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Repair round-up.

EV reliability and repair cost concerns: key findings for used-car owners.

EV repairs: beyond the drive battery

Drive battery issues **did not feature** in the **five most common** EV repair request categories.

Repair confidence: garage anxiety

Of 2,000 surveyed UK used-car owners, **68% felt anxious** about visiting garages at least some of the time.

EV repair costs at a glance:

Our repair data shows several common EV repair requests involved components also found in petrol and diesel cars, including sensors and central locking mechanisms.

	Failure area	Failure part	Average repair request	Highest repair request
1.	Electrical system	Sensors	£809.59	£3,270.00
2.	Electrical system	Central locking mechanism	£899.44	£4,056.82
3.	EV	On-board charger	£2,158.75	£10,454.98
4.	Suspension	Wishbones	£1,229.64	£4,118.65
5.	Electrical system	Auxiliary battery 12V/48V	£532.94	£986.15

While drive battery repairs fell outside the five most-requested repair categories, they had a high average repair request value of **£6,435.38.**

Alongside battery health, checking the charging performance, service history and overall condition of the vehicle can help buyers build a clearer picture of a used EV.

Repair costs remain a concern for motorists:

In July 2026, OnePoll research commissioned by Warrantywise surveyed 2,000 UK used-car owners. These percentages apply to the 1,350 respondents who experienced garage anxiety very often, often or sometimes.

80%

worried about the cost of unexpected repairs.

49%

feared being overcharged for repairs by the garage.

36%

felt they didn't know enough about cars to discuss repairs.

Understanding potential costs, asking questions at the garage and keeping up with regular maintenance can help drivers feel better prepared when repairs are needed.

Read the full article for methodology and important information. Click here to read more.