

# **EV FACT SHEET**

# Polestar 4

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Polestar 4. Image: Polestar media

# INTRODUCTION

For those who haven't heard of Polestar before – Polestar used to be a performance modifier of Volvo cars, subsequently bought out by Volvo in 2015. Relaunched as an all-electric vehicle manufacturer, Polestar's headquarters are in Sweden and vehicle production occurs in parent company Geely's factories in China.

The Polestar 4 is classified by VFACTS as an 'Upper Large passenger vehicle' and provides a more car like driving position than the now almost ubiquitous SUV. Whilst Polestar do not sell through a traditional dealer network (instead, selling at a fixed price through the Polestar website), potential buyers can go to a Polestar 'experience centre' to view vehicles and take test drives.

As a sedan, its most direct competitor would likely be the Tesla Model 3. However, given it shares the same platform and drive system as the Volvo C40 and XC40, buyers liking the Polestar 2 driving experience but wanting a more SUV body style and ride might be interested in taking a look at these.

# **DRIVING RANGE**

Currently, the official Australian ADR 81/02 test cycle is based on the outdated (and highly over-optimistic) European NEDC test cycle. However few manufacturers now give this figure for their new releases. Instead they generally quote the more achievable ranges found using the newer European WLTP test cycle.

Therefore, to avoid disappointment always check which test cycle has been used when assessing an EV for your needs. As a rough guide, NEDC is generally 30% too high, WLTP a good estimate if doing mostly urban and outer suburban driving and US EPA the better guide if doing mostly outer suburban to regional driving.

# **DRIVING RANGE (continued)**

	Testing system range estimates				
Variant	NEDC (Aust)	WLTP (Euro)	EPA (USA)		
Long-range 2WD	Not rated	620 km	483 km		
Long-range AWD	Not rated	590 km	435 km		

Table 1: Driving range estimates for the 2025 Polestar 4

Using the US EPA range, a Polestar 4, (2WD long-range) should be capable of a return trip from the Melbourne GPO to Horsham in western Victoria, provided neither the heating nor air conditioning were heavily used. For this sort of trip, it could be useful to do either a  $\frac{1}{2}$  - 1 hour top-up charge at an AC charger or a 10 to 15 min DC fast-charge at one of the DC fast-charge sites along this route.

For further charging options and availability, see: <a href="https://www.plugshare.com/">https://www.plugshare.com/</a>





# **CHARGING SPEEDS/REQUIREMENTS**

# Charging port:

The Polestar 4 is fitted with a CCS2 socket allowing it to charge via Type 2 AC chargers<sup>1</sup> as well as CCS2 DC fast-chargers.



CCS2 charging plug and socket

#### Notes:

 The Polestar 4 can be charged at any AC EVSE, however an adaptor will be needed to use the (very few) remaining older EVSEs fitted with Type 1 (J1772) plugs.

# CHARGING SPEEDS/REQUIREMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### AC charging:

Like all new EVs sold in Australia, the Polestar 4 is fitted with a type 2 AC socket.

# Charging rates:

Single phase: maximum of 7.4 kW (32A) Three phase: 11 kW (16A per phase) Optional: 22kW three phase with Plus pack.

Charging speeds vary on the capacity of the EVSE (Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment) the car is connected to. Approximate AC charging times for the Polestar 4 are shown in table 2.

AC: 0 – 100% time					DC: 0 – 80% time	
	10 A (power point)	15 A 1 phase (Caravan outlet)	32 A (1 ph. Home EVSE)	16 or 32 A (3 phase public AC EVSE)	DC Fast charge (50kW)	DC Fast charge (200+kW)
	50h	33h	16.5h	11kW: 11h 22kW: 5 5h	1h 36m	40m

Table 2: Approx. charging times for the 2024 Polestar 4

# **DC fast charging**

Like all new BEVs on the Australian market (except the ageing Nissan Leaf), the Polestar 4 uses the CCS2 DC fast-charge connector and can charge at up to 200 kW DC.

# V2X capability:

The Polestar 4 does not (yet) include V2X functionality. Notes:

V2X is the generic term covering the options of getting 230V AC power from the battery and supplying it as:

- V2L: vehicle to load (230V power available from outlet in car)
- V2H: vehicle to home (supply home via special connection)
- V2G: vehicle to grid (supply home or grid via spec. connection)

#### HOME CHARGING CONSIDERATIONS

#### General

To get the shortest home charging time for the Polestar 4, an 11kW AC charger would be needed.

However, depending on your existing power supply and/or charging needs, it may only be practicable to fit a lower rated EVSE. (See notes below). Lower capacity EVSEs will increase charging times, as shown in table 2.

#### Important notes for any home EVSE installation:

- 1. High charging rates are generally not needed for overnight charging.
- 2. Homes do not normally have three phase AC connected.
- Switchboard and/or electrical supply upgrades may be needed if your home is more than 20 years old. For more information on this item – see Fact Sheets at EVchoice.com.au or read articles in:
  - (a) Renew magazine edition 143. (EVSE wiring)
  - (b) Renew magazine edition 156. (EVSE buyer's guide)

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

#### Seating: 5

#### Boot volumes in litres: (1 litre = 10 x 10 x 10 cm)

- Boot seats up: 526 L\*
- Boot seat folded/to roof: 1,536 L\*
  \* including under rear floor space
- Froot: 15L (front boot: under-bonnet storage)

#### **Dimensions:**

- Overall length: 4,840 mm
- Overall height: 1,534 mm
- Ground clearance: 166 mm
- Overall width (edge of doors): 2,008 mm
- Overall width (edge of mirrors): 2,139 mm

#### **Battery:**

• 100 kWh

#### Energy consumption: (WLTP test cycle)

- 17.8-18.1 kWh/100km (LR, single motor)
- 18.7-21.7 kWh/100km (LR, dual motor)

#### Kerb weight:

- 2230 kg (LR, 2WD)
- 2355 kg (LR, AWD)

#### **Charging:**

- 1 phase AC: 7.4 kW max.
- 3 phase AC: 11 kW max. (22 kW option).
- DC: 200 kW.

#### Charge port location:

• Rear left side (above rear wheel).

# Drive configuration:

- Rear wheel drive (2WD)
- All-wheel drive (AWD)

#### Towing:

- single motor: 1500 kg braked/750 kg unbraked.
- dual motor: 2200 kg braked/750 kg unbraked.

#### **Performance:**

	Max. Power	0 to 100km/h
Variant	(kW)	(Sec)
Long range 2WD	272	7.1
Long-range AWD	544	3.8

#### **IMPORTANT NOTE**

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