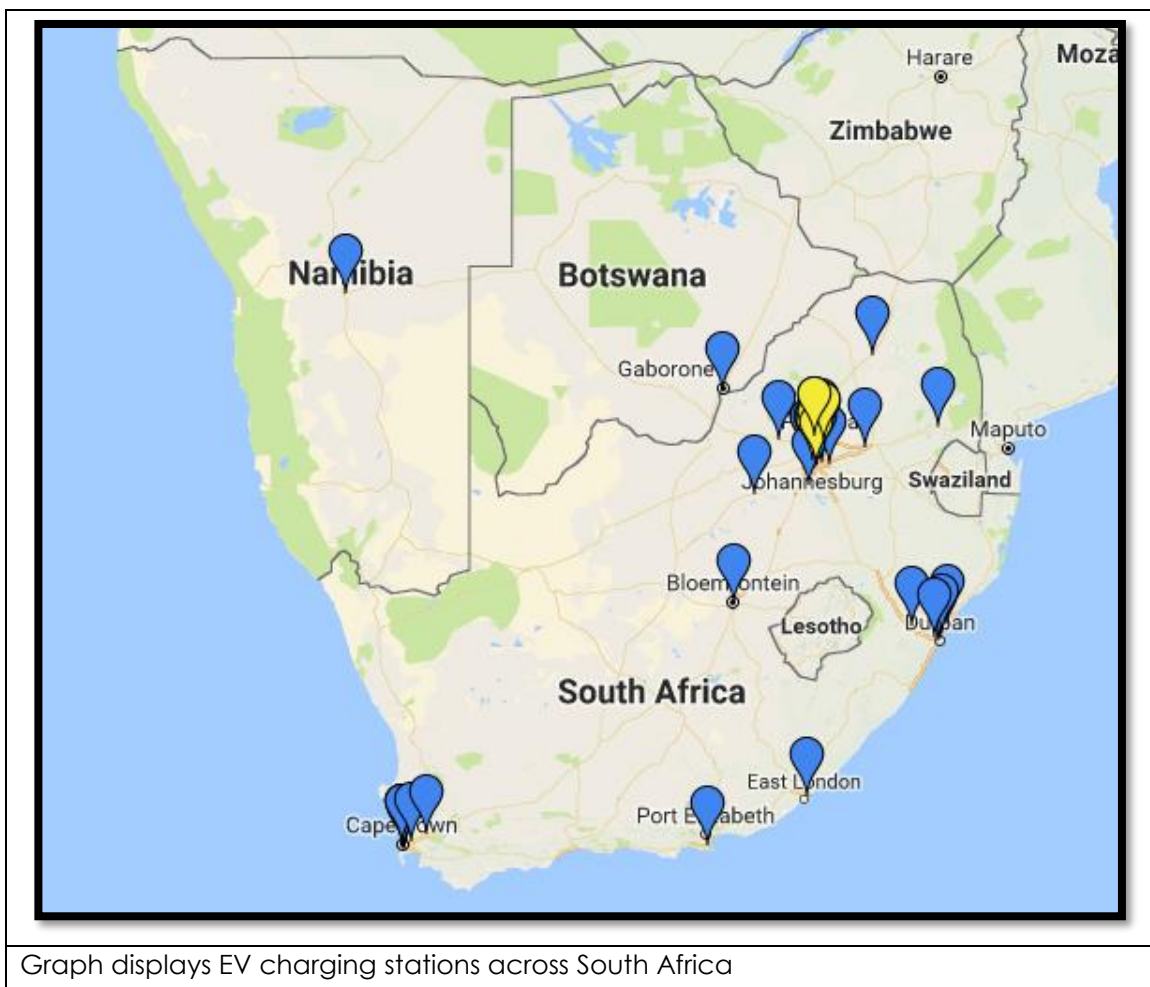


ELECTRIC VEHICLES: NOT AS FUTURISTIC AS WE MAY THINK

~ The Uptake of Electric Vehicles Slow But Steady ~

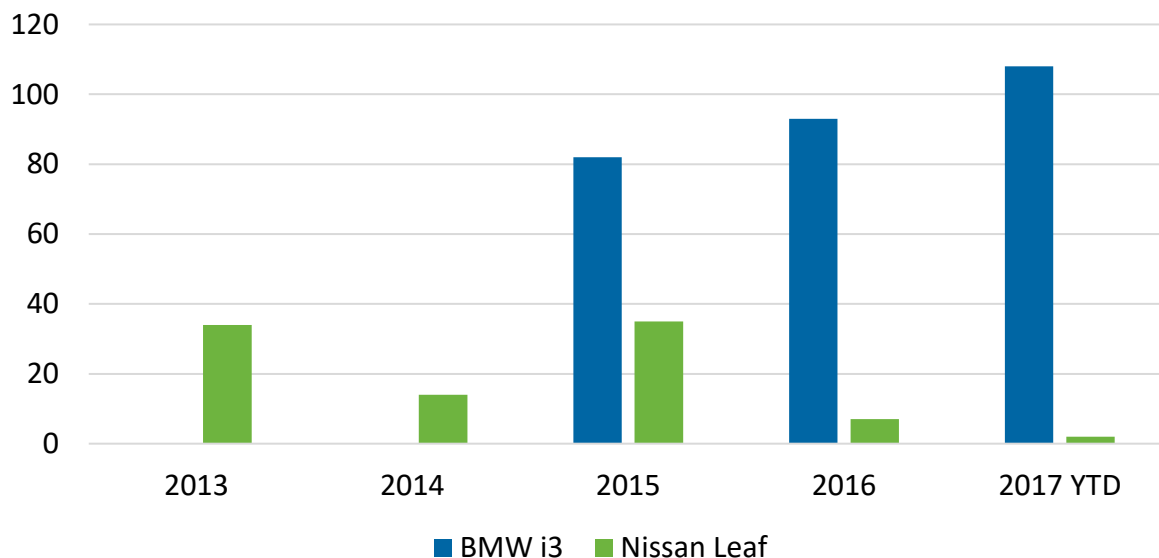
[Lightstone](#), one of South Africa's leading analytics and data companies today reveals that since the inception of electrically powered vehicles (EV) in South Africa a total of 375 have been sold.

To many of us the idea of having a re-chargeable lithium battery powered vehicle may seem like a space-aged notion; but with many office parks, shopping centre parking lots and refurbished service stations starting to include EV recharging zones; owning your own vehicle may be much closer than you think. Charging facilities are [available](#) in each province with Gauteng as the front runner with over 90 stations. Charging at home proves to be most convenient, however call on a qualified electrician to investigate your electrical wiring and ensure your home is equipped with three-phase power distribution.



South Africa is by no means an early adopter with Lightstone data demonstrating that 0.2% of the vehicles being EV's as opposed to Norway, who is currently the world leader with 6.6% (135 000 registered EV's) of vehicles on the road being electric powered vehicles*.

Optimal Energy, Nissan and BMW are the first manufacturers to introduce electric vehicles in South Africa with the Leaf in 2013 and the i3 in 2015 respectively. The sudden surge in sales of the Leaf in 2015 can be attributed to the launch of the BMW i3 creating renewed interest in electric powered vehicles. The Joule from Optimal Energy was South Africa's own locally produced electric vehicle but it never formally entered the local market, the Joule project started in 2005 and ended in 2012.



* Cobb, Jeff (2017-01-17). "[Top 10 Plug-in Vehicle Adopting Countries of 2016](#)". HybridCars.com. Retrieved 2017-01-23.

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