EVMATCH / SAMPLE BUYING REPORT / 20 SEPTEMBER 2026

Your next move, with the evidence in view.

A sample three-car shortlist showing how we connect your needs, the likely spend and the checks that could change the decision.



OUR PICK: KIA EV6 GT-LINE RWD

Pursue the EV6 first. It offers the best balance of supporting evidence, charging capability and remaining cover to verify for this buyer. **Buy only if the full battery report, service history and campaign status check out.**

The buyer behind this example

£30,000 purchase ceiling; family use; 8,000 miles a year; 30-mile daily driving; a regular 220-mile motorway trip; home charging available; three-year ownership. Priorities: usable space, manageable costs and dependable evidence.

OUR PICK	FALLBACK	DO NOT PURSUE
EV6 GT-Line RWD **Recommended** Pursue first	Model Y Long Range **Fallback choice** Only if EV6 fails checks	BMW iX3 **Not recommended** Poorer value for this buyer

About this sample: vehicle details, prices and evidence scenarios are created for demonstration, rather than taken from live listings. Car images are illustrations, not photographs of the vehicles assessed. Your report will use your shortlist and the available supporting evidence.

01 / THE SHORTLIST

Compare the trade-offs.

Three 2022 models, compared around the same buyer priorities.

FACTOR	EV6 GT-LINE RWD	MODEL Y LR	BMW iX3
Asking price / miles	£28,250 / 36,100	£27,450 / 42,800	£29,995 / 44,200
Decision	Recommended: pursue first	Fallback if EV6 fails checks	Not recommended for this buyer
Evidence available	Listing plus a dealer test summary with missing method	Listing and seller statements only	Listing and dashboard range image
Battery conclusion	Unknown; full report required before purchase	Unknown; diagnostic required before purchase	Unknown; displayed range is not a health test
Warranty conclusion	Verify servicing, transfer and exclusions	Not verified against VIN and original terms	Not verified against VIN and original terms
Immediate spend	Tyres and servicing: condition unknown	Tyres and servicing: condition unknown	Tyres and servicing: condition unknown
Decision-changing proof	Full test, service invoices, campaign completion	Battery test, tyre measurements, campaign completion	Battery test, condition, support for price premium

Does it suit the regular journey?

Do not treat an advertised full-battery range as a motorway leg. Example only: 72 kWh usable capacity x 70% charging window x 2.8 miles/kWh = **141 miles between 80% and 10%**. Those are hypothetical inputs, not specifications for these cars. A 220-mile trip would need a charging stop under that scenario.

WHAT A PERSONALISED REPORT ADDS

Exact version and wheel size; route and season; conservative efficiency; practical charge window; suitable charging stops and backups. Seat, boot, accessibility and home-charger fit must also meet your needs.

02 / OWNERSHIP COSTS

The price is only the start.

Separate money you expect to spend from failures that might never happen.

1. Charging: an auditable scenario

8,000 miles/year; 3.2 miles/kWh at the battery; 90% charging efficiency; 80% of purchased energy at 25p/kWh and 20% at 70p/kWh. **All inputs are illustrative, not current tariffs or model-specific efficiency claims.**

CHARGING PATTERN	ANNUAL ENERGY COST	THREE YEARS
Home only at 25p/kWh	£694	£2,083
80% home / 20% public	£944	£2,833
Public only at 70p/kWh	£1,944	£5,833

Formula: 8,000 / 3.2 / 0.90 = 2,778 purchased kWh/year. Mixed tariff = 34p/kWh. Totals use unrounded calculations. At 2.6 miles/kWh, the mixed scenario rises to about £1,162/year. Existing standing charges, parking and charger installation are excluded.

2. Budget the items that need real quotes

Spend soon: measured tyre wear, overdue maintenance, faults or missing accessories. No condition evidence here means unknown, not £0.
Recurring: insurance for this driver and registration, applicable vehicle tax, servicing and MOT.
Ownership: depreciation, finance cost and charger installation if needed.

SAMPLE THREE-YEAR PARTIAL COST

EV6 asking price £28,250 minus an **assumed** resale value of £18,500, plus £2,833 mixed charging = **£12,583**. This is depreciation plus energy only, not total ownership cost. A resale value £3,000 lower raises it to £15,583. The resale figure is a sensitivity assumption, not a forecast.

3. Keep repair exposure separate

Battery, drive unit, charging electronics and climate systems may need specialist diagnosis. A possible major repair is not an expected bill. Obtain an itemised quote and written warranty decision if a fault is found; do not add every worst-case failure to the ownership total.

03 / VEHICLE REVIEW

Kia EV6 GT-Line RWD

£28,250 / 36,100 miles | Sample shortlist



RECOMMENDED: PURSUE FIRST

This is our pick. It has the strongest supporting evidence in the sample, its charging capability suits the buyer's regular longer trip, and its warranty position is the most promising to verify. The £800 premium over the Model Y is justified if the required checks pass.

Evidence gap

A battery-test summary has been offered, but its method and supporting results are missing. Evidence is partial; actual battery condition is still unknown.

Ask before travelling

Request the full test linked to VIN, date and mileage. Obtain the service schedule and invoices, a VIN-specific campaign printout, and any 12V or charging repair history. These are checks, not findings of faults.

Warranty and repair exposure

Ask the manufacturer to confirm applicable warranty terms, transfer status, servicing compliance and exclusions in writing. Do not assume that the presence of a warranty covers a specific charging fault.

Price and next move

Target a price supported by dated matching listings and the vehicle's condition. **Walk away** if the full battery report cannot be supported, servicing compromises warranty cover, a charging fault is present, or confirmed immediate work breaks the buyer's budget.

04 / VEHICLE REVIEW

Tesla Model Y Long Range

£27,450 / 42,800 miles | Sample shortlist



FALLBACK CHOICE

Pursue this car only if the EV6 fails its checks. It is £800 cheaper and may suit the family's space and journey needs, but it currently carries more unresolved battery, tyre and warranty questions.

Evidence gap

The seller calls the battery healthy. No dated diagnostic, tyre measurements or vehicle-specific warranty evidence is available.

Ask before travelling

Ask for a VIN-linked battery report with date, mileage, method and limitations. Request tyre depths across all four tyres, service invoices and written confirmation of applicable campaign completion.

Warranty and repair exposure

Ask the manufacturer to identify remaining cover against the VIN and original delivery date. Record time and mileage limits separately; do not infer cover from the model year or today's generic policy.

Price and next move

Keep it as the fallback. Pursue it only if the missing evidence is supplied and satisfactory. **Walk away** if the seller cannot substantiate battery condition, warranty status or material work needed within the buyer's budget.

05 / VEHICLE REVIEW

BMW iX3

£29,995 / 44,200 miles | Sample shortlist



NOT RECOMMENDED FOR THIS BUYER

The buyer may prefer its seating, ride and controls after a test drive. At the asking price it leaves only £5 below the purchase ceiling, with no allowance for immediate work.

Evidence gap

The seller supplies a dashboard range photograph, not a diagnostic battery report. Tyre, service and vehicle-specific warranty evidence remains incomplete.

Ask before travelling

Request a dated VIN-linked battery report, itemised servicing and tyre measurements, including inner edges. Demonstrate heating, cooling and charging and investigate any warnings through a specialist.

Warranty and repair exposure

Confirm the relevant original battery and vehicle warranty terms, expiry dates and mileage caps. Obtain a quote for any identified work before treating the purchase as affordable.

Price and next move

Do not pursue it for this buyer. The price premium uses almost the entire budget without clear evidence that comfort outweighs the weaker value. Reconsider only if the buyer changes priorities and the price, condition and evidence improve materially.

06 / YOUR ACTION PLAN

What must happen before paying?

Use the evidence to decide whether to view, negotiate, pause or walk away.

WHEN	ACTION	DECISION GATE
Before travelling	Match seller, registration and VIN. Request service records, battery evidence, tyre measurements and campaign status.	Pause if identity or material history cannot be reconciled.
History review	Check MOT results, recorded mileage and advisories [1]. Obtain a separate provenance check for finance, theft and write-off history.	Investigate discrepancies. An MOT pass is not comprehensive purchase clearance.
At the viewing	Check condition, controls, charging, heating, seating and luggage fit. Compare the car and documents. Have specialist inspection where needed.	Do not rely on an attractive photograph or a healthy-looking range display.
Before an offer	Compare dated matching listings; adjust for mileage, trim, warranty and condition. Obtain quotes for documented work.	Asking prices are not achieved sale prices. No supported comparables means no firm valuation.
Before payment	Resolve title/finance concerns, read applicable warranty, document agreed work and confirm insurance and total affordability.	No unresolved material issue should be hidden by a discounted price.

A seller message you can use

"Before I arrange a viewing, please send the full service record, current tyre measurements and a recent battery report showing the VIN, date, mileage and test method. Please also confirm applicable recall/campaign completion, the exact warranty remaining and any known charging or warning-light issues."

WHEN THE ANSWER IS 'NONE OF THESE'

If evidence stays inadequate, the car fails an essential use requirement or confirmed costs break the budget, extend the shortlist. The report should help you avoid a purchase as well as choose one.

07 / EVIDENCE & METHOD

Clear about what is known.

A recommendation is only as useful as the evidence and assumptions behind it.

LABEL	WHAT IT MEANS
Confirmed	Supported by an identifiable record, with its source, date, vehicle match and scope clearly stated.
Seller claim	A statement or listing detail not independently substantiated.
Estimate / assumption	A calculation with visible inputs. Cost figures on page 3 are scenarios, not quotes.
Missing	Decision-relevant information was unavailable. Missing evidence is not evidence of a fault.

How the recommendation works

Every report names one car to pursue first, one fallback and any car we do not recommend for that buyer. Purchase conditions and walk-away triggers show exactly what new evidence would stop the recommended purchase. They protect the decision rather than replace it.

Sources and assumptions

The buyer brief is on page 1, journey assumptions on page 2, and cost calculations on page 3. In your report, material findings will link to the relevant listing, document or research source, with any gaps explained.

[1] GOV.UK - Check the MOT history of a vehicle. Supports the description of MOT results, mileages and advisories. gov.uk/check-mot-history

[2] Energy Saving Trust - Electric vehicles. General background on charging, running costs and range; not the source of this sample's numerical assumptions. energysavingtrust.org.uk/advice/electric-vehicles

[3] Tesla UK - Vehicle warranty. General reference only; the original applicable vehicle terms must be checked. tesla.com/en_gb/support/vehicle-warranty

References reviewed 20 September 2026. Model-specific defects, exact range and warranty eligibility are deliberately not asserted without vehicle-appropriate evidence.

THE SERVICE BOUNDARY

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