

The development status of electric (BEV) and hydrogen (FCEV) passenger cars park in the world and new research possibilities of these cars in real traffic conditions

Major markets across the European Union (EU) are concentrated on rapid development of electromobility. This policy is demonstrated – among others – by recent sales of electric cars: within the past 3 quarters of 2018 – 24.7 thousand electric cars have been registered in Germany, 20.3 thousand in France, 15.3 thousand in the Netherlands and 31.4 thousand in Norway. Unfortunately, only 867 EVs have been registered in Hungary, 469 in the Czech Republic, 468 in Romania, 411 in Poland and 348 in Slovenia.

Unit energy consumption of electric cars was often defined in NEDC cycle. In real conditions of road traffic, it may differ from values recorded in a drive cycle. The article presents results of a study on energy consumption of electric cars in Poland along RDE (Real Driving Emissions) testing route in terms of vehicle energy consumption per drive unit (km, 100 km). The use of fuel cells in cars may bring a change in the type of used vehicles in the long run. Both globally and in the EU wide-ranging actions are undertaken to implement fuel cell technology. Also, the infrastructure of hydrogen filling stations is developed. At present the most rapidly developing country in this area is Japan. The article addresses the issue of energy consumption per drive unit by cars equipped with fuel cells as both type of vehicles, i.e. EV and FCV use electric motors. The article also discusses infrastructure development in the EU and Poland, charging and fuelling of the said vehicles, respectively.

Key words: energy, electric cars, RDE, consumption, fuel cell

1. Introduction

Since September 1st of this year certification of new type (Euro 6) passenger cars and light trucks in the EU includes the exhaust emissions testing of these vehicles, i.e. the Real Driving Emissions (RDE) procedure [1–7, 18, 19].

Road test specifications cannot be optional. The route must include a drive-in urban area, rural and on a highway. Duration of the trip must be between 90 and 120 minutes. Setting the route for an RDE drive for the purpose of exhaust emission testing from light vehicles requires the fulfilment of numerous requirements, including those relating to ambient temperature, topographic height of the test, driving style (dynamic specifications of the trip), trip's duration, length of specific sections of the test (urban, rural, highway) etc. Setting such route for the purpose of research work by the author of this article was the primary challenge facilitating future certification testing related to the assessment of noxious substances in the exhaust emitted by light vehicles, but also in the development work relating to, for example, the estimation of energy consumption by electric and hybrid vehicles or those equipped with fuel cells in light of the development of electromobility and hydrogenization of vehicle transport.

2. Development of electromobility – battery electric vehicles (BEVs)

In 2010 there had been just 16 thousand BEVs registered worldwide (Table 1), of which 6 thousand were registered that year (Table 2). The registration of newly purchased electric passenger cars began to grow rapidly from that moment to come to 39 thousand in 2011, 58 thousand in 2012, 112 thousand in 2013, 191 thousand in 2014, 325 thousand in 2015, 466 thousand in 2016 and 759 thousand in 2017 [8, 9].

The increased sales had been generated mostly by China with a production of more than 60% of BEVs manufactured

globally. The world fleet of such vehicles was respectively 16 thousand vehicles in 2010, 55 thousand in 2011, 113 thousand in 2012, 227 thousand in 2013, 420 thousand in 2014, 740 thousand in 2015 and over 1.2 million in 2016, of which 255 thousand in Europe (including approx. 160 thousand vehicles in the EU).

The largest fleet of BEV passenger cars was noted in China (over 480 thousand vehicles), the US (almost 300 thousand vehicles), Japan (86 thousand vehicles), Norway (100 thousand vehicles), France (67 thousand vehicles) and Germany (approx. 41 thousand vehicles). Poland with its fleet of several hundred BEVs has been outpaced significantly by countries such as Italy or Portugal (in 2018 about 1,3 thousand vehicles) [10].

Despite an over 70-fold increase of the world fleet of BEVs in years 2016-2017 electric passenger cars still account for just 0.1% of the total number of passenger cars registered in the world.

Table 1. Newly registered electric passenger cars (BEV) in years 2010-2017, in thousands [8]

Description	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Poland	–	0	0	0	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.4
EU28	0.5	7.9	12.4	22.1	35.2	54.2	63.5	97.5
Norway	0.4	1.8	4.2	8.2	18.1	27.8	29.5	44.9
Switzerland	–	–	1.0	1.0	1.0	3.3	3.3	4.8
Europe	0.9	9.9	17.4	31.0	54.2	85.3	96.3	147.2
Canada	–	0.2	0.6	1.6	2.8	4.4	5.2	14.9
China	1.0	4.7	9.6	14.6	48.9	146.7	257.0	468.0
Japan	2.4	12.6	13.5	14.8	16.1	10.5	15.5	24.5
USA	1.2	9.7	14.6	47.7	63.4	71.0	86.7	104.5
In total	6.4	38.5	57.8	112.1	190.8	325.4	466.4	759.1

Electric vehicles (plug-in and battery electric) comprised 1.48% of all new car registrations in EU-28 in 2017 [11]. There is a significant variation across the EU countries for example, in Sweden electric vehicle registrations

are 5.5% of all new cars [11]. Outside of the EU, Norway is a clear leader with 39.2% of new car registration being electric vehicles [12, 13].

Table 2. Registered fleet of passenger BEVs in years 2010-2016, in thousands [8]

Description	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
EU28	1.9	9.3	21.2	44.3	74.2	121.8	161.3
Norway	3.3	5.3	9.5	19.7	41.8	72.0	98.9
Europe	2.7	12.1	28.1	59.0	107.0	182.4	251.4
Canada	0	0.2	0.9	2.5	5.3	9.7	14.9
China	1.5	6.3	15.9	30.6	79.5	226.2	483.2
India	0.9	1.3	2.8	2.9	3.3	4.3	4.8
Japan	3.5	16.1	29.6	44.3	60.5	70.9	86.4
South Korea	0	0.3	0.8	1.4	2.8	5.7	10.8
USA	3.8	13.5	28.2	75.9	139.3	210.3	297.0
In total	16.4	55.1	112.9	226.8	420.3	745.6	1208.9

In [9] is suggested that by 2030 battery electric vehicles sales could be between 13% and 21% of total new car sales in climate goal and regulation scenarios. Including range extended electric vehicles increase is 34% and 51%. According to one of the scenarios aims to achieve is 10 g CO₂-eqv/km [9].

If Europe were to move to a zero – emission car fleet the share of new car sales which would have to be zero emission (battery electric and fuel cell) would need to be around 20% in 2030, 40% in 2040 and 50% under a medium forecast [9].

In terms of total vehicles, there could be around 24 million electric cars on the road in Europe in 2030, around 10% of Europe's car fleet. This is based on there being 18 million new cars sold in Europe [14] and assuming a 7% market share of new cars in 2020, a 17% market share in 2030 and linear growth between the years [13].

The majority of life cycle analyses suggest that well-to-well (WTW) GHG emissions per km driven of BEVs in Europe lower than ICEVs and hybrid vehicles. Based on the carbon-intensity of the EU electricity mix in 2015, the WTW emissions of a mid-sized BEV were between 60 and 76 g CO₂eqv/km. This is between 47% and 58% lower than the emissions of an average mid-sized ICEV passenger car in 2015, at 143 g CO₂ eqv/km [13].

The growth of electromobility observed at present is forcing a number of research efforts with respect to electric vehicles. The main ones here are the determination of their range, the power of engines implemented on these vehicles, battery durability or the test of energy use by these vehicles. The latter issue is discussed in this article, which presents examples of the measurements of energy consumption by passenger cars on a route set for the purpose of RDE tests.

3. RDE test and testing energy consumption by an electric passenger car

The trip sequence includes driving in an urban area and then in a rural area and on a highway. The trip component in urban area, rural area and on the highway is conducted in a continuous manner. The use in rural area may be interrupted by brief periods of use in urban areas if these are located along the route path. The use on a highway may be interrupted by brief periods of use in urban or rural areas, for example while driving through toll collection booths or

along sections where road construction work is being conducted. If, for practical reasons, another test sequence is justifiable, the sequence of use in urban area, rural area and on a highway may be changed upon permission of the body issuing the certification [15].

The use in urban area is characterized by vehicle speeds not exceeding 60 km per hour, in an rural area vehicle speed ranges from 60 km per hour to 90 km per hour and on a highway above 90 km per hour (Table 3). The trip included approximately 34% use in an urban area, 33% in rural area and 33% on a highway. The term ‘approximately’ means a range of ±10 percentage points from the above percentage values. However, the use in urban area must account for at least 29% of the total route driven. Vehicle speed will usually not exceed 145 km per hour. The maximum speed may be exceeded by 15 km per hour for no more than 3% of the duration of highway component. Local speed restrictions remain in force during PEMS test regardless of other legal consequences. Exceeding local speed restrictions as such does not nullify the results of PEMS test. Average driving speed (including stop periods) in the urban area should be between 15 km per hour and 30 km per hour. Stop periods, defined as time when vehicle’s speed is less than 1 km per hour, should account for at least 10% of the time of use in the urban area. Use in urban area includes several stop periods lasting at least 10 seconds. Avoid situations where a single excessively long stop period would account for over 80% of the total stop period during the use in an urban area. Driving speed on a highway includes range of 90 km per hour to at least 110 km per hour. Vehicle speed must exceed 100 km per hour for at least 5 minutes.

Table 3. Requirements for the drive [15]

Requirements	Unit	Urban	Rural	Highway
Speed	km/h	0–60	60–90	90–130
Distance	%	~34 (±10%)	~33 (±10%)	~33 (±10%)
Minimum distance	km	16	16	16
Share of trip component	%	> 29	–	–

Trip duration must range from 90 to 120 minutes. The difference between the starting and end point of the trip may not exceed 100 meters in altitude above the sea level. Minimum distance during the use in urban area, rural and on the highway must reach at last 16 km (detailed requirements are listed in Table 4) [15].

In the RDE studies, a A passenger car was used (Fig. 1).



Fig. 1. Electric passenger car tested

Table 4. Detailed requirements for RDE tests [15]

Specification	Requirements
Ambient temperature (T_z)	– normal range: $0^{\circ}\text{C} \leq T_z < 30^{\circ}\text{C}$
	– lower extended range: $-7^{\circ}\text{C} \leq T_z < 0^{\circ}\text{C}$
	– upper extended range: $30^{\circ}\text{C} < T_z \leq 35^{\circ}\text{C}$
Topographic test height (h)	– normal: $h \leq 700$ m n.p.m.
	– extended: $700 < h \leq 1300$ m n.p.m.
Assessment of the impact of ambient weather and road specification and driving style	– cumulative altitude gain: below 1200 m/100 km
	– relative positive acceleration (RPA): greater than RPA_{\min} (for all types of driving conditions)
	– a product of acceleration and speed ($v \cdot a_{\text{pos}}$): less than $v \cdot a_{\text{pos min}}$ (for all types of driving conditions)
Thermal state of the vehicle prior to test	– cold start of the vehicle: coolant below 70°C ,
	– duration of at least 300 s
	– emission from cold start not included in RDE test
Duration of individual stop	– not to exceed 180 s
Use of exhaust purification systems	– one-time regeneration of solid particle filter may cause a repeat of the RDE test; two regenerations are taken into consideration in RDE fume exhaust test results
Use of driving comfort systems	– normal usage as intended (e.g. use of air conditioning system)
Vehicle load	– vehicle weight: driver (and the passenger) plus test equipment; maximum load at $< 90\%$ of the total of passenger weight and vehicle payload
Test requirements	– duration 90–120 min
Requirements for urban test component	– 29–44% of the entire test length
	– distance: more than 16 km
	– vehicle speed (v): $v \leq 60$ km/h
	– average speed: 15–40 km/h
Requirements for rural test component	– duration of stops: 6–30% of the urban component
	– 23–43% of the entire test length
	– distance: more than 16 km
Requirements for highway test component	– vehicle speed (v): $60 \text{ km/h} < v \leq 90 \text{ km/h}$
	– 23–43% of the entire test length
	– distance: more than 16 km
	– vehicle speed (v): $v > 90$ km/h
	– vehicle speed in excess of 100 km/h for at least 5 minutes
	– vehicle speed in excess of 145 km/h for a maximum of 3% of the trip

Designated trip route was shown on Fig. 2. It consists of urban, rural and highway components.

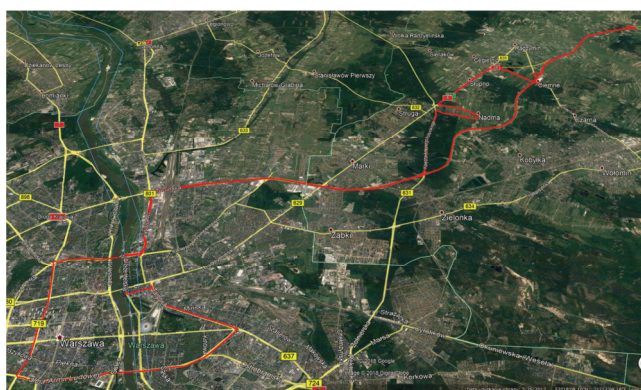


Fig. 2. Course of the designated RDE route

The speed of the car over time is shown on Fig. 3.

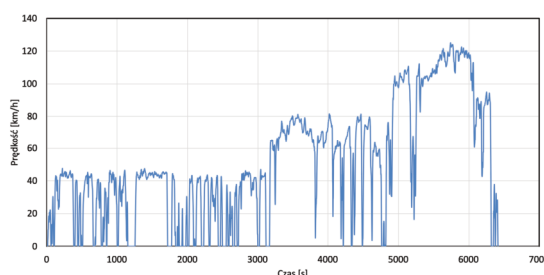


Fig. 3. The speed of the car over time

Energy consumption on this c. 92 km route was tested using Yokogawa 1806E power analyser (which allows the measurement of energy consumption and energy recovery, battery charging efficiency, etc.) and Semtech DS with GPS device (measuring the length of the distance travelled).

Tested electric passenger car had the following basic criteria:

- Overall length x width x height [mm]: 4140 x 1800 x 1593;
- Wheel base [mm]: 2570;
- Curb weight [kg]: (excluding a drivers with 75 kg) 1510;
- Gross weight [kg]: 1800;
- Electric motor (type: Permanent Magnet AC Synchronous Motor), Voltage [V]: 360 V, Max. power [kW/rpm]: 81.4/2730–8000, Max. torque [Nm/rpm]: 285/0–2730;
- Gear reduction unit: final gear ratio (constant): 8.206;
- OBC (On Board Charger): Max. power [kW] 6.6;
- High-Voltage Battery pack: Type: LIPB (Lithium Ion Polymer Battery), Voltage [V]: 360, Capacity [Ah]: 75, Energy [kWh]: 27, Power [kW]: 90, Weight [kg]: 277;
- 12V Battery: Capacity [Ah]: 45.

Test found to be carried out correctly (Table 5). For example:

Table 5. Confirmation the test has been carried out correctly

Test correctness			
Test specification	Result	Requirement	Correctness
Urban component [km]	30.0	> 16	Correct
Rural component [km]	28.6	> 16	Correct
Highway component [km]	33.3	> 16	Correct
Total route length [km]	91.9	> 48	Correct
Urban component [%]	32.7	29–44	Correct
Rural component [%]	31.1	33 ±10	Correct
Highway component [%]	36.2	33 ±10	Correct
Average speed on urban route [km/h]	27.8	15–40	Correct
Duration of stops on urban route [%]	20.8	6–30	Correct
Trip duration at more than 100 km/h [min]	15.8	> 5	Correct
Maximum speed [km/h]	125.1	< 160	Correct
Trip duration at more than 145 km/h during the highway component [%]	0.0	< 3	Correct
Trip duration [min]	106.9	90–120	Correct

Table 5cont.

Cold start (t = 300 s)			
Coolant temperature [°C]	0,0	< 70	Correct
Maximum vehicle speed [km/h]	47.7	< 60	Correct
Duration of vehicle stops [s]	20	< 90	Correct
In neutral after ignition [s]	0	< 15	Correct
RPA			
Urban: data set no. $a_i > 0,1 \text{ m/s}^2$	964	> 150	Correct
Rural: data set no. $a_i > 0,1 \text{ m/s}^2$	274	> 150	Correct
Highway: data set no. $a_i > 0,1 \text{ m/s}^2$	205	> 150	Correct
Urban: average speed [km/h]	28.1		
Rural: average speed [km/h]	72.1		
Highway: average speed [km/h]	109.2		
Urban: 95. percentile $V \cdot a_{\text{pos}} [\text{m}^2/\text{s}^3]$	14.1	Correct	Correct
Rural: 95. percentile $V \cdot a_{\text{pos}} [\text{m}^2/\text{s}^3]$	19.5	Correct	Correct
Highway: 95. percentile $V \cdot a_{\text{pos}} [\text{m}^2/\text{s}^3]$	15.5	Correct	Correct
Urban: RPA [m/s^2]	0.14	Correct	Correct
Rural: RPA [m/s^2]	0.08	Correct	Correct
Highway: RPA [m/s^2]	0.04	Correct	Correct

Results of energy consumption tests by the electric passenger vehicle tested on the route set for the purpose of RDE test was presented in Table 6.

Table 6. Energy consumption by an electric passenger car on a route set for the purpose of an RDE test

Item	Unit	Test 1	Test 2	Average
Energy consumption	kWh/100 km	18.9	20.2	19.6

Results of the tests of electrical energy consumption by the electric passenger car tested show that it is from the upper range of energy consumption at 15–20 kWh/100 km, an energy use range by typical electric city cars. Assuming the cost of electrical energy consumption at, for example PLN 0.6/kWh, operating costs of such vehicle, at PLN 9–12 per 100 km are modest. They can be reduced further using night time electricity rates and the cost of electrical energy of PLN 0.3–0.4/kWh in that case [16]. Larger passenger electric cars use greater amounts of electrical energy (20–25 kWh/100 km), but electrical energy consumption costs are in their case far lower than fuel consumption costs by passenger cars with conventional engines [16].

Electric cars include cars equipped with fuel cells. At present, the development of hydrogenization of vehicle transportation in a number of countries (e.g. Japan, Germany, Sweden) is very dynamic.

4. Development of hydrogenization – cars equipped with fuel cells (FCEV)

Area for practical use of hydrogen as a fuel carrier is transport, including in particular road transport. In recent years 2 motor companies (Hyundai, Toyota) have launched

the serial production of fuel cell vehicles (FCEV) and others such as Volkswagen, Mercedes Benz, BMW, General Motors also produce such vehicles. The start of serial production by those companies depends on the availability of expanded hydrogen refuelling network of HRS (Hydrogen Refueling Stations). In 2016 there were only c.a. 200 such stations available in the world. It is expected that by 2020 the number of HRS should come to approx. 1000 and by 2025 – to c.a. 3500 (Table 7).

Table 7. Number of public HRS worldwide in 2016 and their projected number in 2020-2025 [9]

Year	USA	Europe	Asia	Total
2016	60	100	103	263
2020	130	520	340	990
2025	600	2000	830	3430

Source: H2 Mobility, USDOE, Hydrogen Europe, Air Liquid – cited from: How hydrogen empowers the energy transition, Hydrogen Council 2017, p. 9.

This HRS in 2025 should provide service for approx. 2 million hydrogen vehicles. Currently approx. several thousand vehicles fuelled with hydrogen are used in the world, including more than 1000 in the US and 2000 in Japan and several hundred in Western Europe. A dynamic growth of fleets of hydrogen vehicles is planned – for example China expects to have 50 thousand hydrogen vehicles in 2025, to eventually exceed one million in 2030, whereas Japan will have a fleet of 40 thousand hydrogen vehicles in 2020 and approx. 300 thousand in 2030. According to projections of 2014 – the European fleet of hydrogen vehicles is expected to have 350 thousand vehicles in 2020, the fleet in Japan – 100 thousand, in Korea – 50 thousand and in the US – 20 thousand [9].

Also, the fleet of hydrogen-fuelled buses is to be developed – in Europe it will have 1000 buses in 2020, while for instance in South Korea – almost 30 thousand buses by 2030.

In Poland, there are practically no vehicles equipped with fuel cells (for that reason, at present, it is impossible to obtain a vehicle of this type for energy consumption tests, such research will be conducted at a later date). However, it was developed by Motor Transport Institute “Circumstances of the national plan for hydrogenization of road transport in Poland”. In the first place taken into account were [17]:

- already existing refuelling opportunities in the neighboring countries,
- the expected future HRS locations in the Baltic countries,
- gradually increasing the area available for hydrogen-powered cars as a result of the subsequent location of new stations at distances up to 300 km from the existing or sequentially from the newly-opened ones [17].

With the above criteria, the order of preliminary proposals to build base HRS in Poland are as follows: 1 – Poznan, 2 – Warsaw, 3 – Bialystok, 4 – Szczecin, 5 – Lodz area, 6 – Tri-City area, 7 – Wroclaw, 8 – Katowice region, 9 – Krakow (Fig. 4, Fig. 5) [17].



Fig. 4. Map of Poland with marked sites of the proposed public hydrogen refuelling station locations [17]

4. Summary

Development of electromobility and hydrogenization of vehicle transport is determined by the development of infrastructure consisting of charging stations for electric vehicles and refuelling stations for cars equipped with fuel cells (HRS). This will generate an increase in the number of vehicles of that type in use. For example, at present in Japan there are 92 HRS stations and approximately 2300 cars equipped with fuel cells are in use.

It will also generate the need to solve a number of technical issues, research related to, for example, determining battery durability or the range of electric vehicles and the associated consumption of electrical energy, which also applies to electric cars equipped with fuel cells. With respect to the latter issue, the article presents a method to evaluate such consumption during an RDE test on a new research route in a real driving condition.

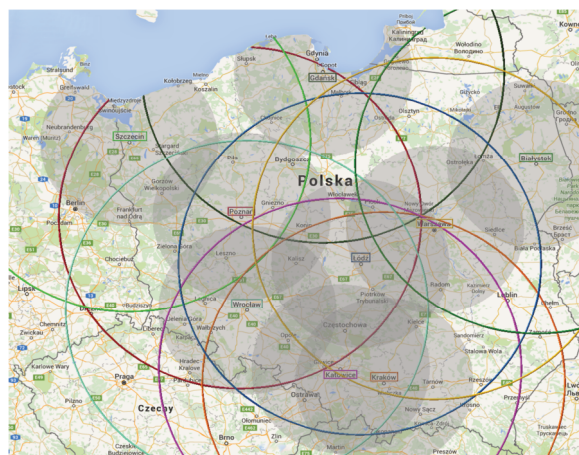


Fig. 5. Penetration area of cars using fuel cells based on 9 hydrogen refuelling stations situated on the national TEN-T road network by the 2030 [3] a) when driving in one direction (diameter of large circles – to approx. 600 km), b) when driving there and back (diameter of small, shaded circles – to approx. 300 km) [17]

Nomenclature

BEV	Battery Electric Vehicle
EV	Electric Vehicle
FCEV	Fuel cell Electric Vehicle

NEDC	New European Driving Cycle
RDE	Real Driving Emissions

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