

Automotive Answers

Hybrid SUV Sets City Fuel Economy Record 2005 Ford Escape Hybrid Takes On Manhattan Traffic Jams On A Single Tank Of Gas

(NAPSA)—The world's cleanest, most fuel-efficient sport utility vehicle recently passed a difficult test with flying colors.

Ford Motor Company brought its new 2005 Escape Hybrid to New York City for the ultimate fuel economy test—to see how far it could be driven on a single tank of gas. The objective: 500 miles, equal to the total of every street and avenue in Manhattan.

The Escape Hybrid combines near-zero emissions and the fuel economy of the full hybrid electric system with the go-anywhere capability, toughness and cargo capacity of the Ford Escape, America's best-selling compact SUV.

That's good news for drivers concerned about environmental responsibility and also serves as a good business model on ways to deliver good products and a better world.

"The 2005 Escape Hybrid is the embodiment of Ford's philosophy—a fuel-efficient, cleaner-emissions version of the capable Escape SUV—and a crucial foray into the rapidly growing hybrid vehicles market," said Bill Ford, Ford chairman and CEO. "This vehicle represents an important, viable part of our strategy for sustainability in vehicles and manufacturing."



The Ford Escape Hybrid is the first go-anywhere hybrid electric vehicle.

So just how far did the Escape Hybrid go in Manhattan traffic? After 37 straight hours, the Escape Hybrid totaled 576 miles using 15 gallons of gas. That's better than 38 mpg.

With this exceptional fuel economy comes no compromise in performance feel. The car's 2.3 liter, four-cylinder engine and electric traction motor can team up to produce acceleration performance similar to that of the V-6 Escape model.

Hand-in-hand with improved fuel economy comes dramatically reduced emissions. For more information, visit www.fordvehicles.com/hybrid.