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## Overview

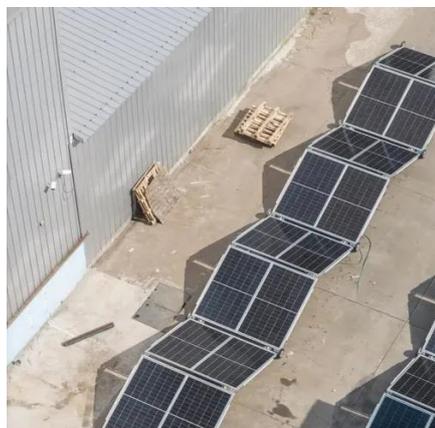
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These high prices are primarily due to a 25% import duty, though some incentives help reduce the overall cost. Used EVs present a more affordable alternative, even though they still carry higher upfront costs compared to gas-powered vehicles, largely due to import taxes. The average price difference between ICE (US\$25,000) and EV (US\$111,000) is US\$86,000. How much tax does Kenya charge for BEVs?

In contrast to ICEs' 5 % import duty, Ghana charges. Electric vehicles (EVs) are becoming more accessible in Kenya, especially in Nairobi, Mombasa, and Kisumu. While still considered a niche market, the cost of electric cars in Kenya is gradually decreasing due to tax exemptions, growing competition, and increasing imports from Japan, UAE, and China. Costs range from KSh 8-60 per kWh, depending on the time and type of charger. 7% of new vehicle sales compared to internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles. Despite this, EVs are driving market innovation, with new business models like Energy-as-a-Service (EaaS) emerging. Kenya, too, is joining the movement. For instance, while a BasiGo BYD bus may cost around sh13 million, a



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The price of local energy storage vehicles varies significantly based on several factors, including 1. technological specifications and advancements, 2. production techniques

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Batteries alone can account for up to 40-60% of the total EV cost. This high price tag makes it difficult for many customers.



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These vehicles are typically available through authorized dealerships in Nairobi, for Audi and Jaguar, or specialized high end import dealerships. It is also possible to find them on high end ...



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