 The new model will be entirely climate- neutral including supply chain and production 	2030	 Will run their factory in China on 100% renewable electricity and trace all materials used in their cars
	All models	 All models "CO₂ balance sheet neutral" across entire value chain 	2030	 Will require their battery cell suppliers to only use "sustainable energy"
	All "new" models	 CO₂ neutral at all stages of value chain, including development, raw material extraction, production and recycling 	2039	 Use of an energy storage system based on reused vehicle batteries at Sindelfingen plant
LAND- -ROVER	All models	 Net-zero emissions across supply chain, production and operations 	2039	 Will invest in local circular economy supply chains
VOLVO	All models	 Net-zero across supply chain, manufacturing network and wider operations 	2040	 Will replace fossil power with energy sources such as wind, solar, biomass and biofuels

EE Results focuses on three core archetypes

Baseline → Petrol ICE with "normal" supply chain

 Baseline Petrol ICE assumptions inline with EE's recent TCO report for BEUC Scenario A → ICEV with "net zero" supply chain

- Petrol ICE run on E Fuels bought new in 2030
- Additional costs to decarbonise core material components and processes

Scenario B → BEV with "net zero" supply chain

- BEV based on EE's bottom up Cost and Performance (C&P) modelling
- Additional cost to decarbonise lithium battery alongside other vehicle materials

Additional sensitivities have considered the impact from green hydrogen costs, E Fuel pricing, net zero distribution costs & changing manufacturing location

Limitations of this study

- Vehicles are typically made up from hundreds of materials, each with their own individual and often complex supply chain → this study has only considered materials that make up ca. 97% of a vehicle weight (excluding fluids)
- The "Net Zero" archetype modelled in this study considers a CO₂e abatement of over 95% lifecycle emissions of the materials and processes considered
- Distribution emission analysis has only been considered the most substantial components of each material (for example, iron ore for steel)
- Additional exclusions include:
 - Emissions from the construction of processing and manufacturing plants
 - Construction of renewable energy infrastructure
 - "Non-core" plant processes i.e office buildings
 - Emissions produced through factory workers' travel

EE approach for a "pessimistic scenario"

- Due to the high complexity of vehicle emissions, the aim of this study has been to create a top estimate of a "pessimistic scenario" for decarbonisation costs
- As a result we have made the following assumptions:
 - High cost solar and battery storage system (without access to large-scale solar plants)
 - Pessimistic green hydrogen cost forecasting
 - CO2e accounting based off the percentage of recycled material typically available when manufacturing a car rather than the amount of material in a car that is recycled at end-of-life
 - High cost "zero carbon" distribution alternatives
 - No addition of carbon price to China natural gas usage

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 Additional "net zero" costs broken out by supply chain process and core materials Sensitivity analysis & risk assessment

 Sensitivities including green hydrogen price scenarios, distribution costs & largescale solar access **Implications for market equity**

• Comparison of the three archetypes under a low and high E Fuel price scenario

Additional cost to decarbonise a BEV vs. E Fuel ICE

→ breakdown by supply chain

Decarbonisation cost	Sensitivity analysis &	
overview	risk assessment	





- Under a pessimistic case for BEVs and an optimistic E Fuel cost scenario (Middle East PV excluding fuel duty) BEVs cost an additional
 €3.0k to decarbonise, compared to €2.1k for an E fuel run ICEV
- The most significant difference is the additional battery decarbonisation cost,
 which is ca. €1.2k

Additional cost to decarbonise a BEV vs. E Fuel ICE

→ breakdown by material

Decarbonisation cost overview Sensitivity analysis & risk assessment





Additional cost to decarbonise a BEV vs. E Fuel ICE

 \rightarrow modelled sensitivities



Decarbonisation cost overview Sensitivity analysis & risk assessment



- Green Hydrogen cost, which is used to decarbonise several heating processes, has the greatest impact on BEV decarbonisation cost – with ca. €800 difference between a low and high cost scenario
- Distributions costs which only abate a minimal amount of CO2e – only have a secondary impact on the total decarbonisation cost

Increased Impact on the <u>BEV Decarbonisation Cost</u>				
	Low	Medium	High	
Low		Limited reduction in solar and battery costs → while this study's estimates for renewable self generation are pessimistic, electricity price remains a core determiner of decarbonisation cost	Green Hydrogen prices remain high → Green H2 has been prioritized across a variety of industries with cost forecast to fall significantly. High cost scenario adds ca. €800 compared to low cost case	
Medium	Limited availability of E Fuel to decarbonise mining → although diesel makes up ca. 30-50% of mining energy usage, mining contribution to decarbonisation cost is secondary	Limited improvement in reducing cobalt in batteries → while an NMC 811 battery chemistry has been forecast in 2030, uncertainty still remains. Cobalt is the most expensive battery material & higher concentrations would increase prices		
High	Limited availability to green electricity at mining sites → solar PV and battery storage systems may be difficult to guarantee in the DRC and other mining countries			

Consequences of decarbonisation for market equity



EE Conclusions

- From an equity index perspective, which represents the proportion of lifetime TCO paid by the used car buyers, BEVs provide better value to consumers than ICEVs due to a higher proportion of CAPEX paid by the first owner
- Additional ICEV decarbonisation cost varies significantly with E Fuel price scenario
- Under a high cost E fuel scenario based off North and Baltic Sea wind power – running costs are increased, which presents a risk to less affluent used car buyers

Relative CAPEX costings



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Additional costs

- As shown in our previous work the introduction of BEVs is expected to benefit consumers through lower TCO for cars
- However, it is very unlikely consumers will fully benefit from all these cost savings. We see a number of places these cost savings could end up:
 - CAPEX and OPEX saving consumers will keep some savings
 - CAPEX cost OEMs will try and keep some of this difference possibly by charging high upfront costs for optional extras, especially software, which can be sold at a higher mark up than the car itself
 - CAPEX cost legislation will force money to be spent on decarbonising supply chains whether the legislation is placed on the car OEM or the material producers. Additionally some emissions will not be reduced but will have to be offset. This will add an additional cost passed on to the consumer
 - CAPEX cost higher CAPEX costs will increase financing costs
 - OPEX cost governments do not want falling fuel prices to encourage more driving as this leads to congestion and road traffic accidents. Governments are likely to replace fuel duty with a new tax on car consumption (vehicle road pricing)

The consumer impact of changes in car taxation and product emissions legislation is beyond the scope of this work but it is a key question to answer in future analysis

Uncertainty in future cost impacts

- In 2030 BEVs, especially net-zero BEVs, will have a higher upfront cost than petrol cars. This means making BEVs or all new cars net carbon neutral in 2030 will reduce the popularity of BEV purchase
- At the same time Governments will wish to increase BEV operating costs to reduce consumption. The price of the tax will be set to reduce consumption and retain tax income. It may therefore not fully incorporate any CAPEX increases when being set
- Avoiding these potentially negative cost impacts for consumers requires that CAPEX costs are shifted to OPEX costs through sharing and service models of car use
- How future car costs for consumers are set will depend on the timeline for policy introduction. For example, government taxation might be set higher if it is introduced before legislation to decarbonise industrial processes
- The different costs will also have different equity impacts as some are CAPEX and some OPEX costs and we know second hand car buyers are much more sensitive to OPEX cost changes. We have a new study starting soon looking at the equity impacts of road pricing scheme to try and understand this change

→ Fully understanding the impacts of these changes in the car market will require more detailed analysis. In the next section we set out the questions we see as being important for future work.

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Role of this project

- The role of this project was to better understand if a shift from tailpipe emission targets to life cycle emission targets would change our messaging around the cost benefits of a shift to BEV cars
- We were clear from the outset that this is a very large piece of work and that this study only provides a first indication of the final results with further questions will need to be asked to fully understand this area
- The secondary aim of this study was therefore to also set out the unanswered questions to help BEUC understand what questions and analysis may be needed in the future to fully understand this topic area

The key consumer questions we see as needing further analysis in the future focus around taxation and legislation

Key consumer impact questions for further study

- How are the lifetime emissions of cars best decarbonised with the minimum cost impact on consumers?
- Can these costs be minimised through a change in behaviour e.g. a shift to shared vehicles?
- What are the equity impacts of changes in legislation such as decarbonisation of industrial processes or road user charging

The rest of this section outlines the key technical questions that need to be considered by a wider ranging study

	A EU based manufacturing	B Fluids decarbonisation ⁽¹⁾	C Motor magnets	D Lightweighting	E Improving recycling rates
Importance	 Transitioning processing & manufacturing from China to the EU is essential to de-risk decarbonisation 	 Argonne National Laboratory Greet 2 Model estimates that fluids make up 10-15% of total vehicle GHGs emissions 	• BEV motor emissions are dominated by a neodymium permeant magnet , which has very limited lifecycle emission literature	• Transition to lightweight composite plastics could reduce decarbonisation costs across the supply chain	 Maximising vehicle recycling rates reduces emissions by minimising mining and virgin material processing
Key questions	• Limited information is available to estimate the additional costs of moving manufacturing from China to the EU	• Fluids have complex supply chains (consisting of different chemicals) and there is limited data regarding decarbonisation	 It is unclear whether decarbonisation will focus on the transition to induction magnets or aim to minimize neodymium emissions 	 Additional manufacturing costs of lightweight material and near term mass market potential needs further study 	• Pathways to boosting recycling rates is unclear and further research is needed to assess mass market potential
	EE has considered a simple sensitivity to compare <u>additional</u> decarbonisation costs in China vs. the EU	Fluids have been excluded from this EE study	Permanent magnets have been excluded from this EE study	Significant vehicle light- weighting has been excluded	EE has excluded additional emission reductions due significantly boosting material recycling rates

A. EU based manufacturing compared to China



B. Fluids decarbonisation



C. Decarbonisation of the electric vehicle motor



- Motors used in BEVs can be split into two main categories the far more common permanent magnet synchronous motor, and the less common asynchronous induction motor. Permanent magnet motors are favoured for their efficiency and robustness
- The key difference between the two is the permanent magnet, normally made of a Neodymium-Iron-Boron alloy (NdFeB)
- The manufacture of the magnet and the mining of the rare earth metal neodymium has significant carbon emissions
- However, due to the lack of current models using induction motors, and potential additional costs and complexities, OEMs may instead aim to minimize emissions from Neodymium mining and maximise recycling

Key questions for wider research:

- Does a transition to induction motors have mass market potential?
- How can EV motors' lifecycle emissions (especially with the production of the neodymium permanent magnet) be better understood and detail a clearer pathway towards decarbonisation?



D. Lightweighting

Changes in 2030 vehicle mix due to lightweighting

- **Lightweighting** refers to the substitution of heavy materials used for car components (mainly steel) for light weight alternatives such as aluminium and more complex plastic composites
- Benefits of lightweighting include reduced kerb weight, increased vehicle range and a reduction in component wear
- However, due to the carbon intensity of certain alternative materials, life cycle vehicle emissions could increase due to lightweighting (right)
- It is nonetheless expected that by 2030, vehicles will consist of different material compositions to those of 2021
- However, due to the inherent uncertainty of changes in vehicle materials mix, our modelling has focused on the cost of decarbonising the extraction, processing and manufacturing of materials based on the standard 2021 car mix

Case Study: Light weighting in practice at Arrival

- Arrival are embracing innovative lightweighting in their electric 'Arrival Van' in partnership with Uber
- This brings additional benefits of low repair costs, and no need for an expensive and carbon intensive paint shop, as the body finish colour is mixed in with the resin
- Raised ca. \$1.2B worth of orders despite not commencing production until 2022, the logistics and delivery industry see the value in lightweighting

Switch to Lightweight Material (Greet 2, Argonne National Laboratory)

Energy Usage	+44%				
GHG Emissions	+35%				
 According the Greet 2 model, a move to lightweight materials could increase GHG emissions and energy usage due to current processes for composite plastics being emission intensive It is essential to ensure that plastics' supply chains are decarbonised before switching away from conventional materials 					
 <u>Key questions</u> for wider research: What materials will make up a vehicle in 2030 and will they be widely available? At what point in the future will life cycle emissions of a lightweighted vehicle be lower than a conventional vehicle? 					

E. Potential additional recycling processes

Key questions for wider research:

What are the additional costs of new recycling processes and do these provide a realistic pathway for mass market OEM adoption?



*Recovery rates relate to the percentage of each material recycled at the end of vehicle life

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Decarbonising heating processes



Sources: Industrial Fuel Switching Market Engagement Study, Element Energy, 2018

Residential electricity within car daily usage

- In order to achieve overall 2050 EU net zero target in the Green Deal, power generation is forecast to be one of the earliest sectors to net zero. Ember analysis forecast that this is achievable by 2040⁽¹⁾
- The lifetime of the vehicle bought new in 2030, will last between 2030-46, with the additional cost of using exclusively renewable sources being negligible



Industrial electricity within manufacturing processes

While the electricity used within EU manufacturing in 2030 is ٠ likely to have minimal carbon load - we have considered a "risk free" sensitivity that uses "on-site" generated electricity

self-generation

- We have focused on a pessimistic scenario using solar generation and overnight battery storage:
 - Solar generation forecast based on the UK government's _ Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS) 2020 forecasting
 - Manufacturing plants would not have access to shared _ large-scale solar (which would significantly reduce costs)
 - Battery storage costs taken from US National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) 2020 cost and performance data
- Electricity costs are compared to forecast 2030 industrial prices, which are based on trending current prices to World Energy Outlook (WEO) stated policies scenario

1 – Ember (2020) Zero-carbon power is a key milestone on the route to net-zero. UK projection: 'Balanced pathway' by the UK Climate Change Committee. EU projection based on Ember analysis of the 'MIX' energy scenario published by the European Commission. The US projection based on Executive Order for a "carbon pollution-free electricity sector no later than 2035"

Additional costs from green electricity production

Additional costs of self-generated green electricity (2030, per MWh)



Key Conclusions

- Additional self-generation cost in Germany
 ca. €78 per MWh are significantly smaller
 than China ca. €127 per MWh due to more
 expensive industrial grid electricity charges
- Several OEMs have started integrating on-site electricity production to EU-based manufacturing plants – including the Audi e-tron plant in Brussels, where the roof of the plant houses the region's largest photovoltaic system with a total area of 107,000 sq meters
- It is important to note self-generation of electricity may have feasibility risk in countries such as the DRC and this should be an area considered for further research

Industrial grid price Solar-battery storage self generation



- E-fuel (Middle East PV scenario) cheaper than Petrol by 2037
- Currently there is a significant premium, with E-fuel (Middle East PV scenario) 78% more expensive than Petrol; however, this is driven by low oil prices and will likely narrow post-COVID
- Forecasts predict that E-fuel price continues to fall with an expected -21% price differential by 2050 compared with petrol

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Decarbonisation of processing and manufacturing are discussed on a material by material basis in the next section



Breakdown of emissions by energy source⁽¹⁾



Key steps to decarbonisation

- Electricity: Generate all electricity necessary near the minesite using renewable sources such as solar, wind and hydroelectric - also removing dependence on residual oil
- Diesel: Switch to e-fuels for mining vehicles. Hydrogen powered trucks may also be a long-term prospect
 Risks:
- E-fuel supply chain and availability is inherently uncertain
- Affordability and availability of renewable energy sources at mine locations in places such as the DRC

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Shipping

Trucking

Rail



EE Conclusions

- Shipping is by far the most expensive transport mode to decarbonise, representing 85% of the cost for each material on average
- High shipping costs are driven by high mileage
 over 30,000km per material
- Trucking constitutes most of the remaining decarbonisation cost, but is more varied than shipping cost
- Where mines and factories are close to ports, as with steel/aluminium, trucking (and rail) mileage is relatively low and is thus cheap to decarbonise
- Cobalt's high trucking cost is due to a combination of mine remoteness and the ore being processed outside the DRC

Vehicle assembly processes



*Note that the emissions show are purely those for assembly – component production, except paint, has been considered separately

Decarbonised vehicle assembly process



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We have modelled a partially circular battery supply chain, representing a growing market

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What does a battery look like in 2030? Chemistry and density control material demand

Battery Lifecycle & Chemistry

Cell Recycling

Assumptions



Share of battery cathode chemistries in new cars

Energy density of battery packs – 60 kWh segment C 60 kWh (segment C) - Source: EV Push scenario, EE for ETI CVEI (2016)



- Battery chemistries are expected to evolve over time as the industry reduces the cobalt content of batteries
 - Cobalt is very expensive and prices are volatile, and its _ extraction is associated with human rights abuses
- Today NMC (nickel manganese cobalt) chemistries are the most common (the numbers indicate the ratio of the 3 metal content)

- As battery technology improves energy density will increase, meaning more capacity can fit into a battery of the same mass
- Over time the raw material demand per kWh is expected to decrease
- Battery capacity in 2030 for a medium car has been estimated by EE's bottom up Cost & Performance model⁽¹⁾

By 2030, we expect NMC 811 to be the most common chemistry in European cars, which we have used as the baseline case for our battery modelling

How much material can come from recycling? A function of feedstock supply and efficiency

Battery Lifecycle & Chemistry

Share of material demand that can be met through recycling

Based on EE global battery stock modelling (2020)



Shift to hydrometallurgical recycling assumed in 2030

Cell Recycling

Assumptions

- Rare earth metals can be recovered by hydrometallurgy which uses acid leaching chemical reactions of the battery materials to separate them for re-use
- This has traditionally been done with inorganic acids such as nitric and sulfuric acid – these acids are energy and carbon intensive to synthesise and are consumed in the leaching process
- Processes that use **organic acids**, such as oxalic and acetic acid, have recently been developed and are expected to be **widely used in 2030**

 Whilst the BEV market is growing rapidly, recycling supply lags behind demand (~15 years – lifetime of the vehicle), with potential circularity low until the market stabilises



Note: that no additional cost has been assigned for recycling process switch hydrometallurgy (only the decarbonisation of the recycling itself) as this is assumed to be funded from the residual value of the battery

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Decarbonising the materials used in vehicle production



Steel → Lifecycle analysis

Key steps to

decarbonisation



*Recycled percentage relates to the amount of steel in a car that comes from recycled steel in 2020

**'Manufacturing' emissions are those from virgin steel use, while 'Use and end of life' emissions are those from recycled steel use

Key steps to

decarbonisation

Steps to decarboni	se	Case Study – switch to Hydrogen Direct Reduction
Direct reduction of iron ore with hydrogen	 Use of hydrogen instead of coke as the reducing agent for iron oxide, abating all direct processing emissions 	 The Hydrogen Direct Reduction process (H-DR) substitutes hy coke as the reducing agent and source of heat to extract iron oxide in iron ore: Blast Furnace (old process): Iron Oxide + Carbon Monoxide -
Cold Rolled ~20%	 Switch to green electricity generated on-site to power cold-rolling machinery 	 Dioxide H-DR (new process): Iron Oxide + Hydrogen → Iron + Water H-DR results in zero emissions when green electricity and hydrogen
Hot Rolled ~20%	 Use of electric heater to provide heat necessary for hot-rolling (~900°C) 	Mining of iron ore and comminution into pellets Mining of iron ore and comminution into pellets
Galvanized ~60%	 Use of electric heater to provide heat necessary (~ 460°C) for hot-dip galvanizing 	
Recycled ~35%	 Use of electric arc furnace (~1,800 °C) to melt down scrap steel for recasting and rolling 	Production of green Liquid ster hydrogen by form ingots electrolysis of water manufactur rest

Steel → Decarbonisation Costs



Cast Aluminium → Lifecycle Analysis

Current life cycle & emissions



*Recycled percentage relates to the amount of cast aluminium in a car that comes from recycled aluminium in 2020

**'Manufacturing' emissions are those from virgin aluminium use, while 'Use and end of life' emissions are those from recycled aluminium use

Wrought Aluminium → Lifecycle Analysis

Current life cycle & emissions

Cost to decarbonise histograms



*Recycled percentage relates to the amount of wrought aluminium in a car that comes from recycled aluminium in 2020

**'Manufacturing' emissions are those from virgin aluminium use, while 'Use and end of life' emissions are those from recycled aluminium use

Key steps to

decarbonisation

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Key Steps to decarbonise					Case Study – inert anodes in the Hall-Heroult Process		
Processing	Bauxite Refining: Bayer process	 Use of hydrogen heater in place of natural gas to provide the heat (~1100°C) for final stage of Bayer process 		•	 The current process for extraction of aluminium form alumina involves the electrolysis of dissolved aluminium oxide using carbon anodes This is a very carbon intense process – aluminium oxide reacts with the carbon anode, producing CO2, and the anodes must be replaced every for weeks, causing further emissions 		
	Alumina Reduction: Hall- Heroult Process	•	Implement carbon capture and storage to abate direct CO2 emissions and green electricity for electrolysis		The best currently available way to abate these emissions is with carbon capture, utilisation and storage which we have assumed in our modelling However, CCUS for the Hall-Heroult Process is extremely expensive at €550 per tonne of aluminium (including the cost of capturing emissions from anode production) and only abates around 87.5% of direct CO2 emissions		
Manufacturing	Cast ~70%	•	Use of hydrogen heater for primary and secondary ingot casting	•	Research is being carried out to develop inert anodes , that don't produce CO2 during electrolysis. Focus has been on metal alloys such as Iron-Nickel and Copper-Nickel-Iron, however these are not yet suitable for industrial scale application**		
	Wrought extruded ~26%	•	Use of electric heater to provide heat for aluminium extrusion	•	Inert anodes would also have significant cost advantages over CCUS – estimated at €86 per tonne of aluminium - and are likely to be available by 2030, according to <u>MIDDEN</u>		
	Wrought cold rolled ~4%	•	Use of electric heater for initial hot rolling and green electricity for cold rolling machinery	Ov pa ap	verall, inert anodes offer an economical and effective decarbonisation athway for aluminium production, but are not yet ready for industrial scale oplication		

*%s related to mass as a total of all cast and wrought aluminium

** An update on inert anodes for aluminium electrolysis. Siberian Federal University, July 2020

Cast Aluminium → Decarbonisation Costs

Current life cycle & Key steps to emissions decarbonisation



Wrought Aluminium -> Decarbonisation Costs

Current life cycle & Key steps to emissions decarbonisation



Copper → **Lifecycle** Analysis

Key steps to

decarbonisation



*Recycled percentage relates to the amount of copper in a car that comes from recycled copper in 2020

**'Manufacturing' emissions are those from virgin copper use, while 'Use and end of life' emissions are those from recycled copper use

Glass → Lifecycle Analysis

Key steps to

decarbonisation



*Recycled percentage relates to the amount of glass in a car that comes from recycled glass in 2020

**'Manufacturing' emissions are those from virgin glass use, while 'Use and end of life' emissions are those from recycled glass use

Glass and Copper → Decarbonisation Steps



Copper → **Decarbonisation Costs**

Current life cycle & Key steps to emissions decarbonisation



Glass → Decarbonisation Costs



Rubber → Lifecycle Analysis



*For the purposes of this study it is assumed tyres are reinforced purely by steel ** Note percentages do not sum to 100% as not all tyres are collected



Plastics^{*} → Lifecycle Analysis



*The lifecycle shown is for PVC - 15 additional plastics were included in the model and all follow analogous life cycles to PVC. The emissions are a total for all plastics **'Manufacturing' emissions are those from virgin aluminium use, while 'Use and end of life' emissions are those from recycled aluminium use



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Overview of a vehicle lifecycle

A vehicle's life cycle can be broadly split into four stages:

- 1. Vehicle production: Producing the vehicle including extraction of raw materials, processing, component manufacture, logistics, vehicle assembly and painting
- 2. Fuel production: Producing the energy vector from primary energy source to point of distribution (e.g. refuelling station)
- **3.** Vehicle use: Driving, maintenance and servicing
- 4. End-of-life: Re-using components, recycling materials, energy recovery and disposal to landfill

Four stages to vehicle lifecycle emissions:



Element Energy will leverage an updated version of our comprehensive literature review of lifecycle emissions

EE have completed a comprehensive literature review of the total life cycle CO₂e emissions of passenger cars

Selected contribution of life cycle stages to total carbon emissions of a small passenger car $(tCO_2e)^1$

150,000km functional unit, cradle-to-grave analysis, grid carbon intensity of 300 gCO_2e/kWh assumed



- From published literature, GHG emissions from the vehicle use stage (WTW) account for between 70-90% of total life cycle emissions for conventional ICEVs
 - For BEVs, WTW emissions generally make up ca. 15 25% of the life cycle emissions, although in extreme scenarios (very high or low electricity carbon intensity) the use stage could result in negligible GHG emissions or may account for over 60% of GHG emissions
- For an average electricity grid carbon intensity, the embedded emissions of a BEV (battery and vehicle manufacture and end-of life) dominate the life cycle CO₂e emissions
 - Published studies show that embedded emissions of BEVs account for between 20 – 90% of total GHG emissions. The large variation is due to differences in methodology and assumed electricity grid carbon intensity
 - Embedded emissions are dominated by the vehicle and battery manufacturing stage. Studies generally show that the production stage of a BEV accounts for ca. 50 – 80% of total life cycle CO₂e emissions. End of life accounts for between 1% and 5% of life cycle emissions

EE have completed a comprehensive literature review of life cycle CO₂e emissions

Life-cycle tCO₂e emissions against distance driven⁽¹⁾

EU27 average grid carbon intensity assumed (319 gCO2e/kWh)



- Total life cycle CO₂e emissions increase with distance:
 - BEVs tend to have the highest total CO₂e emissions when 0km have been driven, but after approximately 20,000km have been driven BEV emissions fall below those of petrol and diesel ICEs
- That the global warming potential impact of BEVs improves with higher mileage suggest that BEVs are well suited to a modal shift towards shared mobility
- BEVs produced today should be treated as an asset prioritized for high mileage uses to optimize payback of high upfront production emissions

Total lifecycle emission analysis, and the associated costs to decarbonise, is essential to reduce the high upfront CO₂ emissions associated with BEV production