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Life Cycle Cost Overview for Different Transit Technologies



			Annual Fuel
Fuel Type	Efficiency	Fuel Cost	Costs
Diesel	4.0 mi/gal	\$2.60 /gal	\$29,250
CNG ²	3.2 mi/dge	\$1.10 /gal	\$15,470
Hybrid Diesel Electric	5.5 mi/gal	\$2.60 /gal	\$21,270
Battery Electric (Off-Peak/No Demand) ¹	2.4 kWh/mi	\$0.10 /kWh	\$10,800
Battery Electric (Peak w/Demand) ¹	2.4 kWh/mi	\$0.20 /kWh	\$21,600
Hydrogen Fuel Cell	6.5 mi/kg	\$8.60 /kg	\$59,540

1. Electricity costs vary by time of use, season, and region

2. Approximate cost, which may vary with the Alternative Fuel Tax Credit



		12-Year Fuel	
Fuel Type	Base Bus Cost	Costs	Lifecycle costs
Diesel	\$425,000	\$351,000	\$776,000
CNG	\$475,000	\$185,630	\$660,630
Hybrid Diesel Electric	\$600,000	\$255,270	\$855,270
Battery Electric (Off-Peak/No Demand)	\$750,000	\$129,600	\$879,600
Battery Electric (Peak w/Demand)	\$750,000	\$259 <i>,</i> 200	\$1,009,200
Hydrogen Fuel Cell	\$1,200,000	\$714,460	\$1,914,460

- 1. Excludes Maintenance Costs in all categories
- 2. Excludes Infrastructure costs: Costs of Charging infrastructure varies significantly depending on charge rate and location
- 3. Base battery electric bus prices have decreased by 25% over the last five years.



Battery	Bus Range (mi.)		
Capacity (kWh)	80% Usable	70% usable	
100	33	29	
200	67	58	
300	100	88	
400	133	117	
500	167	146	
600	200	175	

- 1. Based on 2.4 kWh/mile
- 2. Recommended Operating range is typically 70% 80% of the stated battery capacity



Usable Energy: Beginning-of-Life Batteries



• **Reserved Energy** can be defined by the transit agency.

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Usable Energy: End-of-Life Batteries



- End-of-Life is determined by SOC warranty level, typically 70-80% of original capacity.
- **Reserve Energy** and **Unusable Energy** at the low end does not change as batteries degrade.

