

Los Angeles police tests new electric motorcycles

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The Los Angeles Police Department is testing two types of electric motorcycles as part of an effort to increase efficiency, decrease its carbon footprint and ultimately cut costs.

Such bikes are already used by a growing number of [police departments](#) across the country, from New York to Oregon, and around the world, from Bogota, Colombia, to Hong Kong.

It's a different, somewhat sleeker look than their traditionally burlier gas-powered BMW and Harley Davidson motorcycles. Sgt. Dan Gomez says the department is looking at using them for foot beats and specialized events.

The LAPD is also studying how the motorcycles' limited range of fewer than 130 miles on one charge will affect policing.

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