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e.Go Life 40 (2020-2022) (USA)

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Years of Production 2020 - 2022

Market Availability EU

Country of Manufacture Germany

Current Status Discontinued

Body Style Hatchback

Price USA (New/Used) \$No data/No data

Range and Efficiency

Range EPA No data
Range WLTP 70 mi
Range GCC 60 mi
Battery (Usable/Nominal) 16.6/17.5 kWh
Efficiency (Energy/Range) 27.7 kWh/100 mi
Efficiency (Range/Energy) 3.61 mi/kWh

Charging

Architecture 400 V
Max AC Charging 3.7 kW
Max DC Charging No data
Charge Port Type 2 (Mennekes)

Performance

Drive Type RWD PMSM

Motor (Power/Torque) 40 kW (54 hp)No data

Acceleration 0-60 mph 11.5 s

Top Speed 76 mph

Dimensions

Length131.7 inWidth (with Mirrors/no Mirrors)No dataHeight62.5 inWheelbase86.6 in

Cargo and Towing

Number of Seats 4
Curb Weight 2579 lb
Cargo Volume (Trunk/Max/Frunk) 4.9/22.6/No data ft3
Towing Capacity No data

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About e.Go Life 40 (2020-2022)

Overview

The e.Go Life 40 was a plucky German-engineered micro EV designed as an affordable urban companion. Produced from 2020 until 2022, this compact four-seater aimed to make electric mobility accessible, though it never officially graced US showrooms, so direct USD pricing isn't available. Its tiny footprint and electric powertrain made it a niche proposition for city dwellers prioritizing maneuverability and zero tailpipe emissions. The '40' trim signifies its 40 kW motor output, offering a basic yet functional entry into electric driving, perfect for zipping through congested city streets.

What's New for 2022?

For 2022, the e.Go Life 40 represented one of the final iterations of this model before its discontinuation later that year. As such, major updates or new features specifically for the 2022 model year were minimal; its availability was more a continuation of its existing specification rather than an evolution. The focus remained on its core offering: a super-compact, electric city car primarily for the European market. Any examples in the US would be via private import, reflecting its original market focus and production end.

Design & Exterior

The e.Go Life 40 sports a distinctive, almost toy-like design that's all about maximizing interior space within a minimal exterior. It's unapologetically boxy, emphasizing practicality for city parking and maneuverability. Its dimensions are truly tiny: 131.7 inches long, 68.8 inches wide (excluding mirrors), and 62.5 inches tall, making it a master of tight urban environments. The '40' trim doesn't drastically alter the core look, featuring simple lighting and small wheels designed for efficiency. It's a car that definitely stands out from the crowd with its unique charm!

Interior, Tech & Cargo

Inside, the e.Go Life 40 is a lesson in functional simplicity, with a straightforward cabin built for purpose. While materials are budget-focused, the layout is honest and user-friendly for its four occupants, though rear space is naturally cozy. For a car its size, cargo is surprisingly usable, offering 4.9 cubic feet in the trunk, expanding to a handy 22.6 cubic feet with the rear seats folded down. There's no frunk, however. Tech is basic, likely featuring a simple digital display for essential driving information; expansive touchscreens or standard Apple CarPlay/Android Auto aren't expected.

Performance & Driving Experience

Don't expect to win drag races in the e.Go Life 40; it's all about city usability. Acceleration from 0-60 mph takes a leisurely 11.5 seconds. Its single Permanent Magnet Synchronous Motor (PMSM) sends 40 kW of power to the rear wheels (RWD), making it feel surprisingly nippy off the line for urban sprints. Official torque figures for this specific trim are not readily published. Top speed is capped at 76 mph, plenty for city and some suburban use. The driving experience is characterized by its go-kart-like agility and easy maneuverability in tight spots.

Range, Battery & Charging

The e.Go Life 40 packs a modest 16.6 kWh usable battery, delivering a Green Cars Compare estimated

real-world range of around 60 miles – strictly for city hops. Its efficiency is rated at a decent 3.61 mi/kWh. Charging is an AC-only affair for this trim, with the vehicle equipped with a European Type 2 port and a 3.7 kW on-board charger; for US use, this would necessitate an adapter or conversion to a J1772 connector. A full charge takes about 4.5 to 5 hours. DC fast charging capability isn't specified.

Safety & Driver-Assistance Features

As a niche, European-market city car, the e.Go Life 40 wasn't officially rated by the US NHTSA, and its Euro NCAP rating is not specified in the provided data. Safety features are expected to be fundamental, likely including legally mandated items like airbags, ABS, and stability control. Don't expect a suite of advanced driver-assistance systems (ADAS) such as adaptive cruise control or lane-keeping assist. Its safety proposition relies more on its low speeds and nimble handling in urban environments rather than high-tech aids.

Warranty & Maintenance Coverage

Given the e.Go Life 40 was primarily sold in Europe and is now discontinued, specific US warranty information isn't applicable. In Europe, e.Go likely offered a typical new vehicle warranty, perhaps 2 years for the car and a separate, longer warranty for the battery pack, possibly around 8 years/62,000 miles against significant degradation. Maintenance for such a simple EV would be minimal, focusing on tires, brakes, and coolant, but finding specialized service in the US could be a challenge for an imported model of this discontinued German city car.

How powerful is it? How fast does it accelerate?

The e.Go Life 40 (2020-2022) is equipped with a powertrain that delivers up to 40 kW (54 hp) of power and lb-ft of torque.

This enables a 0 to 60 mph acceleration in 11.5 seconds (Nº96 out of 119 ranked positions, among 983 electric vehicles, with some cars sharing positions) and a top speed of 76 mph.

How far can it go on single charge? What is the real-world range?

The estimated real-world range for e.Go Life 40 (2020-2022) is 60 miles, ranking it №265 out of 266 ranked positions. Several conditions can influence this range:

- Speed: The battery drains faster at higher speeds.
- Temperature: Extreme temperatures can impact range.
- Terrain: Range is reduced on hilly or mountainous terrain.
- Driving style: Aggressive driving behaviors, such as frequent acceleration and braking, decrease efficiency.
- Feature utilization: Climate control and media system usage also affect range.

These figures are approximations, and your actual driving range may vary. When planning trips, consider these factors and be prepared for potential charging stops.

For trip planning assistance, utilize the EV Navigation interactive map.

What charging options are available? How long does it take to charge it?

The e.Go Life 40 (2020-2022) in the USA is equipped with a Type 2 (Mennekes) charging port. You can charge it conveniently at home using a standard outlet, or utilize any public AC charging station with the appropriate cable. However, the car's built-in charger (inverter) limits the maximum AC charging speed to 3.7 kW, which translates to roughly 12 miles of range added per hour.

The car doesn't support DC charging

To estimate charging time, rate, and cost, you can use EV Charging Calculator.

How big is it? What are the dimensions (length, width, height)?

e.Go Life 40 (2020-2022) comes in the following dimensions:

• Length: 131.7 in

• Width: in (including side mirrors) or 68.8 in (excluding side mirrors)

Height: 62.5 in

• Wheelbase: 86.6 in (distance between the center of the front and rear wheels)

• Curb weight: 2579 lbs (weight of the empty car, no people or cargo)

How much cargo space does it offer? Does it have a front trunk?

Behind the rear seats of the e.Go Life 40 (2020-2022), you'll find 4.9 cubic feet of storage space (Nº166 out of 167 ranked positions, among 983 electric vehicles, with some cars sharing positions).

Folding down the rear seats expands the total cargo capacity to 22.6 cubic feet (Nº194 out of 202 ranked positions, among 983 electric vehicles, with some cars sharing positions).

The car doesn't have a "frunk" (front trunk).

Is it suitable for towing? What is the maximum towing capacity?

The car isn't officially rated for towing.

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