

2000 Corbin Sparrow Electric Car!



As you can see, there isn't much luggage space. With the early models like mine (above), you can get about 2 (maybe 3) bags of groceries in the area behind the seat. The newer models (below) have a much larger cargo area, and 6 bags should fit nicely.



The car is built by **Corbin Motors** in California. They can be contacted at:

<http://www.CorbinMotors.Com>

Or: Corbin Motors
2350 Technology Pkwy
Hollister, CA 95023
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There is also a **Sparrow Owners Group** email list on the Yahoo Groups site:

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/sparrow_ev/

If you want more info, just contact me!

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- **All Electric!** No Gas needed.
- Top Speed: **70+ MPH**
- Range: A bit over **30 miles**
- It plugs into a normal 120v outlet to charge, and takes about 6 hours for a full charge. (4 hours gets you to the 80% mark.)
- New Price: **\$14,900**. They are available used in the \$8-12,000 range. (I got mine a bit cheaper off Ebay. Com)
- Powered by 13 Optima YellowTop 12v Deep Cycle batteries. (156V DC)

Maintenance – Very little is needed for these cars. No oil changes! You do need to replace the battery pack every 8,000 miles or so. That ends up costing about 15c/mile.

This is a great little commuter vehicle if your one-way commute is under 30 miles, and you can charge at work and home, or if your round trip is under 30 miles. I go 27 miles each way to work and charge at work. As far as I can tell, it costs about 60c (6KWH at 10c/KWH) to fully charge the car, so I'm paying about \$1.20/day for "fuel" (I.e. electricity) (Yes, I have made arrangements to pay for charging at work since I'm actually charging from the neighbors house.)

One of the greatest benefits is that it is legally a Motorcycle – so you don't have to wait in line at the ferry! And you pay as if you were a motorcycle. (though there is a "3 wheel surcharge" of \$1.40 (.70 in winter) each way.)

Electric Vehicles

If you are interested in Electric Vehicles in general (factory built or conversions) there are many sources of information available to you: There is the **Seattle Electric Vehicle Association** (SEVA) who may be contacted at:

<http://slough1.home.mindspring.com/seva.html>

Email: slough1@mindspring.com

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There is also the **Electric Vehicle Discussion List** at: <http://members.uia.net/cvisser/EV.HTM>

I also do computer programming (Java, C, C++, REXX, Asm) and work with Exotic Cats. (Come visit my 2 Bobcats!)

