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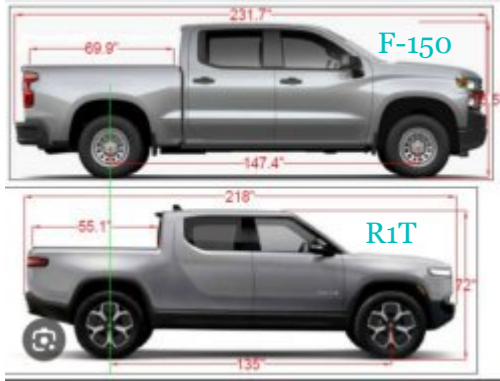


Electric Road Warriors Susan & Jenn on the road.

Taking Charge

Part Two - Electric Wheels

We were never electric vehicle fanatics and only thought of the idea as a tow vehicle after being in an F250 and feeling like it was a “monster truck.” Friends probably get tired of us talking about our new wheels,



but as many Rivian YouTubers have stated “the Rivian is the absolutely best purchase they have ever made.” A little-known fact is RJ Scaringe, Rivian’s Founder, CEO and Chief

Engineer, grew up in Rockledge, Florida and named the company after the Indian River. His dream was to build his own vehicle that would be environmentally friendly. All the trucks and SUV’s are built in Normal, Illinois and purchased directly from the manufacturer. By next spring, there will be a Rivian Service Center here in Jacksonville.

The big question everyone asks is “how far can you tow on a charge?” In short, not very far, probably around 150 miles or so. But we are aware of that and will not be in a hurry to get anywhere. Once we reach our destination, we plan to stay parked for a couple of weeks and use our R1T for sightseeing around the area. When we do have to stop, we will have our home with us where we can fix a meal, take a nap or use the restroom. Jenn can also get some work done as she works remotely.



One of the nice features of the Rivian is the panoramic glass roof. Although for safety reasons, the driver cannot look out of it, the backseat passengers have a fantastic view.

We also love the infotainment touchscreen that measures over 15 inches, while the digital gauge cluster uses a 12-inch screen. Between the two, they control the entire vehicle.



So, you want to go camping and enjoy the surrounding area, but you don’t have the strength or your sense of balance? You buy an electric tricycle. After doing some research, we found one of the cheapest is also one of the most highly rated – an Electric XP Trike by Lectric



eBikes. It’s foldable with a battery that will last from 4-6 hours on a charge. The top speed is 14 mph with five levels of pedal assist.

November should be exciting as our Airstream comes off the line on the 1st and should arrive in Tampa around the 10th. We are hoping the dealer prep is finished by the end of the month and we will be able to “hit the road.”

- SUSAN AND JENN MITCHELL

