


# Shocking study makes the case EVs are worse for the environment than gas cars

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A recently resurfaced electric vehicle study has revealed that EVs could be worse for the environment than regular gas-powered cars, contradicting arguments made by climate experts in the Biden administration.

The study, which was originally published by Emission Analytics in 2022 but resurfaced in a *Wall Street Journal* op-ed on Sunday, indicated that tires and brakes on electric vehicles release 1,850 times more particle pollution than modern tailpipes, which use exhaust filters.

Electric vehicles are often heavier than regular gas-powered cars due to the weight of their engines, which can reach 1,850 pounds. The heavier engines place extra weight on the tires and cause them to wear out faster, according to the study. A 1,100-pound engine can cause more than 400 times the emissions as direct exhaust emissions.

Particle pollution from tires is the biggest contributor to vehicle-related emissions.

The study throws a kink in the Biden administration's argument that electric vehicles produce "zero emissions" and therefore are better for the environment. The administration is trying to cut down on how many gas-powered cars there are by mandating that two-thirds of all new cars in America be electric by 2032.

California lawmakers also have inaccurately claimed the cars produce zero emissions because the California air agency uses a model that claims electric and gas vehicles have the same amount of tire wear, according to the *Wall Street Journal*.

The California Air Resources Board reiterated its claims after the public noted the error, stating that there were ways for EV manufacturers to lighten the vehicles, including by reducing the weight of other parts of the cars. However, the agency did not give any examples of where the weight reductions could occur.