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Most buyers in this category are willing to accept some compromises on practicality; after all, small hatchbacks are often used as urban runabouts and aren't required to be do-it-all family holdalls. Anyone looking for more passenger or luggage space would traditionally have had to increase their budget significantly – but not any more, because the MG4 EV Urban is as keenly priced as it is accommodating.

You see, despite what its name implies, the MG4 EV Urban isn't a more city-oriented version of the pricier MG4; it's a separate model that's a bit larger than its sibling and indeed most other small EVs. As a result, it's far more practical than similarly priced rivals such as the Renault 5 (R5).

There's plenty of space for tall people in the front, with the driver sitting slightly higher than they would in a conventional hatchback, for a good view ahead. And the MG4 EV Urban is even more impressive in the rear seats, offering six-footers space to spare, whereas they'd feel decidedly cramped in the back of an R5.

Don't think MG has achieved this by compromising on boot space, either. The MG4 EV Urban can accommodate an astonishing eight carry-on suitcases (including two in a huge well under its boot floor). That's twice as many as the R5 can hold.

For the price, you wouldn't expect the MG4 EV Urban's interior to be super-plush, and it isn't. However, the quality of the materials is perfectly acceptable, even if the R5's interior has more visual and tactile appeal. Like the R5, though, the MG4 EV Urban features physical air-con controls that are easier to operate while driving than touchscreen-based equivalents. And even entry-level Comfort trim comes with plenty of standard equipment.

Of the two batteries available, we recommend the Long Range option. Officially, this allows the MG4 EV Urban to cover up to 258 miles between charges, which is competitive with the R5 Comfort Range's figure. Performance is sprightlier than the official 0-62mph time suggests, plus the MG4 EV Urban steers accurately through bends and is one of the comfier options at this price.

True, it doesn't qualify for the Government's EV grant, but MG offers a £1500 discount to compensate, bringing the price of our preferred Long Range Comfort variant down to £23,995. Plus, there's scope to get it for even less than that if you haggle with a dealer or simply shop via [whatcar.com/new-car-deals](https://www.whatcar.com/new-car-deals). Add in a great safety rating and a generous (seven-year) warranty and the MG4 EV Urban is an obvious choice for anyone looking for a well-priced, family-friendly EV.

KEY FACTS

List price	£23,995 (with £1500 MG discount)
Best price	£18,449
Engine	Electric motor
Power	158bhp
Torque	184lb ft
Gearbox	1-spd automatic
Battery size	52.8kWh (usable)
0-62mph	9.5sec
Top speed	99mph
Fast charging time (10-80%)	31min

OFFICIAL RANGE

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