

DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION OF LOGISTICS PROCESSES

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In recent years, electric vehicles (EVs) have been gaining popularity in the logistics industry as a more sustainable and environmentally friendly alternative to traditional gas-powered vehicles. Electric vehicles offer several benefits to logistics companies, including reduced operating costs, improved efficiency, and increased sustainability. This article will explore the benefits of electric vehicles in logistics and some of the challenges that need to be addressed for their widespread adoption.

One of the most significant advantages of electric vehicles in logistics is reduced operating costs. EVs have lower fuel and maintenance costs compared to traditional gas-powered vehicles, which can save logistics companies a significant amount of money over time. EVs also have fewer moving parts, which means they require less maintenance and have a longer lifespan than gas-powered vehicles.

Electric vehicles also offer improved efficiency. They have faster acceleration and smoother driving compared to gas-powered vehicles, which can help reduce delivery times and improve overall productivity. Perhaps the most significant benefit of electric vehicles in logistics is their positive impact on the environment. EVs emit zero tailpipe emissions, making them much cleaner than gas-powered vehicles. This can help companies reduce their carbon footprint and meet sustainability goals [1].

Despite these benefits, there are still some challenges that need to be addressed for electric vehicles to become more widespread in the logistics industry. One of the most significant challenges is the lack of infrastructure for

charging EVs. Logistics companies need to invest in charging stations for their EVs, which can be expensive. Additionally, there is a need for more public charging stations to support the growing number of EVs on the road. Governments and private companies need to work together to build a network of charging stations that can support the growing demand for EVs. Another challenge is the range of EVs. While EVs have come a long way in terms of range, they still have a shorter range than gas-powered vehicles. This can be an issue for logistics companies that need to transport goods over long distances. However, with the development of more efficient batteries and charging technology, the range of EVs is expected to improve in the coming years.

Finally, there is a need for more education and training on EVs in the logistics industry. Many logistics professionals are not familiar with EVs and may be hesitant to switch from gas-powered vehicles. Companies need to invest in training programs to help their employees understand the benefits of EVs and how to operate and maintain them properly.

In conclusion, electric vehicles offer several benefits to logistics companies, including reduced operating costs, improved efficiency, and increased sustainability. While there are still some challenges that need to be addressed for their widespread adoption, the future looks bright for electric vehicles in logistics. As technology continues to improve and infrastructure develops, we can expect to see more logistics companies switch to electric vehicles and reap the benefits they offer.

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