Electric And Hybrid Cars: A History

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Synopsis

Far from being a modern conception, electric cars were among the first vehicles on the road. In the formative days of the automobile, a third of cars were electric, and they challenged internal combustion engine-driven vehicles for primacy. Economic and environmental concerns have periodically revived widespread interest in electric cars and hybrid vehicles, and the quest for a non- or less-polluting vehicle that meets consumer’s performance demands continues today. The history of the electric car is a long one, and it is still being written. This illustrated history of electric and hybrid vehicles covers the companies that produced various models; the politics that have surrounded them; the environmental aspects of electric and hybrid vehicles versus internal combustion engines; the history of efforts to overcome technological challenges associated with electric vehicles; a history of marketing strategies; and a synopsis of attitudes towards these vehicles throughout their existence. An appendix lists important dates in the history of electric cars, and a glossary defines

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Electric cars are typically seen as a modern invention: in fact, they were among the first vehicles on the road: in the car’s early days a third were electric, and they competed strongly with gas cars. In Electric And Hybrid Cars: A History, Judy and Curtis Anderson collaborate to provide the reader an illustrated history of electric and hybrid cars, surveying not only the history of their construction and promotion, but the political and social controversies which have surrounding their development and
use.

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