

Automotive Answers

Neighborhood Electric Vehicles: A GEM Of An Idea

(NAPSA)—American consumers are demanding greener transportation options and one company has been providing them for more than 10 years.

During that time, Global Electric Motorcars (GEM), a Chrysler LLC company, has manufactured and distributed over 35,000 neighborhood electric vehicles (NEVs) worldwide. These emission-free vehicles are used in planned communities, on university and corporate campuses, and by local, state and national government agencies, among others.

GEM vehicles have many of the same safety features of regular cars (such as three-point seat belts, automotive safety glass and lights) but are much more economical in price and fuel consumption. Today, GEM produces six fully electric vehicle models, ranging from two-seaters to six-seaters to utility models.

GEM vehicles are powered by six batteries and emit no pollution. They can be recharged at home.

“Consumers are looking for ways to reduce their greenhouse emissions and NEVs can help fulfill that need,” says Rick Kasper, GEM president and chief operating officer. “Realizing that 80 percent of all car trips are 10 miles or less, NEVs make a great



Neighborhood electric vehicles from GEM are a smart, ecologically sound solution for short car trips.

transportation solution.”

GEM was recently recognized by WestStart-CALSTART with the prestigious 2007 Blue Sky Merit Award for its positive air-quality impact in the state of California, where nearly 14,000 GEM vehicles are on the road.

Over the last 10 years, GEM vehicles have driven a combined 200 million miles and spared more than 150 tons of tailpipe pollutants from reaching the air, while saving nearly 10 million gallons of gasoline. These vehicles are eligible for incentives and tax credits from clean-air districts and other governmental agencies. For more information, to build your own GEM or to locate a dealer, visit www.gemcar.com.