



## Driving with Darice

### Storytelling Time ...

The CHR, Inc., Leaflet is designed for a fuel-efficient, plug-in hybrid or electric vehicle owner to tell their story. According to a new report by Bloomberg New Energy Finance, 58% of global passenger vehicle sales in 2040 will come from electric vehicles (EVs). The study shows that EVs currently make up 3% of global car sales (<https://pv-magazine-usa.com/2020>).

**Darice Currie** — I stepped into that 3% global car sales when I purchased a Hyundai Ioniq EV Limited. I've always wanted an electric vehicle. I was tired of going to the gas station. I found that EVs also help the environment. Therefore, it was double awesome for me to purchase one.

**Why an EV?** I previously owned a Hyundai vehicle and was pleased. I knew I wanted my next car to be an EV, so I started to do my research on the Hyundai EVs. I believe if you're going to invest money in important items such as houses or cars, you must do your homework. Cost savings is key. My dream car is a Tesla; however, I realized I couldn't afford it at the time. I researched and compared other EVs mileage per charge, the battery size, cost, accessories, and Consumer Report. I found that the Ioniq provided 130 city miles. Based on my driving more city versus highway miles, my battery charge would last longer. I knew what style I wanted. I took the Ioniq for a test-drive. I didn't have to test any other vehicles thereafter. A lot of people don't realize that EVs are slick, smooth, and have power. I chuckled about how I love the fact that my EV has power and accelerates quickly, not as though I'm a speeder. My 2017 Ioniq Limited has all I need. I love the drive. I recommend if you want to save money, purchase a used EV.

**Benefits & beauty** are incredible. Did I mention I don't have to go to the gas station anymore (yippee)! Having free charging stations throughout the city is a huge bonus. My husband Reggie and I also have solar energy in our home, which allows us to own our energy and provide energy to the house and car. It's as if we're not paying anything to charge the EV! I plug my car into a regular socket in my garage and wait in the house. I also like the fact that my Ioniq is quiet. I get up early in the morning to go to work. My EV doesn't wake up the family when I start it in the garage. I have had my Ioniq for about two and a half months. I call it my "Cadillac." It has slick leather seats and a new smell. I love this car! When you look at the overall cost and value, it is well worth it. EVs are not as expensive as any regular car. There are no mechanical expenses because it's all-electric. I've heard the myths: cost too much, the battery won't last; it's all false. I'm a witness that you can map out charging stations (free and pay) throughout the Valley, State, and Nation. The cost of an EV is less when you compare maintenance, repairs, and gas (as gas prices change dramatically), and the battery lasts long. I believe we are afraid of what we don't know...if you treat it right, just like anything else, it will last. My advice is to do the research and get the facts. Any investment is worth the time. I am happy with my Hyundai Ioniq Limited. As you can see, it fits me well. I thank God for it!

**Thank you, Darice,** for being a CHR, Inc., Storyteller and enlightening our readers about owning an EV.

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