

## Astana electric vehicle adoption

ASTANA - Kazakhstan plans to build more electric charging stations as part of the electric vehicle infrastructure roadmap by 2029, reported the Ministry of Industry and Infrastructure Development on Aug. 9.

The roadmap, approved by the Kazakh government last month, provides for regulatory and technical requirements regarding the design and arrangement of the necessary infrastructure, the production of domestic equipment for charging electric vehicles, and determining the need for charging stations for electric cars and their installation sites.

As of today, 50 electric charging stations have been placed in Astana, 57 in Almaty, and two stations are available on the territory of the Rixos Borovoe Hotel in Schuchinsk. The country also has electric filling stations installed by private individuals and businesses.

Kazakhstan has launched the production of JAC iEV7S and Kia EV6 passenger electric vehicles. According to the Kazakh Bureau of National Statistics, the Saryarka Avtoprom Kostanai plant, a domestic car manufacturer, has produced 140 electric vehicles since 2016.

According to the Kazakh Ministry of Internal Affairs data, the country saw a considerable increase in electric vehicles from March 2022 to March of this year: from 631 to 1,900. Since December of last year, there has been a significant increase in registered electric vehicles in just one month – 521. In addition, sales of new electric cars increased significantly from January to March of this year, according to Energyprom.

According to the State Revenue Committee, Kazakhstan has already received nearly 4,000 cars (3,442), with the potential to receive 11,558 vehicles by the end of the year within the EEC quota.

ASTANA -- The Committee of Highways of the Kazakh Ministry of Transport and the United Kingdom's Car Park Transformer Limited have signed an agreement to cooperate in installing and operating electric vehicle charging stations using the company's advanced technologies, the ministry's press service reported on April 25.

The project will focus on implementing these stations at rest areas along roads of international and national significance, aiming to establish convenient and accessible infrastructure for electric vehicle owners. This initiative seeks to promote the adoption of environmentally friendly transportation in Kazakhstan.

The planned stations will offer a comfortable multi-service environment for all road traffic participants, featuring electric vehicle charging points and trading platforms. In addition to serving as vehicle service points, these locations will also serve as convenient rest areas for drivers and passengers.



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**Key View:** Over the medium to long term, we expect more government support and increased regional EV production to support passenger EV sales in Kazakhstan. However, the country's aged power grid and limited generation capacity will prove to be a tough challenge to overcome for most potential EV buyers. This could eventually shift the demand from passenger BEVs to passenger PHEVs. We believe that the increased availability of mild hybrid vehicles will also drag on Kazakhstan's medium-term EV sales outlook.

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