

Karma Revero Provides A Unique Set Of Thrills

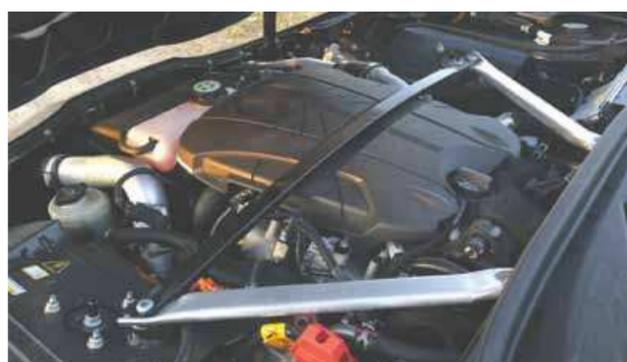
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the power from the combustion engine (which is referred to as a 'generator' in this vehicle) along with the power from its two electric motors, for a combined output of 403 hp, and a mind-blowing 981 lb-ft of torque.

Given that this vehicle has no conventional gearbox -it makes do with a single ratio gearbox with a limited slip differential-there is no time lost between shifts, so despite its hefty curb weight of 2,449 kg - the Karma Revero can sprint from 0 to 100 km/h in about 5.4 seconds, and is electronically limited to a top speed of 200 km/h.

That is fast enough to please most of us, and the unique sound and sensations produced by this vehicle, bring about their own style of thrills - I quite enjoyed it. What's more, this hefty car can handle well, it is no track day animal, but it copes with twisty roads rather well, and on the highway offers a very comfortable ride. If you've been having too much fun, then the Revero's solar panel roof, and regenerative braking does help a little bit towards extending the cars' driving range!

The solar roof (a feature not available on any other current production vehicle) helps regain between three to five kilometers of driving range per day, when left parked outside on a sunny day - which, according to Karma,



will give you between 800 km to 1,600 km of 'free' driving every year. The selectable regen braking (three modes) help convert your coasting and braking energy into charging the battery.

I have driven a few vehicles featuring regen braking, and I think the system in the Revero is the best I've come across.

However, not all is the 'best' with the Karma Revero. Compared to other similarly priced

luxury vehicles (we'll get to the price in a moment), it is well behind the competition. There is no autonomous style drive systems, it doesn't even have adaptive cruise control.

While the Revero does have lane departure warning, it doesn't have lane keep assist. While it has parking sensors and a proximity radar system to help you park, it doesn't have around view monitoring.

Plus, if you look through the cabin, you'll find switches from old BMW and Porsche models, which is a bit of a let down. The biggest let down, was build quality, with certain pieces looking loose - the trunk lining was particularly bad.

However, when I returned the vehicle, I was told that what I was driving was a pre-production demo vehicle, so it has been used and abused, so it was not a proper representation of a vehicle a customer would get. I was shown a brand new, for sale unit in the showroom, and while it wasn't what I'd call perfect, it was a lot better than the demo vehicle.

Now, let's come to price. The Karma Revero (which is sold exclusively through Grand Touring Automobiles in Ontario) has a base price of \$149,000.

Since the Karma brand has just been launched in Canada, there is an introductory offer, which lets

you lease the vehicle for up to five years, at a rate of 0%. Couple that with a full warranty for five years, with unlimited miles, and a battery warranty for up to eight years, and your decision to buy a Karma gets a little easier.

The Karma Revero would not be the obvious choice for a first time exotic car buyer, it wouldn't even be a logical choice for a seasoned luxury car buyer. But, it looks fantastic (it draws a crowd everywhere you go), offers a very usable electric driving range, and the ride, handling and smoothness of this vehicle are really impressive along with its jet-like acceleration.

It might not be the conventional choice for most, but its rarity (production numbers are around 300 units globally, per year) and uniqueness has an appeal of their own. So, is the Karma Revero worthy of its second chance at life? I say, absolutely yes.

Toronto Approves 'Free Floating Carsharing' Pilot Project

TORONTO: Communauto, Canada's oldest and largest carsharing service, congratulates the City of Toronto for approving a Free Floating Carsharing pilot project, which will encourage exciting new transportation options for residents of Toronto.

"This decision of the City of Toronto will allow us to introduce people in Toronto to our 'unique recipe' for carsharing : a social

and environmental driven service with aggressive pricing and low emission vehicles" says Marco Viviani, vice-president, Strategic Development at Communauto.

The City of Toronto's Free Floating CarSharing Pilot Project will create a new category of residential parking permit, allowing the growing number of people who don't own a car to access on-street, residential parking across

the city with shared vehicles. The pilot allows up to four different companies to provide service with a maximum of 500 cars each, and the permits provide access to all of the residential parking zones across the city (except those that have already reached 95% subscription).

Communauto is the only company in North America that operates both forms of carsharing,

providing members with the reliability of reservation-based, return-trip service, and the convenience of one-way, free-floating vehicles. Carsharing has been shown to reduce traffic congestion, transportation-related CO2 emissions, and demand for parking. Communauto expects to launch their service later this summer.

Launched in Quebec City in

1994, Communauto operates more than 2,000 vehicles - mainly hybrid and electric - in 11 communities in Canada (Halifax, Quebec City, Sherbrooke, Montreal, Gatineau, Ottawa, Kingston, Hamilton, Kitchener/Waterloo, Guelph and London) and in Paris (France). The service is both round-trip and free-floating with price starting at 2,25 \$/hour. -CNW

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