

Jed's 2023 Polestar P2 (Dual motor, Pilot, Perf)

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What was it that got you excited about the car you chose?

I bought it second hand from Sydney. Had only 30,000k on the clock and it was half price

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What's the best thing about being an EV driver ?

Lower costs. The car has almost paid for itself already in a couple of years. No filling up at stations, no big servicing costs. We charge using our solar system or plug it in on trickle charge when it is not near solar. We pay for charging when on long drives only. I also now enjoy stopping and filling up. If we're on a big drive - we went to Qld and back recently without issues - by the time you've had a hot chocolate or a coffee, its ready to go. We are in our 60's so stopping for us to empty our bladders while the car fills up is no hassle at all. Furthermore, we chat to other drivers at chargers a lot more and that, according the experts, staves off dementia!

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When did you first seriously think about buying an electric car?

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We've had 2 hybrid Prius Toyotas and it was an obvious step up to EV's given the advances in technology and the infrastructure to support it was improving at the time.

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Is there one negative you would like to mention?

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Not really. However, I can foresee that with tradies picking up EV Utes soon we'll have a new wave of drivers who may not easily adapt to waiting to fill up. The chargers are usually placed on a kerbside and tradies and EV cars too will come in with their trailers attached. So soon charging stations will have to alter to longer bays not unlike drive through fuel bowsers we have today.

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What's the best, or funniest, or most memorable comment you've received from someone else about your EV?

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This car had a performance pack and is ridiculously fast. Its also safety focused being an ex-Volvo designed machine. I once drove it on my thongs and one day my right toe started to slip out of the thong on the accelerator and I thought I'd just push it flat down and put it back in. Instead my head whacked on the back of the headrest as the car took off. Its 467hp - that's half a supercar. I don't drive in thongs anymore. :)



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What would be your advice to someone thinking about an EV right now?

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1. The early adopters of EV's have been the wealthy owners and they flip their cars and continue to buy newer models. That means good second hand buys are out there - just keeping looking and one bargain will come up. Also you get 5 or 7 years free servicing with an EV and it transfers to the new owner.

2. Don't be fooled by the hybrid options. Most hybrids cars today are playing on the range anxiety that is evident from anyone switching from filling up once a week in 10 minutes compared to re-learning that filling up after every use and planning stops is not that hard if the fuel is basically zero cost. The only hybrid option that make sense at the moment are EV utes and trucks and within 5 years or so, that will disappear