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Best Ride on Toys For Toddlers – The Ultimate Guide

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It's a big question when it comes to ride on toys for kids - which are the best? If you need to know what to consider when buying an electric car for children, you've come to the right place.

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In this definitive guide, we'll look at everything you might want to know about children's ride on toys, from the pros and cons of various types to what you can expect in terms of performance from kids' motorised cars.

What should come first - safety? Or size, power, or brand? Let's see...

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The Number One Choice For An Exciting Gift

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Nothing beats getting your own set of wheels, whether you're 21 or 18, or 18 months!

Imagine their face as they tear off the wrapping paper or open the box to see what you've got them. You won't be able to get your child and their ride on car outside fast enough for a test drive. They're never going to forget this moment, and neither will you.

Are ride on toy cars for kids the same as they have always been? It's likely that things have changed a lot from the ones you might remember as a kid yourself.

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What can you expect?

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Simple push-along ride on toys are no longer hollow thin plastic shapes with wheels. Now, they are all kinds of exciting vehicles - motorbikes, trains, tractors and even ships! And they don't break easily - all the ride on toys are made from sturdy, tough plastics or plywood.

Good old pedal cars are still around, and they've got lighter, more robust and definitely easier to use. But the real advances are in electric kids cars, which are becoming more and more like the real things.

The first powered ride on toys were produced in the 1970s, and gained popularity through the '80s. By 1990, sales of battery powered ride on toys reached over 1 million!

These days, the best-loved children's electric cars are small-scale versions of prestige brands like Mercedes, Jaguar, Ferrari, Audi, JCB and John Deere, so your little one will feel like they're really driving the real thing.

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Which ride on toy is best for your child?

There are sizes, shapes and styles of sit on toy cars to suit every kid, from when they have just learned to walk until they are too cool for school! Here is how the options look:

Babies

They'll love their own wheels, even if they're still finding their feet! All colours and curved edges, or shaped like their favourite animals or characters, these cute little baby ride on toys are perfect for kids and parents alike. You can take care of your child with a push bar, while they get to drive their first vehicle!

Toddlers

When you're starting to let them off the leash a little, there are electric kids cars and riding toys for toddlers that give them a bit more freedom! From the cute and always popular push cars to a Mercedes or Audi battery car for kids, they'll be in a race of their own.

School-age kids

A whole range of battery powered ride on replica cars and larger chain-drive pedal go-carts is available. All built sturdily to make sure they last, to a high specification and with great brand names including Jeep, Mustang and Lamborghini!

Big kids

Sorry dads, these electric cars are just for children!

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What current brands are making ride on toys?

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During the last few years, as well as the usual toy manufacturers, there has been a surge in the number of premium car marques licensing their brand name for children's ride on toys.

Everyone remembers Fisher Price and Mattel, but they've now been joined by the likes of BMW, Mercedes, Lamborghini, Porsche and Bentley!

Let's dig into the details on each make and type of ride on toys for kids, so you can see which might be the best one for you...



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Manufacturer: MV Sports

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Models: 'My First Sit And Ride' - Thomas & Friends, Peppa Pig, Paw Patrol, Fireman Sam Ride On Cars

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Their 'My First Sit And Ride' range features adorable ride on toys themed to some of your child's favourite TV characters. Each version is perfectly colour-coordinated and covered in graphics and stickers, so your child will feel like they're really part of the gang.

Age Ranges: 1-3

Motor type: n/a (push-along only!)

Charging time: n/a

Max speed: n/a

Toy Weight: 1.25kg

Max rider weight: 20kg

Tyres: Plastic

Extra perks: Storage compartment under the seat; front squeaker; play phone; removable back rest.

Safety: Front and rear anti-flip features.

Notes: The ideal first ride on toy for babies and toddlers.



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Model: 3-in-1 Scooter, Trailer and Ride On Car

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A step up from the 'My First...' range, this slightly larger model gives your child extra ways to have fun with Thomas The Tank Engine. Changes easily from a ride-on toy into a 4-wheel scooter with a trailer - perfect for storing and pulling around lots of smaller toys too!

Age Ranges: 1-3

Motor type: n/a (push-along only!)

Charging time: n/a

Max speed: n/a

Toy Weight: 3.5kg

Max rider weight: 20kg

Tyres: Plastic

Extra perks: Height adjustable steering wheel

Notes: Higher wheelbase than the 'My First...' range.

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Manufacturer: Porsche



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Model: Porsche 911 Ride On Push-Along Car

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The first of the premium car brands to be mentioned here (and rest assured it won't be the last), Porsche have stepped in to make a robust and stylish sit-on push-car for the younger child. Gleaming headlight and bumper details, angled steering wheel and ergonomic seat really make this start to feel like their first car.

Age Ranges: 1-3

Motor type: n/a (push-along only!)

Charging time: n/a

Max speed: 2mph

Toy Weight: 30kg

Max rider weight: 20kg

Tyres: Plastic

Extra perks: Gleaming headlights; authentic Porsche decals.

Notes: Available in white, red and yellow.



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Model: Porsche 911 Ride On Pedal Car

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In a rare move, Porsche have decided to create possibly the toy best pedal car you will see in any ride on toy showroom. If you're a Porsche fan, then this toy would have been your childhood dream. The beautifully moulded body is a very close match to the original 911, so it really feels like your child's first 'proper' Porsche!

Age Ranges: 3-5

Motor type: n/a (pedal power!)

Charging time: n/a

Max speed: 5mph

Toy Weight: 17.6kg

Max rider weight: 30kg

Tyres: Plastic

Extra perks: moulded ergonomic sports seat; pedal drive; authentic Porsche decals.

Notes: Easy to assemble.



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Model: Porsche 911 12V Electric Ride On Car

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You see a lot of replica electric toy cars in the stores these days, but not many match the class of the Porsche 911 battery kids ride on toy. This is a real step up from the average ride on car, with rubber tyres, LED lights and beautiful bodywork that closely resembles the original 911. Your child will really feel like they've got their first 'proper' Porsche!

Age Ranges: 3-5

Motor type: 12V

Charging time: 8-10 hours

Max speed: 3mph

Toy Weight: 45kg

Max rider weight: 30kg

Tyres: Soft EVA Foam Rubber

Extra perks: LED headlights; metal chassis; authentic Porsche decals.

Notes: Soft start and Electric brake system for gradual acceleration and reliable braking

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Manufacturer: Ferrari



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Model: Ferrari 458 Push Along Ride On Car

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There is no greater iconic name in the world of sports cars than Ferrari, and this line of ride on toy cars fashioned in the style of their 458 take some beating. Even with this model for youngest riders, you get leather seat and rubber wheels, making it slightly heavier than other push-along cars, but your child enjoys the finest quality right from the start.

Age Ranges: 1-3

Motor type: n/a (push-along only!)

Charging time: n/a

Max speed: 3mph

Toy Weight: 2.75kg

Max rider weight: 20kg

Tyres: Rubber

Extra perks: Gleaming headlights; authentic Ferrari decals.

Notes: Available in red and yellow.

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Manufacturer: Lamborghini



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Model: Lamborghini Urus Push Along Ride On Car

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When it comes to supercars, Lamborghini are in a league of their own, and the same could be said of their ride on toys for kids. Designed to replicate the characteristic angles of one of the fastest cars on the road, it also scores high for quality with a leather seat and custom steering wheel. Highly rated.

Age Ranges: 1-3

Motor type: n/a (push-along only!)

Charging time: n/a

Max speed: 3mph

Toy Weight: 3kg

Max rider weight: 20kg

Tyres: Rubber

Extra perks: Steering wheel horn sound and music; authentic Lamborghini decals.

Notes: Only a little assembly required; batteries needed for the steering wheel.



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Model: Lamborghini style Ride On Car

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Combining all the best aspects of their road cars and distilling them down into a ride on toy for children can't have been an easy task, but they've done it. This Lamborghini style electric kids car has the menacing paint job and angular front end of the Aventador plus the styling of the Urus to bring comfort and prestige to your child's ride.

Age Ranges: 2-4

Motor type: 2x 12V motors

Charging time: 8-10 hours

Max speed: 3mph

Toy Weight: 45kg

Max rider weight: 30kg

Tyres: Plastic

Extra perks: Working headlights and music; MP3 player jack.

Notes: Comes with remote control for parents' peace of mind! Available in yellow, black and red.

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Manufacturer: Bentley



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Model: Bentley Push Along Ride On Car

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There is no mistaking the front end of a Bentley, even when it's been translated onto a children's ride on toy. The nods to the luxury brand continue with the stitched padded seat and the styling of the rear parent bar. Definitely the high end of kids ride on toy design.

Age Ranges: 1-3

Motor type: n/a

Charging time: n/a

Max speed: 3mph

Toy Weight: 34.5kg

Max rider weight: 20kg

Tyres: Plastic

Extra perks: Horn and engine sounds

Notes: 2x AA batteries required. Available in red or white.

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Manufacturer: Mercedes Benz



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Model: Mercedes Benz Push Along Ride On Car

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This model borrows from elements of Mercedes' roadster SLS series and mixes them with the GLC people carrier to create a sturdy yet sporty look to their push along car for kids. A comfortable padded seat that lifts for storage space and a tough rear parent handle make for a feeling of practical quality.

Age Ranges: 1-3

Motor type: n/a

Charging time: n/a

Max speed: 3mph

Toy Weight: 34.5kg

Max rider weight: 20kg

Tyres: Plastic

Extra perks: Horn and engine sounds; lifting seat for luggage.

Notes: 2x AA batteries required. Available in red or white.



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Model: Mercedes Benz SLS AMG Electric Ride On Car

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Mercedes offer one of the widest ranges of all the car manufacturers of electric toy cars for kids. This SLS replica combines great looks and comfort with a sense of style. There is nice attention to detail in the steering wheel and body shaping, so your child will feel like they've got a piece of finest German engineering in their hands.

Age Ranges: 3-7

Motor type: 6V

Charging time: n/a

Max speed: 2.5kph

Toy Weight: 18kg

Max rider weight: 30kg

Tyres: Plastic

Extra perks: Working headlights and music; MP3 player jack.

Notes: Also has reverse gear, so no getting stuck in corners!



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Model: Mercedes Benz CLA style Ride On Car

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One of the enduring and iconic ranges in the Mercedes stable gets an exciting translation into this battery-powered car for kids. All the dynamic styling is there in the body work, and the finishes to the seating and interior are exactly the high standard you'd expect from this prestige brand. And with so many extra details with the doors, seat belt, etc, you'd think it was a real car!

Age Ranges: 3-8

Motor type: 2x 12V

Charging time: n/a

Max speed: 3-4mph

Toy Weight: 45kg

Max rider weight: 30kg

Tyres: Plastic

Extra perks: Working headlights and music; volume control; 2 forward speeds; opening doors; seat belt.

Notes: Comes with remote control for parent peace of mind! Available in white, black, red and pink.



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Model: Mercedes Benz S63 AMG Ride On Car

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Another Mercedes for the slightly bigger child. Same power and specs as the CLA electric toy car, but with rubber tyres this one will have much more grip.

Age Ranges: 3-8

Motor type: 2x 12V

Charging time: 8-10 hours

Max speed: 3-4mph

Toy Weight: 45kg

Max rider weight: 30kg

Tyres: EVA Rubber

Extra perks: Working headlights and music;

Notes: Comes with remote control for parent peace of mind! Available in pink or black.



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Model: Mercedes Benz AMG Electric Ride On Car

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Want a more rugged look, and more car for your child to sit inside? Then this AMG replica ride on car is the one for you. Taller opening doors with windows and a large comfy single seat will make make this a great experience for any kid.

Age Ranges: 3-8 years

Motor type: 2x 12V

Charging time: 8-10 hours

Max speed: 3mph

Toy Weight: 45kg

Max rider weight: 30kg

Tyres: Plastic

Extra perks: Working headlights and sound; opening doors.

Notes: Comes with remote control for parent peace of mind! Available in black or white.



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Model: Mercedes Benz GLA Electric Ride On Car

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This version of Mercedes' people carrier looks chunky, but being of lighter weight with a smaller engine it's perfect for smaller kids. Loads of features too - it feels like they've got a real car!

Age Ranges: 3-7 years

Motor type: 6V

Charging time: 8-10 hours

Max speed: 2.5kph

Toy Weight: 18kg

Max rider weight: 30kg

Tyres: Plastic

Extra perks: Working headlights, rear lights and sound; MP3 and USB connections; adjustable seat.

Notes: Two forward speeds and a reverse gear makes this more versatile than most.

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Manufacturer: BMW



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Model: BMW X5 style 12 Volt Electric Ride On Car

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Another great German manufacturer to enter the kids electric toy car market, BMW have given their X5 an eye-catching make-over to get heads turning. For the larger boy or girl, this ride on car is packed with extra features and will be the envy of all your friends.

Age Ranges: 3-8

Motor type: 2x 12V

Charging time: 8-10 hours

Max speed: 3-4mph

Toy Weight: 45kg

Max rider weight: 30kg

Tyres: Plastic

Extra perks: Music and engine sounds; opening doors;

Notes: Comes with remote control for parent peace of mind! Available in black, pink or white.

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Manufacturer: John Deere



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Model: Rolly John Deere Trio Trac

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Back to unpowered ride on toys for smaller kids and toddlers, let's look at this classic tractor and trailer set. John Deere is world-famous for their build quality and robust practicality, and your small one will be playing for months with this one as they demolish blocks, feed animals and transport the rest of their toys around the house.

Age Ranges: 2-6

Motor type: n/a (push power only!)

Charging time: n/a

Max speed: 3mph

Toy Weight: 7.35kg

Max rider weight: 54kg

Tyres: Plastic

Extra perks: Electronic sounds steering wheel

Notes: Detachable trailer and front wheel foot rests; requires 2x AA batteries.



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Model: Rolly John Deere Tractor, Trailer, and Frontloader

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The ultimate pedal-tractor available for kids today. Comes in the distinctive green, and available with or without the front loader. Your small person won't be able to stop those imaginary road works or earth-moving missions!

Age Ranges: 2.5-5 years

Motor type: n/a (pedal power!)

Charging time: n/a

Max speed: 3mph

Toy Weight: 9.2kg

Max rider weight: 54kg

Tyres: Plastic

Extra perks: Larger wheels; heavy duty 12mm rear axle; opening bonnet

Notes: Available without the frontloader for a lesser price.



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Model: Rolly John Deere XTrac and Rolly Trac Loader

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The next stage up for those kids that love construction and farm machinery. John Deere have produced this tough and versatile tractor that comes with or without the front loader. You can also add a rear excavator for all-round action!

Age Ranges: 2.5-5 years

Motor type: n/a (pedal power!)

Charging time: n/a

Max speed: n/a

Toy Weight: 22.8kg

Max rider weight: 54kg

Tyres: Plastic

Extra perks: Anti-slip pedals; opening bonnet; fully operational loader; covered chain drive

Notes: A rear excavator is also available to add to this set.



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Model: John Deere Pedal Go Kart

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You won't get a more dynamic tractor for your farm-loving child than this incredible ride on toy produced by BERG for John Deere. Larger, tractor-style tyres for extra traction, and a swing axle that ensures your wheels stay on the ground over rough terrain! Scroll lower down the page for more on BERG go karts.

Age Ranges: 5+

Motor type: n/a (pedal power)

Charging time: n/a

Max speed: n/a

Toy Weight: 76.5kg

Max rider weight: 100kg

Tyres: Plastic

Extra perks: Number plate; farm exhaust; 3 gears; heavy brake pads

Notes: Back-pedal braking system; lots of accessories available: lift bucket, pallet fork or rollbar with flashing light.

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Manufacturer: Ford



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Model: Ford Ranger Ride On Car

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Ford's sole offering in the kids' ride on toy arena is a formidable one: their high-powered Ranger brand. Its twin 12Volt motors, coupled with EVA tyres, mean that this little vehicle won't slide or wheelspin as it tackles all the terrain your house and garden can throw at it. Loads of functionality make this a great realistic vehicle for your car-loving child.

Age Ranges: 3-8 years

Motor type: 2x 12V

Charging time: 8-10 hours

Max speed: 3-4mph

Toy Weight: 60kg

Max rider weight: 30kg

Tyres: EVA rubber

Extra perks: Opening doors; opening rear tailgate; working headlights; music and MP3 jack.

Notes: Comes with remote control. Available in black, red or blue.

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Manufacturer: Jaguar



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Model: Jaguar F-Type Kids Electric Ride On Toy

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This stylish and faithful ride on toy version of the impressive Jaguar F-Type will leave children stunned and amazed. They'll love the attention to details, from the shapes of the rear bodywork and lights to the number of exhausts, the tan leather seats and the threatening front end. This is a great combination of power, lower weight and build quality.

Age Ranges: 2-6

Motor type: 2x 12V

Charging time: 8-10 hours

Max speed: 4mph

Toy Weight: 33kg

Max rider weight: 25kg

Tyres: Plastic

Extra perks: USB and SD card ports; music; opening doors; seatbelt; working lights; key start feature.

Notes: Available in white, orange, red and black; parent remote control provided.

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Manufacturer: Jeep



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Model: Jeep Style Electric Ride On Car

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If you're looking for a fun electric ride on toy with lots of character and rugged looks, then this is the one for you. Covered in loads of details to delight your young car fanatic, it looks very much like the real thing!

Age Ranges: 3-8 years

Motor type: 2x 12V

Charging time: 8-10 hours

Max speed: 3-4mph

Toy Weight: 45kg

Max rider weight: 30kg

Tyres: Hard Plastic

Extra perks: Working lights; MP3 jack for music; opening doors.

Notes: Parent remote control provided; great colour options - available in green, pink and khaki.

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Manufacturer: Range Rover



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Model: Range Rover style Ride On

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Range Rover go for the off-road makeover with this version of their electric car for kids. Extra details, stickers and decals, plus twin motors to get your little driver really motoring.

Age Ranges: 2+

Motor type: 2x 12V

Charging time: 8-10 hours

Max speed: 3-4mph

Toy Weight: 30kg

Max rider weight: 45kg

Tyres: Plastic

Extra perks: Working headlights; music.

Notes: Available in black and red. Comes with parental remote control.



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Model: Range Rover Evoque Electric Ride On Car

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A cool, clean type of sophistication comes with this ride on toy version of the Range Rover Evoque. It still keeps the imposing shape of the original and comes with an attention to detail that'll make you think they're driving the real thing.

Age Ranges: 3-6

Motor type: 2x 12V

Charging time: 8-10 hours

Max speed: 3-4mph

Toy Weight: 45kg

Max rider weight: 30kg

Tyres: Plastic

Extra perks: Working lights and horn; MP3 plug in; volume control; turning sounds;

Notes: Parental remote control supplied. Available in red or white.

Also comes as an upgraded Sport version in black with high and low speed forward and reverse, and USB and SD card inserts!



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Model: Land Rover Defender Electric Ride On Car

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Prefer the classic look to your Land Rover? This beautifully-constructed electric toy car version of the Defender could almost be mistaken for the real thing. Your little driver will be able to get better grip and speeds with the EVA rubber tyres while they imagine themselves crossing fields, rivers and farmyards! Able to take slightly larger kids.

Age Ranges: 3-8

Motor type: 12V

Charging time: 8-10 hours

Max speed: 4mph

Toy Weight: 39kg

Max rider weight: 40kg

Tyres: EVA Rubber

Extra perks: Forward and reverse gears; MP3 jack in; opening doors and rear section

Notes: Spring shocks on the rear wheels are a nice feature! Also comes with remote control.

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Manufacturer: Volkswagen



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Model: VW Golf GTI Kids Electric Car

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If you were going to recreate one Volkswagen as a kids ride on electric car, then it would have to be the Golf GTI. This model comes with everything you could want in terms of little extras, and you'll probably end up wanting one yourself!

Age Ranges: 3-6

Motor type: 2x 12V

Charging time: 8-10 hours

Max speed: 3-5mph

Toy Weight: 45kg

Max rider weight: 30kg

Tyres: Plastic

Extra perks: Opening doors; MP3 connection; working headlights and sounds; seatbelt.

Notes: Comes with parental remote control.

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Manufacturer: Peg Pegero



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Model: Peg Pegero Polaris Ranger RZR 900

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New addition to our stock! This electric toy recreation of the well-known rugged off-road jeep style vehicle will amaze and delight your kids in equal measure. Bigger, wider, better and more powerful than many electric toy ride on cars, it has twin motors, fantastic suspension and its lighter weight will help it take on more rugged terrain than usual.

Age Ranges: 3-8

Motor type: 2x 12V

Charging time: 8-10 hours

Max speed: 3-5mph

Toy Weight: 27kg

Max rider weight: 60kg

Tyres: Plastic

Extra perks: Adjustable seats; roll bar; horn and sounds; seatbelts; 2-speed gears.

Notes: Can actually take two children at the same time.

Like this? If you have the budget and the desire, then check out it's even larger, bulkier cousin, the Gaucho Superpower 24V 2 seater Electric Jeep. It'll take your breath away.

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That's not all....

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You might be wondering...

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What is the battery life like with a kids ride on toy?

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Batteries in electric ride on cars come in three sizes: 6v, 12v or 24v.

In general, a 6v battery like those fitted in most electric ride on cars will last 45-60 minutes. A larger electric car will usually have a 12v battery, which will give you 2-4 hours of continuous use. Some higher-spec electric toy cars have a 24v battery that might run two 12v motors, and will also last around 2-4 hours.

But these are all just estimations. How long your kids' electric car battery lasts will depend on a few things:

- **Terrain** - is it flat and even or bumpy, grassy or dusty?
- **Average speed** - is your child pedal to the metal, or taking it easy?
- **Motor strain** - doing a lot of uphill work, or cruising downhill?
- **Weight** - has the driver grown a few more inches lately?

Whatever they are doing and wherever they're going, your child is sure to be having a lot of fun!

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Where are the best places to go with a ride on car?

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It's not rocket science - the best places for your child to drive their electric ride on toy will be flat, firm surfaces with lots of space. Your garden should probably be fine, and if you also have

narrow paths for a challenge, then all the better! A wide or long driveway will also be ideal, but make sure they can't go out into the road.

Away from the home, a quiet playground would be ideal. A private car park works too, as long as there are no real cars driving around! Look out for other public open areas near you where you can play with the battery powered ride on toy without bothering other users. Anywhere with short grass should be fine for an electric toy car if the ground is hard, level and not bumpy.

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Is your toy robust enough?

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We all know that kids are not the most careful of drivers, but these ride on toys are made of sterner stuff. All premier brands will be based on a metal frame and feature hardened polymer plastic body work.

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What next?

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We all know that petrol cars are on the way out, and electric cars are going to be the future (although the process will take decades!). Will this mean a new wave of electric cars for kids?



BMW have produced their awesome i8 electric car, so it'll be interesting to see if they make a children's version! And Volvo recently stated they would be the first major manufacturer to go all-electric from 2019.

Could childrens' toys feature cutting-edge real-world tech? Real electric car pioneers Tesla have produced a kids ride-on version of their Model S, which is the first mobile toy to have lithium ion technology, so it looks like it's already happening!

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Bottom line:

Battery operated cars for kids are a great introduction to how to handle a vehicle at a very early age. Just be ready for when they get older and ask to borrow your real car!

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One final thing...

Want to get a great deal on a kid's ride on toy, or many other kinds of outdoor accessories and playthings we have in stock? Check out our special offers here:

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