



This Tax Season, Autobytel® Editors Provide Vehicle Recommendations

Plug-In Hybrid and Electric Top List

IRVINE, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Can you use a \$7,500 tax credit this year? Looking for a way to lower your taxes next year? Unless you're an accountant, you probably don't spend time keeping up-to-date on the latest tax credit laws. For example, did you know that there are government tax credits for new vehicle purchases?

With the April 15 date looming, most of us don't have time to read through and decipher all the tax guidelines. Fortunately, the editors at Autobytel® have simplified the jargon that relates to credits for [Plug-in Hybrid and Electric Cars](#) and have also listed their top 2012 new car choices that fall within those categories.

Like any government program, there are a number of caveats and restrictions associated with the plug-in hybrid and electric car tax credit. For instance, not every electric vehicle will qualify for the full \$7,500 credit and all qualifying vehicles must be used primarily in the U.S. Additionally, the tax credit for each individual electric vehicle phases out as soon as its manufacturer sells 200,000 units of it. Accordingly, you are advised to consult with your tax advisor regarding the availability of tax credits and other incentives for any vehicle that you are considering.

With so many restrictions, Autobytel® Editor in Chief, Michelle Naranjo offers good news. "We're here to tell you that there are a host of breaks and incentives offered by the various states available to you," says Naranjo. "Many of the states, in addition to straight out rebates and credits, offer other enticements in the form of reduced registration fees, free parking, lower use tax uses, and/or access to carpool lanes. Auto shoppers can view a full listing of the state-by-state incentives by visiting the [U.S. Department of Energy's Website](#)."

Not sure which plug-in hybrid or electric vehicles are a good choice? Autobytel® suggests the [2012 Chevy Volt](#), [2012 Mitsubishi iMiEV](#) and [2012 Nissan Leaf](#) for starters. But if you're in the market for something a little different, try the Fisker Karma or Tesla Roadster which also made it to the top of the list.

For a more complete listing of all the 2012 Electric Car Tax Credit guidelines or for more information about Autobytel's top new car picks, visit the web at www.autobytel.com.

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