

The Lucey Family Facts-At-A-Glance

- The Lucey family consists of Peter, Janet and their two daughters Jessie (10), Sarah (8), and their “wonder dog” Charlie.
- The Luceys live in Los Angeles, just a few miles north of downtown.
- They have leased the Honda EV PLUS since May 1997.
- On average, the Luceys are questioned by strangers about the EV PLUS twice a day.
- Most asked question: “How far can it go?” The Luceys report that the EV PLUS has a real-world driving range of 70 to 80 miles on a single charge.
- Favorite moment: Pulling into valet parking, and watching the attendant as he unknowingly tries to turn on the car (since the EV PLUS is electric, when you turn it on, it does not shake or make any noise).
- The EV PLUS is “re-fueled” every night while the family sleeps (charging unit is located in the garage).
- What do Janet and Peter love most about the EV PLUS? Not having to stop at a gas station to fill-up.
- What do Sarah and Jessie love most about the EV PLUS? The CD player.
- The Luceys estimate that they have saved 350 gallons of gas since first leasing the car.
- The family has vowed never to go back to gasoline-powered cars.

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**WHAT'S IT LIKE TO BE AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE FAMILY?
HONDA GIVES A FIRST-HAND GLIMPSE**

TORRANCE, Calif., December 11, 1997 – What's it like to be the first on your block with an electric vehicle? The Lucey family of Los Angeles will be on hand during the EVS-14 electric vehicle exposition in Orlando, Fl., beginning today, to recount their experiences with Honda's EV PLUS electric vehicle during the past seven months.

The Luceys, a family of four plus dog, are perhaps the prototypical electric vehicle family. Family members rely on their Honda EV PLUS to handle many of the same trips that a traditional family would use their standard car for: taking the kids to school, running errands to the bank or grocery store, and taking the Luceys' two daughters to various practices and school activities. And, thanks to the vehicle's extended driving range with its advanced battery technology, Mr. Lucey (Peter) also uses the EV PLUS to make business sales calls in the greater Los Angeles area.

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The Luceys made their electric vehicle or “EV” choice earlier this year when the family leased a green EV PLUS as a replacement for their Saab. As residents of Los Angeles where air quality is a top concern, the Luceys wanted to consider an automobile with minimal impact on the environment.

Before making the move to an EV, the Luceys were concerned about what lifestyle sacrifices they might have to make. The answer has been surprising. “We haven’t had to sacrifice a thing as a result of our EV decision,” said Peter Lucey. “Our EV PLUS is just as comfortable and performs just as well as our other vehicles, and the fact that we’re doing our small part to help the environment makes us feel that much better each day.”

The EV PLUS is the only production EV with advanced battery technology that can accommodate and is available to families – the EV PLUS seats four passengers comfortably. The advanced nickel-metal hydride battery technology gives the EV PLUS an EPA city driving range of up to 125 miles. Honda was the first auto maker to introduce advanced battery technology to the EV market in a production vehicle.

In addition, operating expenses are extremely low, since the vehicle does not require conventional automotive maintenance (oil changes and tune-ups, for example). Recharging the vehicle only adds about \$1 per day to the household’s electric bill.

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