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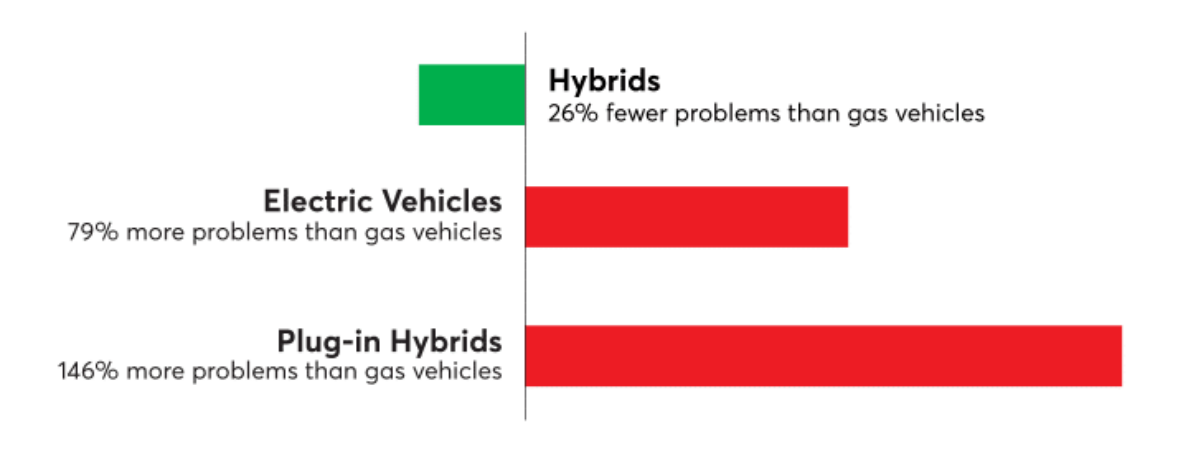
In the ever-evolving automotive landscape, electric vehicles (EVs) are at the forefront of a sustainable future. A recent survey has brought attention to the reliability challenges faced by EVs compared to their traditional internal combustion engine (ICE) counterparts.

This article delves into the survey findings, illuminates the hurdles confronted by EV manufacturers, and offers insights to empower consumers in navigating the dynamic automotive industry.

Unveiling Key Survey Findings

EVs Encounter Growing Pains:

The survey revealed a significant revelation – EVs exhibited a noteworthy 79% more issues than conventional gasoline vehicles. This stark contrast is attributed to the automotive industry's experimentation with new powertrains and cutting-edge features. Experts suggest that the lower reliability score is a natural byproduct of manufacturers fine-tuning their EV offerings.



Electric Vehicles vs Gasoline-Powered Vehicles Problems

2. Hybrids Take Center Stage

Amidst the reliability revelations, hybrids emerged as reliable performers, showcasing 26% fewer problems than their gasoline-powered counterparts. This commendable performance is attributed to the longstanding legacy of hybrid technology and the meticulous approach adopted by manufacturers.

3. Brand Rankings Unveil the Reliability Tapestry

In the realm of reliability rankings, Asian auto brands, notably those from Japan and Korea, emerged triumphant, reinforcing their commitment to delivering dependable vehicles. Conversely, domestic brands found themselves trailing, underscoring the challenges faced by those quick to embrace new technological frontiers.

Brand Reliability Rankings		
Rank	**Brand**	**Brand Average**
1	Lexus	79
2	Toyota	76
3	Mini	71
4	Acura	70
5	Honda	70
6	Subaru	69
7	Mazda	67

8	Porsche	66
9	BMW	64
10	Kia	61
11	Hyundai	56
12	Buick	55
13	Infiniti	53
14	Tesla	48
15	Ram	46
16	Cadillac	45
17	Nissan	45
18	Genesis	44
19	Audi	43
20	Chevrolet	43
21	Dodge	42
22	Ford	40

23	Lincoln	38
24	GMC	36
25	Volvo	28
26	Jeep	26
27	Volkswagen	26
28	Rivian	24
29	Mercedes-Benz	23
30	Chrysler	18

4. Vehicle Reliability Rankings by Category: A Quick Reference Guide

To provide a comprehensive view, Consumer Reports ranks vehicle types based on average reliability scores across various categories. This ranking serves as a quick reference point for readers exploring the reliability of different vehicle types.

Vehicle Reliability Rankings by Category	
Rank	**Vehicle Type**
1	Compact cars
2	Sports/sporty cars
3	Small pickups
4	Midsize/large cars

5	Luxury midsize/large cars
6	Compact SUVs
7	Subcompact SUVs
8	Luxury midsize SUVs
9	Luxury compact cars
10	Luxury compact SUVs
11	Minivans
12	Midsize 2-row SUVs
13	Luxury midsize 3-row/large SUVs
14	Midsize 2-row/large SUVs
15	Electric cars
16	Electric SUVs
17	Full-size pickups
18	Midsize pickups
19	Electric pickups

Insights for Informed Consumer Choices

For those contemplating an EV purchase, experts advise considering models that have weathered the market for a substantial duration. Opting for established models can potentially mitigate the probability of encountering "growing pains" typically associated with recently introduced vehicles.

Unraveling Challenges in the Electric Pickup Segment

The survey delves into the electric pickup segment and reveals it to be the least reliable. Established automakers grapple with challenges linked to charging infrastructure and battery technology, while newer entrants contend with manufacturing intricacies such as body hardware, paint and trim, and climate systems.

Conclusion

The comprehensive survey delivers profound insights into the prevailing state of the automotive industry. While EVs may initially encounter reliability challenges, the data underscores the significance of selecting tried-and-tested models.

As the automotive landscape matures, the anticipation is that EV reliability will undergo positive transformations, providing consumers with increasingly dependable and sustainable transportation choices.