



Verdek's May 2019 Newsletter

Big Debuts at the NY Auto Show

Many new electric vehicles were revealed at this year's NY Auto Show, with each major car manufacturer offering its own unique take on a mass-market EV.

While Kia's [Niro EV](#) sedan is set to debut this spring at an economical price point, promising 240 miles of range with a single charge, their new concept car, the "HabaNiro" is targeting a range of 300. No longer a hybrid car and now fully electric, we hope that the Niro and HabaNiro can attract an audience despite having fewer bells and whistles than the shinier offerings at the Auto Show.



Our favorite moment from this year's NY Auto Show was Hyundai's reveal of the [Genesis Mint](#), a small EV designed for city driving. This is Hyundai's first electric offering in their luxury line, and it features butterfly doors, 200 miles of range on a single (fast) charge, and a storage space behind its two seats (there is no trunk).

[Read more](#) from ArsTechnica.com.



A Big Year for Green Trucks

Earlier this year we linked to an article about Argentinian company Galileo's production of six **Scania G340** LNG trucks, and it seems as though news about clean trucks just keeps coming.

Daimler Trucks has announced that it will have customers testing about 50 electric trucks and buses on roads in the United States by the end of 2019. According to the CEO of Daimler Trucks, Roger Nielsen, "this is our future" and he says that the market for trucks is diverse and expanding.

[Read more](#) from [Katie Fehrenbacher](#) at GreenBiz.com.



Ford Invests \$500M in Rivian

We certainly predicted Rivian was going to get a ton of traction this year, but we never anticipated Ford dropping a \$500M investment this soon. Rivian has already received investments of [\\$700M from Amazon](#), and \$500M from the Japanese tire company Sumitomo.



Rivian had been using Ford's F-series trucks as test cars for their powertrain tech, so it looks like an electric version of the widely popular and ubiquitous F-150 will be cruising the streets soon as these two companies team up.

It will likely be several years before we see the fruits of this collaboration, but we're certainly excited to see Ford make such a big commitment to the EV scene.

If you missed it, [read more from the NY Times article](#).



Tesla Roadster Battery Available

In our last newsletter we announced our partnership with Ohmmu to provide a high quality lithium ion battery.

Lithium ion batteries are far superior to lead acid ones for your **Tesla**; they're more efficient, more powerful, and less toxic to the environment.

We're happy to announce that we've added a new battery to our lineup [for the Tesla Roadster](#).

Key Features of our Lithium Ion Batteries:

- 60% lighter weight (12lbs vs 28lbs OEM)
- Easy installation: it's a drop-in replacement
- Greater capacity: a true >40AH capacity Lithium Battery
- Longer-lasting with 4 years full-replacement warranty
- Less voltage sag & better performance and more bass from your sound system

You can shop for our Tesla Lithium Ion batteries [here](#).

More to come in 2019!

As the EV industry shapes up to have its biggest year ever this year, you will no doubt be hearing from us again very soon.

