

Challenges in achieving zeroemission road transport – why fuel cells make sense **Greg Harris** Chief Commercial Officer, Intelligent Energy

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The challenges of achieving zero-emission roads

Main focus globally is on BEVs as the zero-emission solution, however there are several challenges:

- **Supply chain** material supply for batteries is a concern, limited sources for lithium, cobalt etc
- **Sustainability** no economic solutions for recycling batteries
- **Power** massive increase in the amount of electricity required, and high peak demand to manage
- **Infrastructure** huge upgrade in electrical infrastructure and high number of charge points needed
- Range high cost/weight of batteries makes longer distance and heavy-duty vehicles impractical
- **Cost** batteries are an expensive solution, with limited cost reduction potential
- Peak vs demand
 - impractical to store electricity in large volumes
 - issues with managing peak vs demand with increasing non-carbon energy sources



The challenges of achieving zero-emission roads

Fuel cells have the ability to overcome many of the BEV issues:

- Supply chain material supply for fuel cells is not a significant issue
- Sustainability fuel cells are 95% recyclable, and have a positive economic value at end of life
- Power green hydrogen can be generated with off-peak electricity and transported to where its needed
- **Infrastructure** hydrogen refuelling stations are expensive but serve more vehicles than high-power charger
- Peak vs demand hydrogen can be generated using off-peak electricity that may not otherwise be used
- **Range** hydrogen fuel cells provide 3x the range of equivalent battery packs
- Cost
 - fuel cells are expensive today but huge cost reduction potential with volume
 - expected to be cost comparable with batteries / IC engines by 2030





Hydrogen vs BEV – key benefits

Passenger vehicle



- ➤ Hydrogen will outcompete BEVs by circa 2025 for vehicles with very high range (650 km)
- ➤ Next will come sub-segments such as SUVs and large passenger cars with range requirements of + 500km
- ➢ For the mid-size car with a 400 km range, FCEVs will reach cost competitiveness around 2030

Truck



- ➤ Fuel costs are a significant component of the cost for trucks, up to 60 per cent of TCO, so low hydrogen cost is key to uptake
- ➤ Fuel cell trucks could have a comparable TCVO to BEV by 2025
- ➤ Fuel cell trucks may break even with ICE before 2030 depending on the relative cost of hydrogen vs diesel

Oriving the future : HRS Hydrogen Dispenser vs Electric Recharging Unit



Speed of refuelling

Total cost of ownership

Powering the hydrogen future®

Hydrogen fuel cell manufacturer

800W to over 300kW

Automotive, aerospace, telecoms, marine, rail, materials handling, stationary and portable power



23 years' experience 250 employees 1000 patents 10 modular products

Based in the UK US, Japan, South Korea and China.

Credited with ISO 9001:2015, ISO 14001:2015, ISO 45001:2018 and IATF16949



Zero-emission power from 800W to 1MW

IE-SOAR 800W – 24kW Lightweight fuel cell modules for drones and VTOL applications	IE-POWER 1kW – 32kW Zero-emission power for construction, standby power and telecoms	IE-LIFT 1kW – 60kW Battery box replacement for material handling equipment	IE-DRIVE 100kW – 300kW Fuel cells for buses, trucks, cars, rail, marine and stationary power	IE-FLIGHT 100kW – 1MW Zero-emission flight for eVTOL, small aircraft and large aircraft
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Project ICEBreaker

40-tonne H₂ fuel cell truck targeting weight-parity with a diesel equivalent

- Intelligent Energy providing 2x IE-DRIVE HD to power a 40t truck
 - Health monitoring, data analysis and predictive service to be optimized through the project
- Viritech and Horiba-Mira to develop total energy management hardware and software and system digital twin
- 12 months APC UK funded project, £3m total budget
- Running demo in September '24 (Cenex Expo)









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Project ESTHER







- Develop fuel cell based on IE FC technology
- Fuel cell >100kW suitable for prime mover application
- Install into Changan SUV for testing









IE-DRIVE 100

Direct Water Injection Technology: basic principles and benefits



Features	LC	DI
Stack cooling plate	\checkmark	-
Humidifier	\checkmark	-
Heat exchanger	\checkmark	Smaller*
Coolant pump	\checkmark	\checkmark
Air compressor	\checkmark	\checkmark
Coolant storage	\checkmark	\checkmark

(*) Verified on heavy duty application at 40degC

Benefits	DI
High power density	\checkmark
Lower component count	\checkmark
Lower cost at volume	\checkmark
High reliability	\checkmark
Stable efficiency and performance	\checkmark

IE-DRIVE 100 Development and achievement

- IE-DRIVE 100 samples built; trial vehicle fit completed successfully
- IE-DRIVE 100 commissioning underway on IE test stand
- Integrated into Changan SUV for road trials





IE-DRIVE 100 Development and achievement





IE-DRIVE 100 Manufacturing and operations

- Fuel cell low-volume assembly line designed and installed
- Line supports DRIVE 100 and HD100 assembly, also compatible with IE next generation stack
- Quality systems achieved ccompliance with **IATF 16949**









IE-DRIVE 100



Engine block' format means the system is ideal to fit into existing vehicle designs

>110kW peak power matched to passenger and light commercial vehicle applications

Up to **70kW continuous power** output depending upon chosen vehicle cooling system design



Passenger car



SUV



Light Commercial Vehicles



IE-DRIVE HD100



Compact self-contained unit to allow **easy integration for heavy duty** vehicle applications

100kW net power output through life, ideal for bus and truck applications

Modular, multiple systems can be operated in parallel to achieve 500kW+





Bus & Coach Truck & Van



Off-highway

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Stationary



Marine



Rail

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Next steps...

Intelligent Energy is already developing the next generation of fuel cell stack technology, our Gen 3 product:



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Any questions?

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