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RAC urges Chancellor to consider refreshed plug-in car grant

Following [new figures out today from the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders \(SMMT\)](#) on new car registrations, RAC spokesperson Rod Dennis said:

“Following a record-breaking September for new battery electric car registrations, the market grew by an enormous 38% over the last 12 months which means the UK is still on target to have one million zero emission models registered from new by the end of this year.

“With RAC research showing more drivers expect to keep their current vehicles for longer due to the cost-of-living crisis, we believe it’s vital the Government shows its commitment to zero-emission driving and doing its bit to sustain demand by stimulating the less expensive end of new electric car market. A refreshed plug-in car grant would go a long way towards helping more drivers afford to be able to switch to electric cars sooner, so we urge the Chancellor to consider such a measure ahead of next month’s Autumn Statement.

“We hope last month’s slight softening in new battery electric registrations is just a blip and not a harbinger of things to come.”

The RAC is tracking the switch to electric vehicles on this webpage:
<https://www.rac.co.uk/drive/electric-cars/choosing/road-to-electric/>

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About the RAC

The RAC, an iconic UK brand, provides complete peace of mind to nearly 14 million UK private and business drivers, whatever their motoring needs. As well as its premium nationwide breakdown assistance service – with an expert branded patrol workforce attending more than two million breakdowns every year – it offers a wide range of market-leading products across insurance, legal services, vehicle inspections and service, maintenance and repair. Included in this is the first-of-its-kind nationwide Mobile Mechanics service which brings the garage to homes and workplaces.

At the forefront of new solutions for business fleets and consumers, the RAC’s breakdown service is electric-ready with mobile EV charging technology and can be called on using [myRAC](#) – the all-in-one route planner, fuel finder and breakdown reporting app.

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