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Verdek's September 2019 Newsletter

Our Picks from the Top EV News of the Last Month

National Drive Electric Week Coming Soon

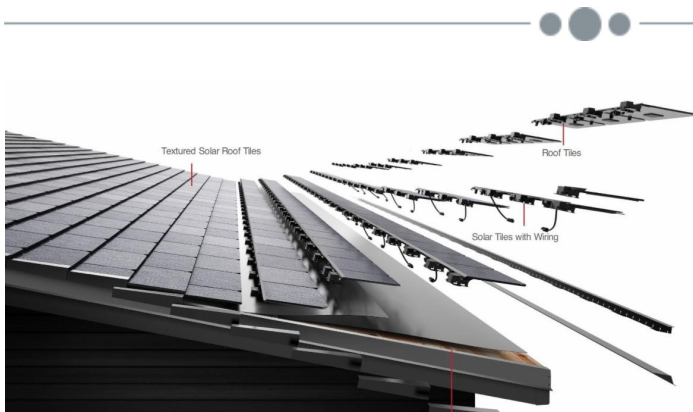
If you've ever thought of driving electric but haven't yet made the switch, National Drive Electric Week is coming in September, from the **14th-22nd**, hosted by venues nationwide.



Created to get more drivers comfortable with the idea of driving electric, at this event you can talk to owners, attend info sessions, hear from local vendors, and even get behind the wheel.

The event spans an impressive number of states, and there will be dates in Canada as well, so it's likely that there's an event happening near you in September.

Check out the **National Drive Week dates** [here](#).



New Efficiency for Tesla's Solar Tiles

Tesla has reported that the next iteration of its long-touted solar panel roofing can now be installed in a more reasonable timeframe of **5-7 days**, which is comparable to

that of a shingle roof.

Currently it takes multiple weeks to install the solar roof, which adds up to quite a hefty cost when compared to conventional solar panels.

The lengthy installation process of Tesla's solar roofs has long been the barrier

preventing the technology from really taking off. It remains to be seen if Tesla can actually produce and install these roofs at a reasonable rate and cost, but we are looking forward to Tesla's further innovations.

Read more from [Electrek](#).

Colorado the Latest State to Mandate "ZEV"

On August 16th, Colorado became the latest state to join the "ZEV" (zero emission vehicles mandate) trend pioneered by California, and currently also adopted by Oregon and nearly all of the New England states.



Under this mandate, Colorado will require that 5 percent of all sellable car inventory be zero-emission vehicles by 2023, and increasing to 6 percent in 2025. Denver hopes that the new mandate will help reduce its air pollution, which the American Lung Association says ranks 12th among the most polluted in the US.

With the new legislation also comes the reminder that Colorado currently offers a \$5,000 incentive for consumers to purchase or lease a new electric car.

Read more from [GreenCarReports](#).



New Charging Technology "Pops Up" in the UK

UK-based Urban Electric has received significant crowdfunding support for its prototype "pop up" EV charging stations, which can turn ordinary street parking spaces into charging stations by summoning a

charger housed underground. They've received £452,000 as part of the **Innovate UK** project, in addition to the [£340,000 raised on CrowdCube](#).

A video of the prototype pop-up charger [can be viewed here](#). Urban Electric's founder **Oli Freeling-Wilkinson** explains his company's new innovation:

"Pop-up charging hubs offer a scalable solution for more than 190 million on-street parking spaces in European cities alone, enabling those without off-street residential parking to switch to an EV. If you are one of the 8 million UK drivers that park your vehicle on your street at night, the convenience of charging there as well while you sleep is unbeatable – simply plug-in when you get home in the evening for a full charge in the morning."

While this technology is still in early stages, it is being tested throughout the UK and interest is being gauged by both investors and consumers. It's certainly something

we're keeping our eyes on, not to mention just how cool these little chargers are!

Read more from [CleanTechnica](#).



Until Next Month

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