

EC35 ELECTRIC VAN LANDS IN MALAYSIA



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DONGFENG Sokon Automobile's (DFS) EC35 all-electric van is now available for sale and lease.

Brought in by official importer QC Fleet Management Sdn Bhd, the 38.7kWh lithium-ion battery-powered van is available in two and five-seater configurations.

Its battery, with a combined charging system (CCS) connector as standard, can be charged to 80 per cent from 20 per cent in only 35 minutes using a DC rapid charger.

A single full charge is achieved in approximately 35 minutes (DC 40kW rapid charge) or six to seven hours (AC 6kW fast charge) - has an expected 268km of WLTP or 200km of city driving.

It is able to handle a payload of 1,090kg and this is expected to provide annual savings of 33 per cent in terms of servicing and in excess of 78 per cent in fuel costs.

"Our electric vehicles offer practical and sustainable solutions for companies involved in last-mile deliveries, light and service industries, and small and medium enterprises.

"Many companies are looking for sustainable solutions to meet their transportation requirements. Contrary to popular opinion, going green doesn't have to be expensive," said QC Fleet Management Sdn Bhd managing director Lim Khoo Yee.

"The EC35 allows companies to reduce their carbon footprint and operational cost at the same time."

Lim said for now, only the fully-imported model is available, with plans for local assembly next year at the earliest.

Sunway Group is said to have ordered 200 to 300 units of the EC35 for the group's various operations.

Meanwhile, the van has a rear access height of 1,270mm and a rear door access width of 1,440mm. It has added ground clearance to protect the undercarriage from damage as well as an extra-large windshield for optimum visibility.

The headlamps and taillights have been designed to ensure heightened visibility for the driver.

The cabin features an intelligent instrument panel, a one-touch gear shift selector, power windows and a central locking system. There is also a vehicle finder function in the key fob.

Its safety features include a pedestrian warning system that will emit a warning sound when the vehicle is cruising below 30kph, tyre pressure monitoring system, triple reverse sensors with distance approximation, a reverse camera linked to the built-in display, and automatic headlights.

The EC35 leasing options are for between three and five years. The recommended sale price is RM130,000, excluding registration and insurance.

There is a five-year or 120,000km warranty on the powertrain.

