



## ***a Mustang Mach-e Experience !!!***

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Why did I buy a Mustang Mach-e? ... very simply I was always intrigued by the American muscle car image as I was growing up eyeing with envy the then domestically produced Brazilian Ford trucks, more specifically the 1958 pick up (camioneta) F-100 from its São Bernado dos Campos, SP plant. The nostalgia of camioneta Ford, the name Mustang and the intrigue of electric vehicle (EV) simply proved to be too irresistible. My golden opportunity came this past May, when I was randomly traveling in South New Jersey as my wife teased me that she had spotted Mustang Mach-e's parked at this particular Ford dealership, Illinston Ford of Vineland, NJ ... and was she correct!!! ...I found my perfect Mach-e, Premium trim, RWD, 68 kWh battery in a gorgeous Infinite Blue Metallic with Light Gray interior.

Mach-e is a very unique car, with distinctive personality that will require time to be acquainted with, but once you know her intimately, you will be astounded by her capabilities for they will be beyond the wildest expectations! She is impeccable, smooth, well poised, polished with beautiful lines ... but don't let her well behaved manners disappoint you, for she is wickedly fast!



Owning an electric car is an adventure by itself; it will catapult you into the boundaries of the hitherto unknown world of electric vehicles; and yes there will be challenges that you will have to face and to conquer them fast; you will be required to re-think how you are going to plan your road trips among other things. Normal driving is not a problem, for either the standard (68 kWh) battery or the long range (88 kWh) battery will be plentiful to support your daily driving habits. The exhilaration of pure acceleration is a wonderful hidden attribute of this very capable Mustang Mach-e, and she is worth of every sacrifice. I have nothing to share but good experiences from the Ford dealership that I bought my car from, contrary to popular believe Ford is very much committed to EV's. The dealership did more than what I had expected: they did not gouge the price with unnecessary add-ons nor dealer added mark ups. Of course, Mustang Mach-e, being a very different car with electric propulsion and latest technology the initial configuration could have been better streamlined. The dealership facility could have been better set up for high tech environment, i.e. improved 4G/5G wireless & wi-fi coverage



Range anxiety is the first challenge that one has to conquer; however, after first 500 miles or so, by using various smartphone apps the ubiquitous Electrify America's green lighted chargers were easily located at Walmart's huge parking lots here in Florida, or at the Targets in NJ. Home charging was accomplished by using the supplied Ford Level 2 (240V 30A) charger tapped into a NEMA 14-50 plug, this charger also works as Level 1 (120V) charger. Instead of gasoline brands such as BP, Shell, Marathon, FastTrack, Costco Gas, etc ... get yourself acquainted with Electrify America, ChargePoint, EVgo, Shell's greenLots ... lastly but equally importantly the free Tesla "destination chargers" that are prevalent at so many restaurants, hotels and other random commercial establishments. Forget about hp, mpg, octane, premium, unleaded, alcohol blend gas, etc... learn and understand key words such as: mi/KWh, L1/L2 chargers, 50KW, 150 KW & 300 KW dcFast chargers with combined charge system (CCS) plugs ... Yes, these are the new jargon ... so learn them fast !!!



I have now driven more than 1,800 miles and locating dcFast chargers whether within the Ford Network or other independent charges have now become second nature.... and besides who is the best spotter other than your wife? ...who is always riding shotgun with you? Of course, there is more trick than just charging using the standard SAE J1772 plug, one must also be creative in getting a Tesla to J1772 (Tesla Tap) adapter so that one can take advantage of seldom used Tesla's free destination chargers as well.

*As Mustanger, I am dedicated to share my experiences with fellow members of the MidFlorida Mustang Club and to facilitate the transition to the wonderful exciting world of EV's!!!*



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