

SONO MOTORS BRINGS AFFORDABLE EVS TO THE ROAD

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Sono Motors

Germany – Automotive start-up Sono Motors is testing the Sion, a new model of sustainable electric vehicle designed with a solar pack to boost battery life.

At present, the vehicle is able to travel 250km (155 miles) on a single full charge, with the battery pack providing a boost of 30km. With 330 integrated solar cells on its roof, sides and rear, the vehicle also features a lichen air-purifying system to help reduce air pollution.

The brand also hopes to attract local buyers with the vehicle's price point. At £14,240 (\$18,550, €16,000) for the car, plus £3,564 (\$4,633, €4,000) for the battery, the model costs less than the average German car price of £27,011 (\$35,185, €30,350).

'It's not a solar car that you can only drive when it's sunny, it's an electric car that recharges itself,' says Laurin Hahn, co-founder of Sono Motors. 'Imagine a combustion engine car where a guy fills up your tank every day, for free, with a few litres.'

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