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Which of these cars do you see as 'better' for the environment?



EMAIL OF THE MONTH

Electricity doesn't grow on trees!

It irks me when I read the nonsense about electric cars being zero emissions. Even if electricity grew on trees, this wouldn't be true but I think electric cars are a placebo, designed to kid people into believing that too many people can continue to travel too far, too often and so long as there is no exhaust pipe, that's OK. Already I understand that, even with the limited numbers now seen, electric car battery disposal is a problem. An insurance assessor recently pointed out that while most would replace their batteries, after four or five years, the next time around such expenditure would then be seen as uneconomic and the car would be written off. If everyone drove them, it would be far worse.

I also understand that there isn't enough lithium and cobalt to make batteries for everyone to own an electric car. What there is comes from remote parts of the world and its extraction and delivery to the factories has a huge carbon footprint. We are making unsustainable demands on the planet. I think the electric car is a delusional way of making people think that all is well. It's akin to offering a sticking plaster to someone with severe gunshot wounds.

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