

Porsche Taycan breaks the Guinness World Records™ title for coast-to-coast charging

28/01/2022 Achievement officially recognized by Guinness World Records™ –Taycan spends a total of less than 2.5 hours charging on a cross-country drive

Driving across the United States is a bucket list item for most Americans and many have made fond memories of doing just that in a Porsche. Today the nationwide Electrify America CCS DC fast charging network is ready to handle the charging needs for Taycan drivers to make new road trip memories of their own.

To that end, Wayne Gerdes, already a multi-Guinness World Records™ title holder for efficiency and range in other vehicles, set out to make a unique memory for himself: break the Guinness World Records™ title for the shortest charging time to cross the United States in an electric vehicle – the benchmark being 7 hours, 10 minutes, and 1 second.

Gerdes completed the crossing from Los Angeles, California to New York City covering 2,834.5 miles in a 2021 Porsche Taycan with a cumulative charge time of just 2 hours, 26 minutes, and 48 seconds.

“Comparing charging performance from of variety of EVs I have driven to date, the Taycan sets the bar,” said Gerdes. “The first time I charged on a 350KW charger, 6 to 82 percent occurred in just 22 minutes.”

Cross-country charging in a Taycan

To complete the Guinness World Records™ title attempt, Gerdes was required to meet a daunting set of requirements, including meticulously noting every stop – with independent witnesses for each charge. Every mile covered was filmed, GPS tracked and accounted for before being certified by a panel of adjudicators ahead of the record being accepted. The car selected was a standard 2021 Taycan equipped with the Performance Battery Plus as well as nice to have luxury items for Gerdes' coast-to-coast adventure, such as the Premium Package, Adaptive Cruise Control and Porsche Electric Sport Sound.

To prepare for the drive, Gerdes plotted the route across America using Plug Share and the Electrify America app. He benefitted from the ease of use of Plug-and-Charge for the majority of the trip.

On completing the record-breaking journey, an understandably tired but elated Gerdes commented: “I'm proud and honestly a little surprised to have set the new benchmark by such a margin. The Taycan performed even better than expected. Its performance, comfort and road holding were excellent, but the standout metric alongside the charging capacity was its efficiency. I'm grateful to both Porsche for supporting me and to Electrify America's network, which made it possible.”

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Consumption data

Taycan with Performance Battery Plus (Predecessor model)

*Further information on the official fuel consumption and the official specific CO_2 emissions of new passenger cars can be found in the "Leitfaden über den Kraftstoffverbrauch, die CO_2-Emissionen und den Stromverbrauch neuer Personenkraftwagen" (Fuel Consumption, CO_2Emissions and Electricity Consumption Guide for New Passenger Cars), which is available free of charge at all sales outlets and from DAT (Deutsche Automobil Treuhand GmbH, Helmuth-Hirth-Str. 1, 73760 Ostfildern-Scharnhausen, www.dat.de).

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