

Drive Electric Columbus

COLD WEATHER EV PREPARATION TIPS

Getting Ready for Winter

Tips and tricks for mitigating the effects of cold weather on your Electric Vehicle



Tires - Keep on rolling ...

Check your Tire Tread!

Make sure you have safe tread depth left on your tires for winter



Check your Tire Pressures!

Too Low of tire pressure can cause range loss and be unsafe



Watch out for Temperature Drops!

When the temperature drops, so does your tire pressures



Warm it up



Set your Charging Destination*

Some vehicles preheat the battery on the way to charging stations

Use Those Seat Heaters

Running your Seat Heater and Steering Wheel Heat saves on battery draw





Set thermostat moderately

EV's heat up faster than any ICE vehicle, so set your temps at reasonable numbers, and Dress for Success

Preheat the Battery

Turn on Winter Mode*

Improve the driving and charging performance





Schedule your charge

Pre-condition to be ready to drive with more efficiency and a warm cabin!

Driving creates heat

Prepares your battery for faster charging





Put wipers in service mode or lift wipers when expecting extreme ice

PSI drops 1-2# per 10°F

RWD EVs benefit the most from winter tires

Low profile tires and potholes can mean bent rims Winter or All Season tires may lower your range, as will ice/snow/slush If you switch between summer & winter tires, remember 45° is the cutoff temperature Precondition cabin while plugged in

Check your 12-volt battery, especially if it is 3-4+ years old. EV LVB don't like the cold, either. Many auto stores will do this for free!

Clear snow from all surfaces

Clear snow from sensors, radar, & cameras

Buildup reduces aerodynamics

DRIVE SMART: Engage a winter friendly torque driving mode

Regenerative braking levels may be lessened due to cold battery temps at first start

Stay Safe & Warm! Happy Holidays!



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Meeting Agenda







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Helpful tips for EVs as we brace for winter





