



## Electric Truck Lights Up Auto Show

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The Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) Show in Las Vegas is the site where hot-rodders, sport compact tuners and other go-fast types get together. But a new zero-emission, all-electric sports utility truck from Phoenix Motorcars grabbed substantial attention at the show, especially since it was unveiled in an event hosted by the actor and environmental activist Ed Begley Jr.

Powered by the Altairnano NanoSafe battery pack, the truck targets the fleet vehicle market. It is said to exceed all specifications of California Air Resources Board for a Type III zero-emission vehicle (ZEV). The SUV has a reported driving range of 130 miles; it can be recharged in less than 10 minutes and the battery pack has a life of 12 years or more. Depending upon electric rates, the cost to recharge the battery pack is less than \$3.

While you might expect an all-electric vehicle to be no more than a glorified golf cart, the Phoenix sport utility truck can cruise on the freeway at up to 95 mph while carrying five passengers and a full payload. A low-cost maintenance schedule is another advantage of the pure electric truck. It is slated to be introduced late this year in two configurations, one with a range of 130 miles and the other 250 miles. Both configurations can be recharged in less than 10 minutes.