



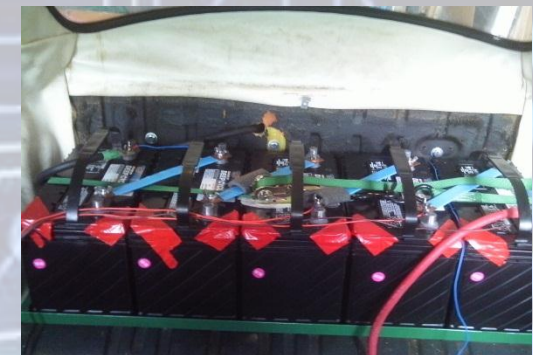
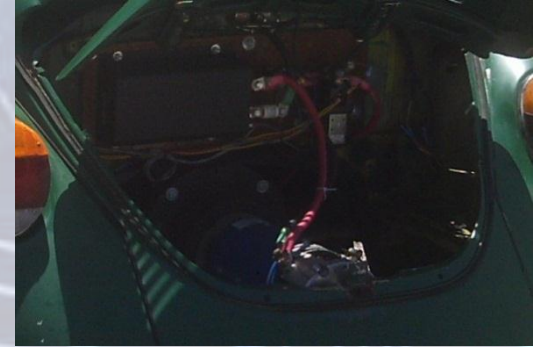
DIY Electric Car

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Resume

- FIRST Robotics
- Solar Power Station
- Solar Water Heater
- Bike Plow
- E-Bike
- Workbench 1.0
- Rain Barrels
- Bike Generator
- Voltswagon
- TV Stand
- Murphy Bed
- Workbench 2.0
- Solar Death Ray

Voltswagon



Vehicle: 1974 Volkswagen Beetle
Voltage: 120 Volts DC
Range: 16-26 Miles (25-42 KM)
Speed: 70 MPH (112 KPH)
Motor: 6.7" D&D ES-31B Series DC
Controller: Curtis 1221C
Batteries: 10 DC-29, 12V Lead-Acid
Cost: \$6000

Road Map

- History
- Acronym Hell
- Pros & Cons
- Use Cases
- EV Diagram
- Conversion Kits
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- Tools
- Conversion

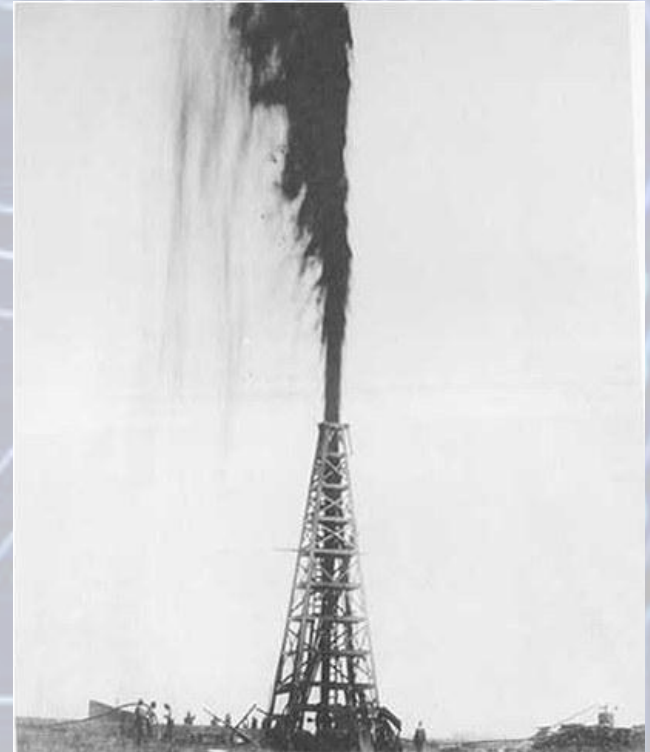
Car Wars (1835 - 1920)

- EVs predate ICE autos by 50 years
- First to break 100 km/h (60 mph) barrier in 1889
- EVs outsold ICE autos 10 to 1



The ICE Strikes Back (1910 - 2012)

- Cheap oil
- Electricity still limited and expensive
- Growing rural population
- 1914 Ford chooses gas-powered autos for motorized assembly line
- 1930 Electric tram networks bought out and dismantled by GM and Big Oil



The Insurgence (1970 - 2003)

- 1970's Air pollution concerns and OPEC embargo prompt manufacture of thousands of EVs
- 1990s EVs produced in response to California Air Resources Board (CARB) mandates
- 2003 CARB mandate repealed; EVs repossessed and crushed

Return of the EV (1970 - 2012)

- Tesla Roadster
- Nissan Leaf

Acronym Hell

- A – Amps
- AH – Amp Hours
- V – Volts
- w – Watts
- wH – Watt Hours
- wH/M – wH per Mile
- BEV – Battery Electric Vehicle
- NEV – Neighborhood EV
- PHEV - Plug-in Hybrid EV
- E-REV – Extended Range EV
- R-EEV – Range Extended EV

Pros

- More efficient (70-90% vs 15-30%)
- Less Complex
- Less Maintenance
- Energy Independence
- Sustainability
- National Security
- Environmental

Cons

- Batteries
 - Upfront costs (\$35-200/mile of range)
 - Lower energy density
 - Weight
 - Range
 - Charge time

Misconceptions

- EVs are slow
- The grid can't take it
- Same pollution, moved to the plant
- More resources/pollution
- Lithium is too scarce

Use Cases

- **NEV**
- **Commuter**
- **Business**
- **Racer**

NEV

- Golf Carts
- Security/Maintenance
- Grocery Getter
- Inexpensive
- Reduced regulations

Commuter

- ~80% of US commutes are under 40 miles
- Typical cost \leq \$0.02 / mile
- No power used sitting in traffic

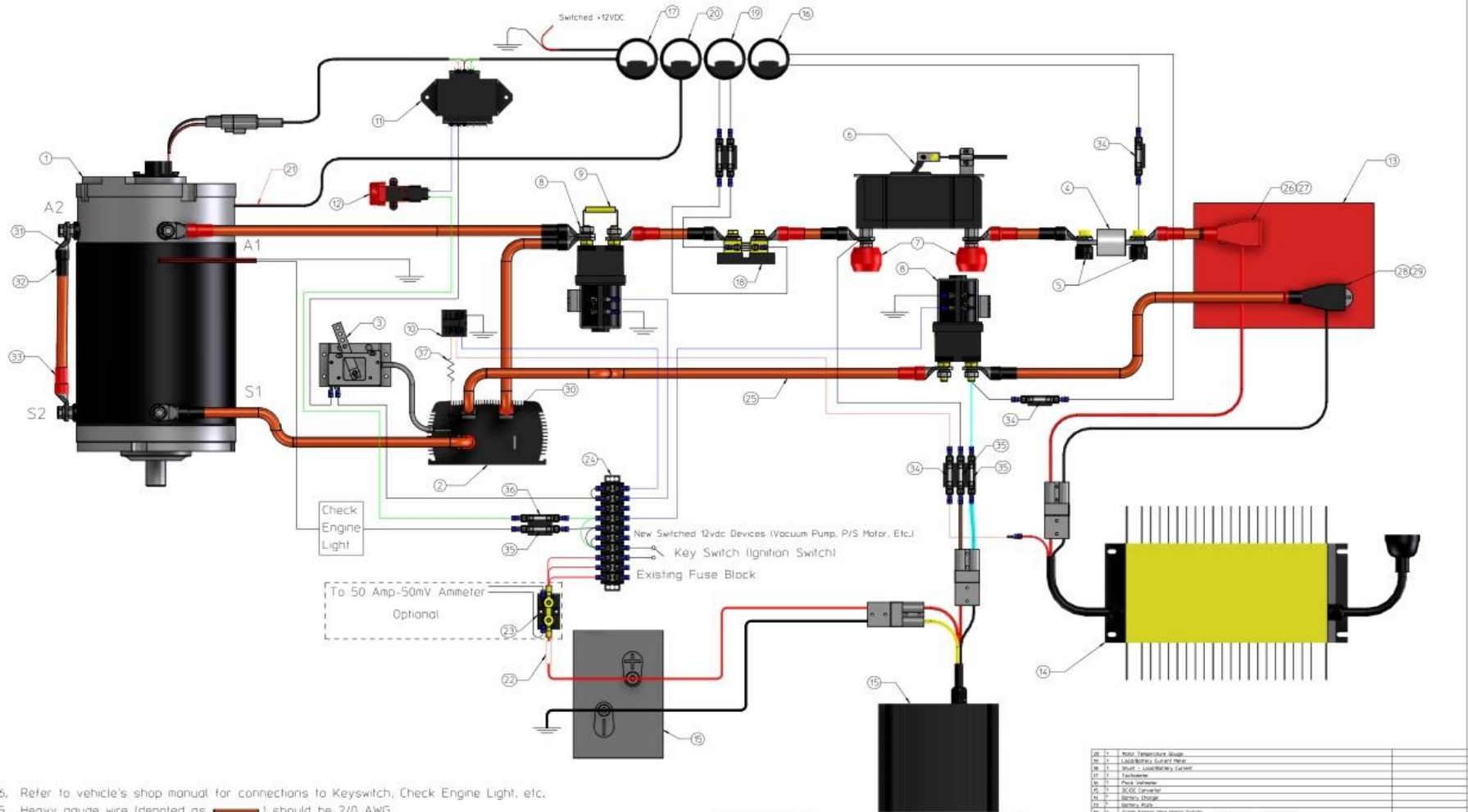
Business

- Predictable routes
- High mileage yields quick ROI
- Low maintenance

Race Car

- Peak torque from 0 RPM
- Wider power band requires less shifting

EV Diagram



- Refer to vehicle's shop manual for connections to Keyswitch, Check Engine Light, etc.
 - Heavy gauge wire (denoted as) should be 2/0 AWG.
 - Medium gauge wire (denoted as) should be 10 AWG minimum with 8 AWG preferred.
 - Light gauge wire (denoted as) should be 16 AWG.
2. Refer to documentation for installation and use details about each component (e.g. PakTrakr)
1. High voltage cable and wire should have orange insulation, wrapped with orange electrical tape or enclosed in orange conduit.

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18	1	Power, 50 AMP, Automotive	18	1	Lock/Release Solenoid Motor				
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Parts List

Essentials

- Donor
- Batteries & Charger
- Motor & Controller
- Shaft Coupler, Adapter Plate
- 12V Charger/DC-DC converter
- Battery/Motor cables & connectors
- Contactor(s) , Fuse(s)
- Voltmeter, Ammeter, Shunt
- Throttle signal

Conditionals

- Battery Management /Monitoring System (BMS)
- Brake/Suspension Upgrades
- SOC Gauge/monitor
- Precharge circuits

Recommended

- Circuit Breaker/Emergency disconnect
- Temperature sensor(s)
- Tachometer
- Inertia switch
- 12V AUX Battery
- Motor/controller cooling
- Battery Box(es) / Insulation
- AH Counter

Optionals

- AC
- Clutch
- Heater
- Low Rolling Resistance Tires
- Power Steering
- Solar Panel(s)

Tools List

Essentials

- Shop manual for donor vehicle
- 2+ ton trolley jack (high clearance preferred)
- 2+ ton adjustable jack stands
- Creeper
- Sockets, Wrenches, Screwdrivers, Pliers
- Angle Grinder
- Handheld drill
- Digital Volt Meter (DVM)
- Wire strippers and crimpers
- Cable cutters and crimper
- Shop light
- Rotary tool
- Measuring Tapes

Carry-On

- Digital Volt Meter (DVM)
- Jumper cable
- Commonly used Sockets, Screwdrivers

Recommended

- Electrical Tape
- Engine hoist or transmission jack
- Clamp On Ammeter
- Drill press
- Air compressor
- Rhino Ramps
- Welding Equipment
- Safety goggles or glasses
- Latex (or similar) gloves
- Soldering Iron
- Zip Ties
- Vise

Optional

- Workbench
- Box cutter, Jigsaw, Cut-off saw, Hacksaw
- Hammer, Pry Bar
- Heat gun or torch

Open Source

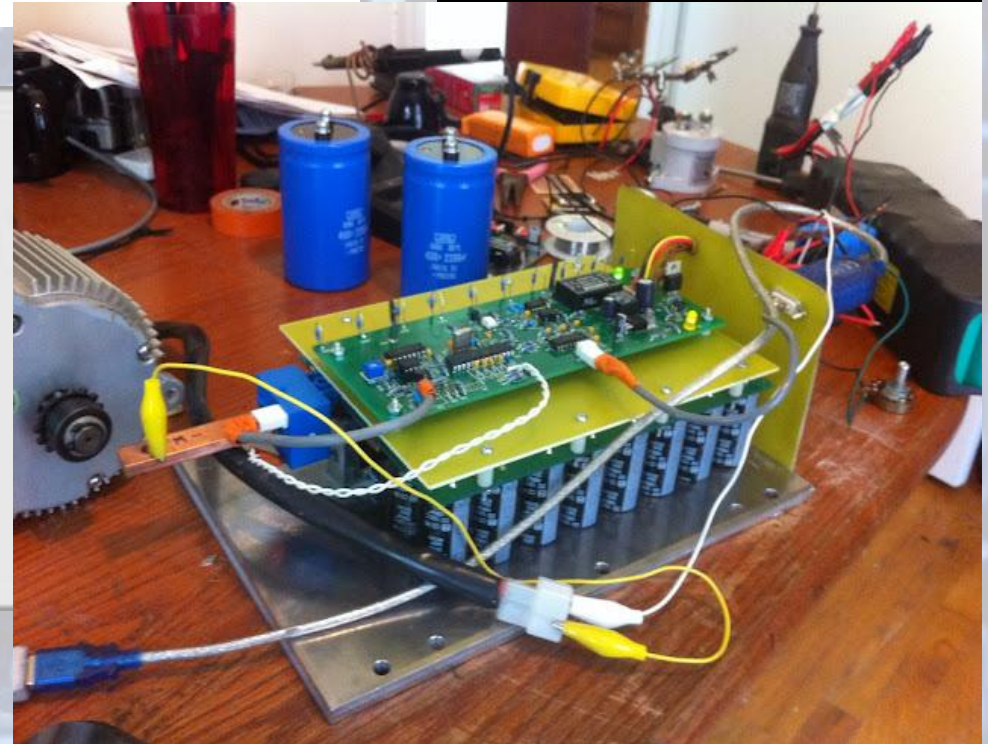
- Controller
- Charger
- Instrumentation
- Misc

Open ReVolt projects

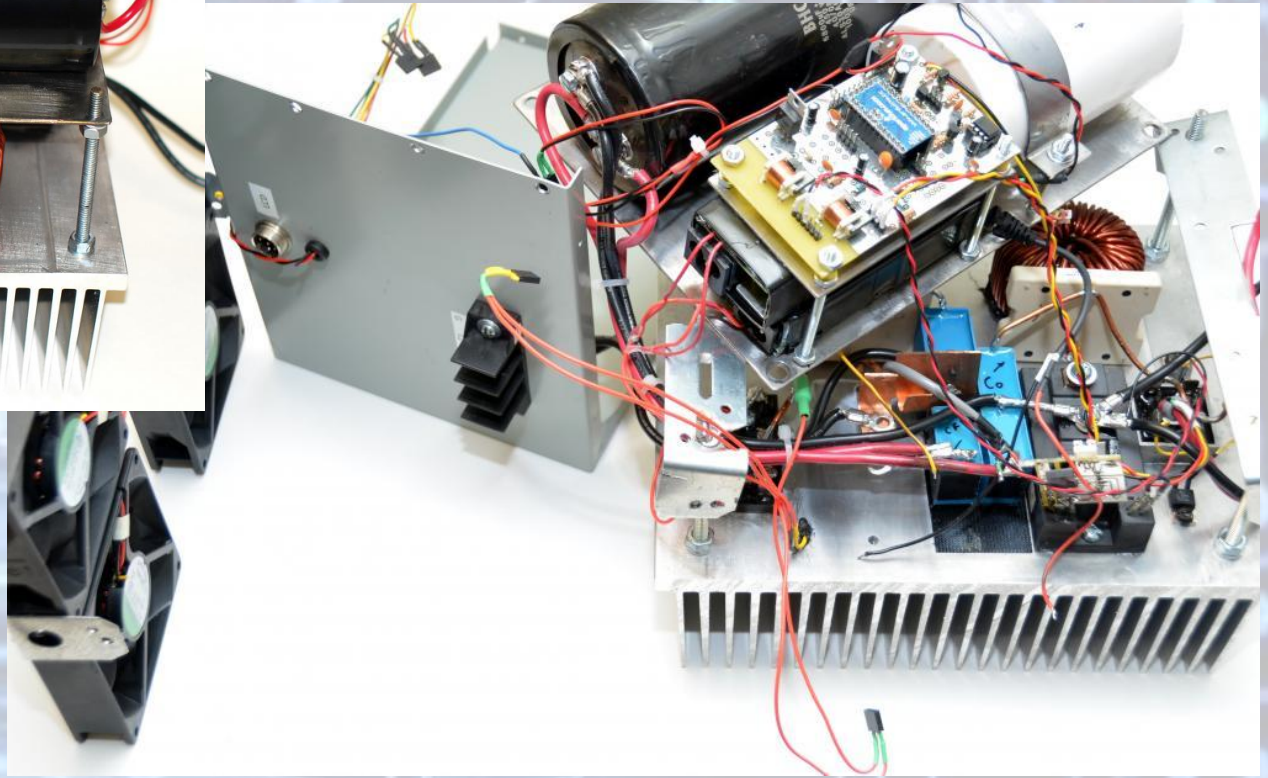
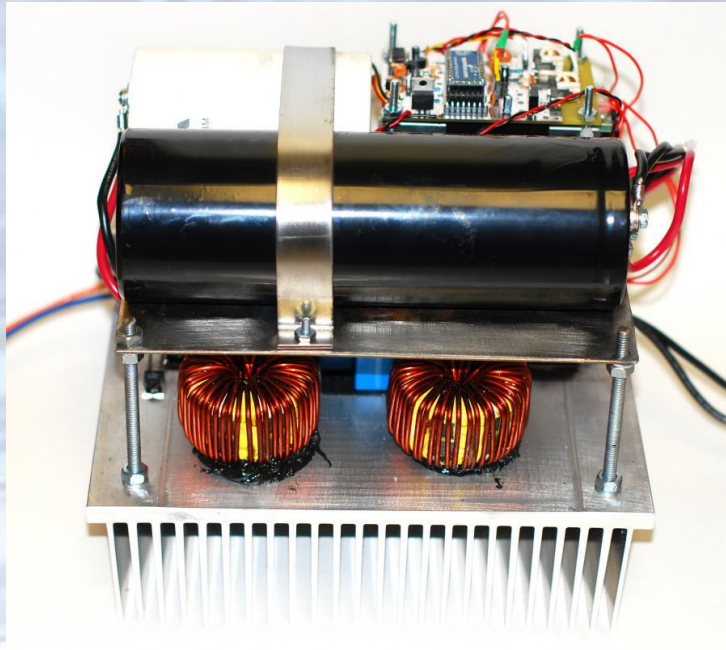
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- > The Cougar EV Series 1000 DC Motor Controller, Mosfet Power PCB, and Mosfet Driver PCB are available on wiki.
- > The preliminary EV SR Motor Controller PCB is on wiki, development is on going.
- > The preliminary EV AC Motor Controller PCB is on wiki, development is on going.
- >The preliminary EV DC LCD Instrumentation PCB - *Is now on wiki !!!*
- >The preliminary EV 6Kw DC Charger Controller PCB - *Was added to the wiki !!!*
- >The preliminary EV BMS Controller PCB - *Was added to the wiki !!!*

* Planned Future Open ReVolt projects *

- >The EV IGBT Driver PCB - *BG2A/VLA500 Interface - Coming Soon !!!*
- > The Uprising EV Series DC Motor Controller, and IGBT Driver PCB *Coming Soon !!!*



EMW 10kW 60A Open Source Charger



EV Dashboard



Conversion

- Build Requirements
- Explore the Possibilities
- Find a Donor
- De-ICE
- Eliminate Waste
- Motor
- Controller
- Charger
- Batteries
- Accessories
- Hit the road!
- Keep on Hacking

Build Requirements

- Identify motivations
- Maximize your utility
- How far?
- How fast?
- Budget?
- Skills?
- Reality check

Explore the Possibilities EV Album

EV ALBUM SEARCH YOUR EV EV RESOURCES CONTACT

THE ELECTRIC VEHICLE
PHOTO ALBUM

CURRENT TOTAL 3725 VEHICLES



[Doug Johnson's](#)
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[John W Mitchell's](#)
[1997 Saturn SC](#)
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[Martin Winlow's](#)
[2008 Vectrix VX-1](#)
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[Bill Bates's](#)
[2001 Nevco Gizmo](#)
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[thingstodo's](#)
[1991 Chevrolet S-10](#)
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[Pranav Bheda's](#)
[1972 Volkswagen Super Beetle](#)
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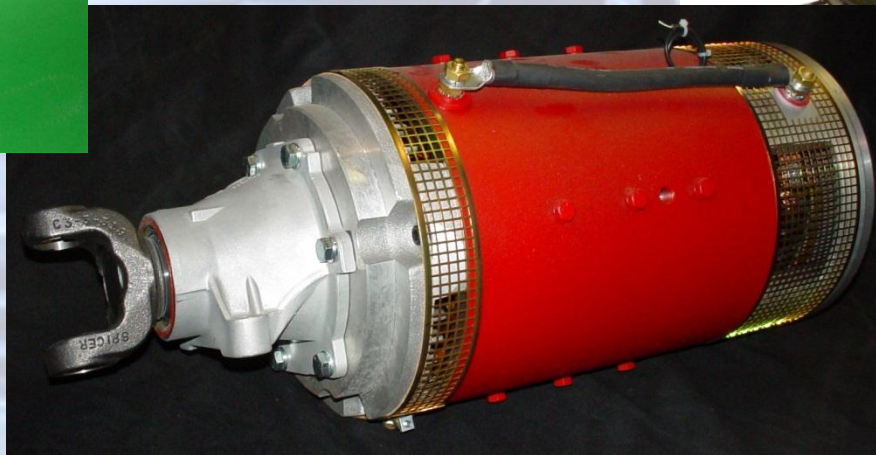
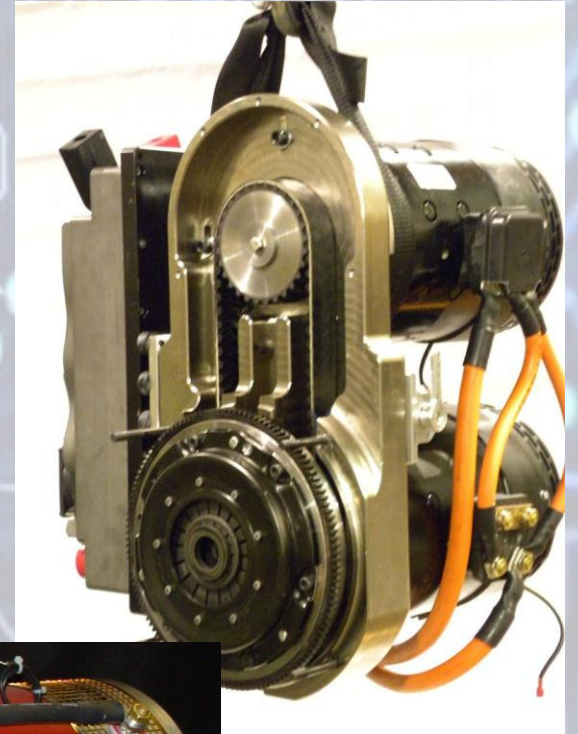
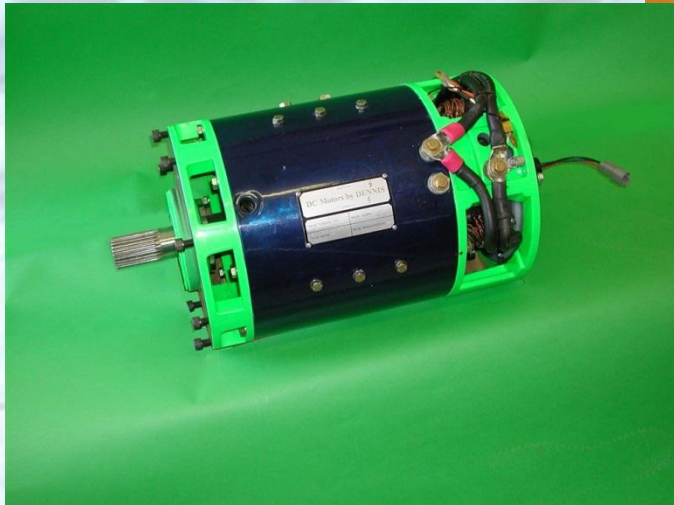
De-ICE

- Remove the engine
 - Find buyer first!
 - Jack up 2-3 feet for bottom removal
 - Engine hoist for top removal
- Drain and remove gas tank, radiator, starter, alternator, and other obsolete stuff

Eliminate Waste

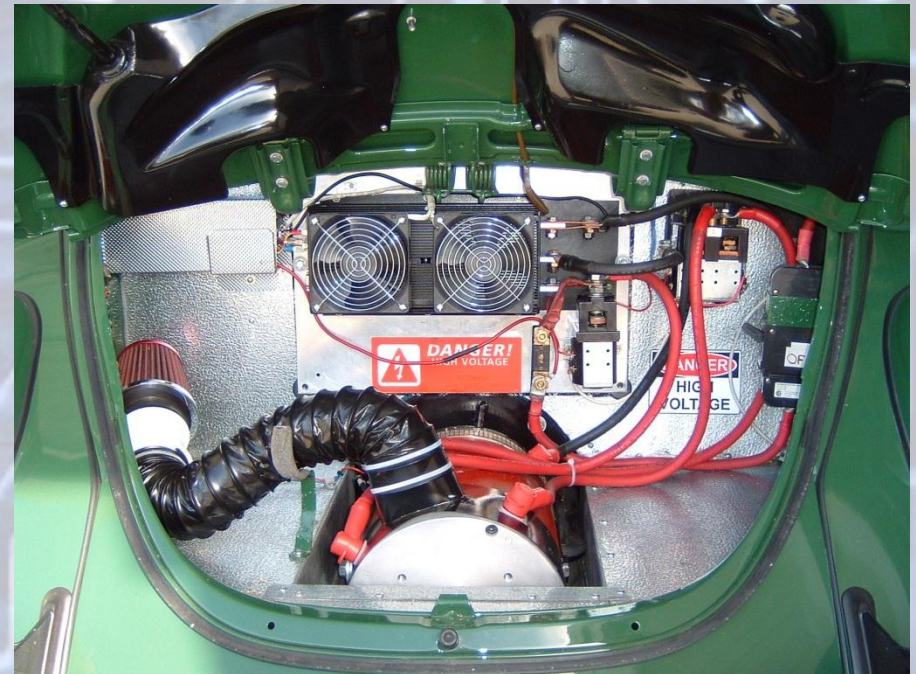
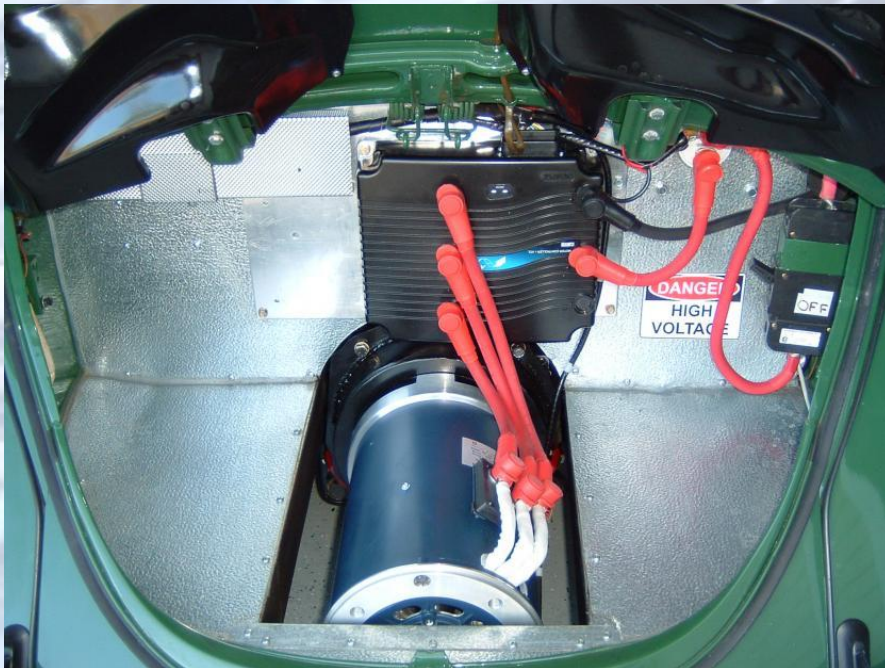
- Less weight and less power draw = more range
- May be able to remove or replace non-essentials
 - Swap Fix-A-Flat for spare tire
 - Convert power steering and brakes to manual

Motor



AC vs DC

- Regenerative braking
- Runs cooler
- Even less maintenance
- Cheaper



Controller

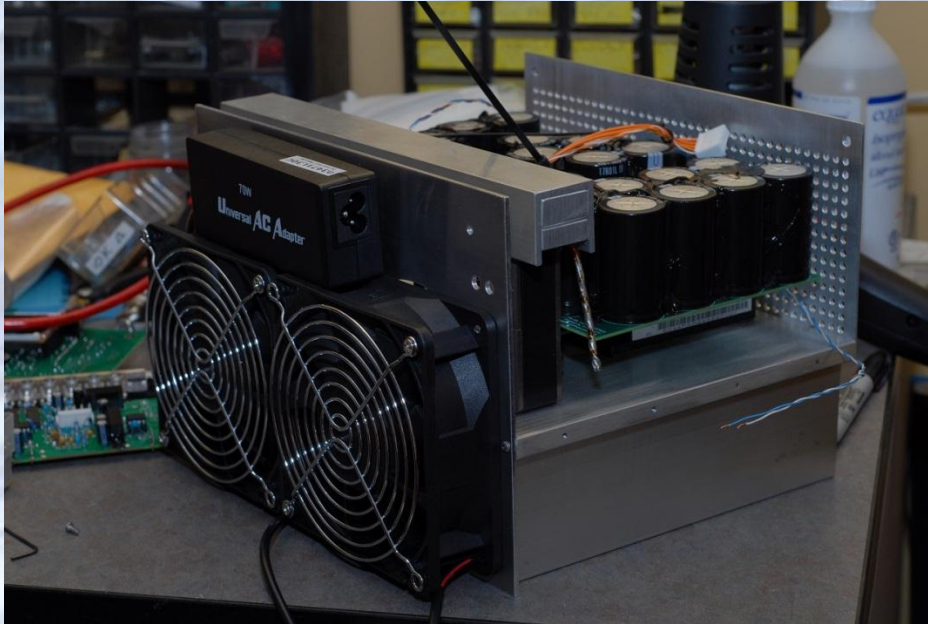


Precharge Resistor

- Small, but vital
- Prevents current surge



Charger



Batteries



Lead vs Lithium (LiFePo4)

- Lower upfront cost
- Less sensitive
- No balancing necessary
- Easier to determine State of Charge (SOC)
- Light-weight
- Long cycle life
- High power output
- Less maintenance
- Flat discharge curve
- Better cold weather performance

To BMS, or not...

- Active or passive monitoring
- Some chemistries require BMS to maintain balance
- Expensive and complicated
- Potential Fire Hazard

Balancing

- No two cells are identical
- Cells must be balanced to prevent damage
- Balancing matches cells at either top or bottom
- If overcharged, cell is damaged
- If overdischarged, cell can be pushed to reversal and destroyed

Accessories

- Accessories may run off auxiliary driveshaft, or be powered separately

Keep it Legal

- Each state\country is different
- Some require inspections
- Some have strict requirements
- Some do not allow many conversions
- Some don't know what an EV is



Hit the road!

Sounds Great, But...

- Perpetual Motion
- Hydrogen
- Supercapacitors
- Hub Motors
- DIY Hybrid
- Solar

Keep on Hacking

WARNING: EV Conversions are a very addictive/obsessive hobby. The only way to 'finish' a conversion is to start another.

Motor:	\$1200
Controller:	\$1000
Batteries:	\$800
Charger:	\$600
Adapter/Coupler:	\$500
Misc:	\$800



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