

# Getting Early Stage Wins

A Case Study into Simulation's Supporting Role

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## Who are you?

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Who is the intended audience:

| <b>Manufacturers<br/>that answer yes to:</b>   | <b>Fleet Managers<br/>that answer yes to:</b>  | <b>Governments<br/>that answer yes to:</b>  |
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| Do you want to sell your vehicle to a fleet?<br><br>Do you want early adopters after the initial pilots? | Do you have or will soon have a green fleet initiative?<br><br>Are you interested in electrified vehicles? | Do you engage in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• vehicle related policy,</li><li>• emissions or,</li><li>• development of transportation-related technology?</li></ul> |

Results will be divided by audience target.





## The potential challenge? Beyond the Pilot Case



### On the demand side:

PHEV & EV success **beyond** the pilot phase requires:

- Compelling case to purchaser (\$)
- Purchaser's confidence in product
- Minimal purchase **"risk"**



## The potential challenge? Beyond the Pilot Case

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With new technologies, the purchase price is known. Unknowns that add **risk** include:

1. Fuel costs
  - price of fuel
  - real-world fuel consumption
2. Maintenance costs
3. Ability to perform task

Barriers to purchase.  
Barriers to market penetration.

This case study investigates reducing or eliminating the risk for **fuel consumption** and **ability to perform task**.





## Fuel Consumption Variance Vehicle Type Overview

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Why is fuel consumption variance a risk for plug-in hybrid purchases?

Make it clear to purchasers if they will often be in this

3.5L/100km  
(66 mpg)

more than 3X difference



1.18L/100km  
(200 mpg)

Data Source: Argonne National Lab

\*This is for dynamometer testing of the same car, with the same driver, on the same drive cycle, repeated five times.

Early Stage Win

While a completely intended result of plug-in hybrids, for a potential purchaser this underscores their **your mileage may vary** concerns.

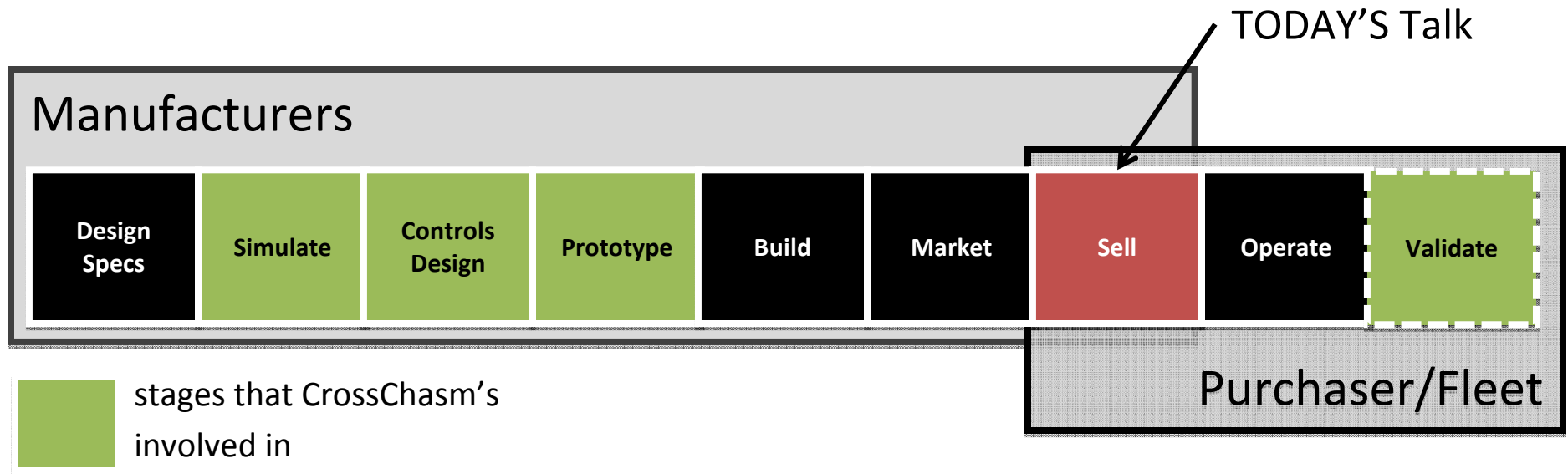
“What will my fuel costs be?”





# What does CrossChasm focus on?

Where do CrossChasm's simulation and controls products and services fit?

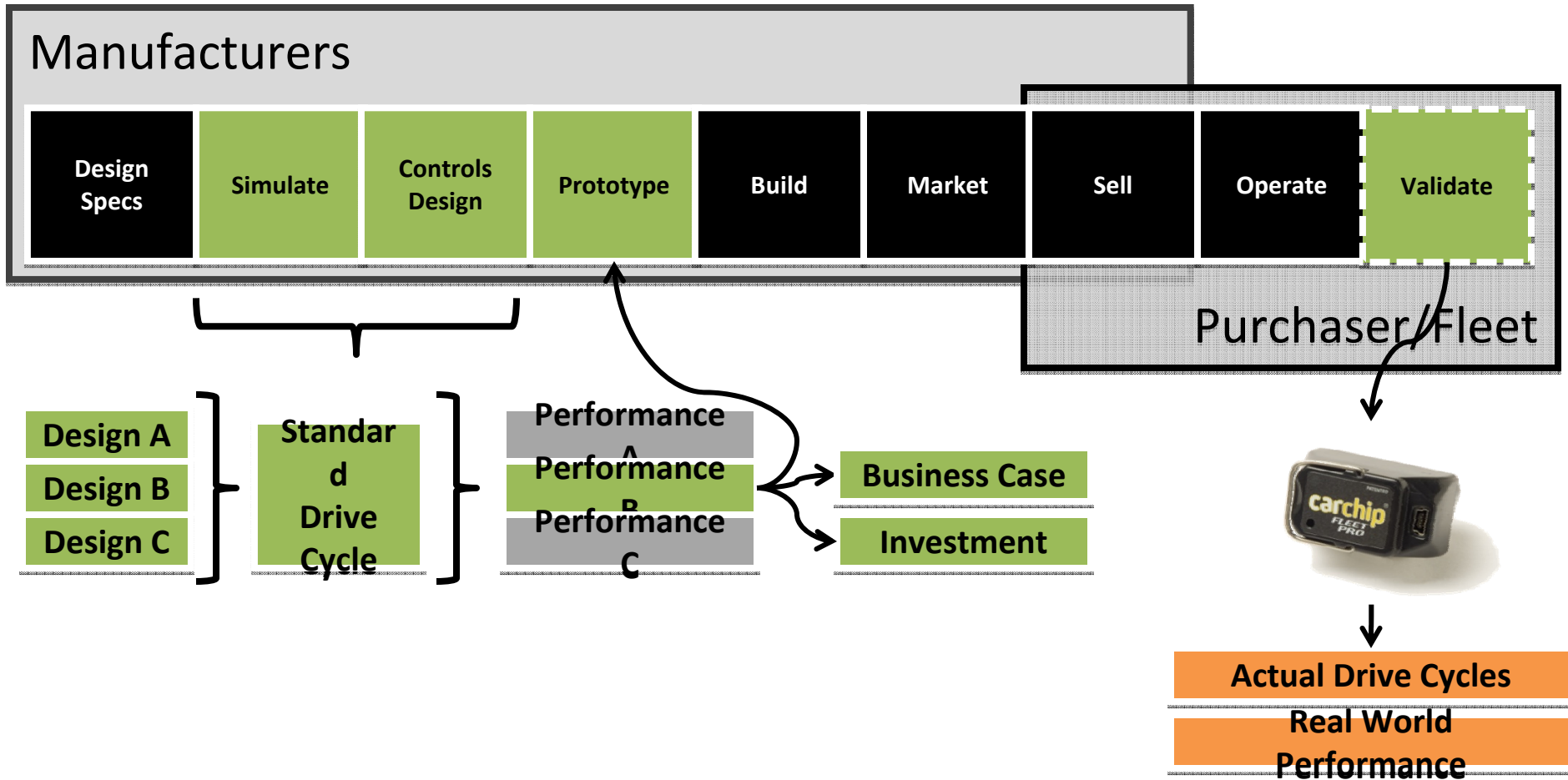


While primarily focused on accelerating design the validation projects have provided end-user insights.



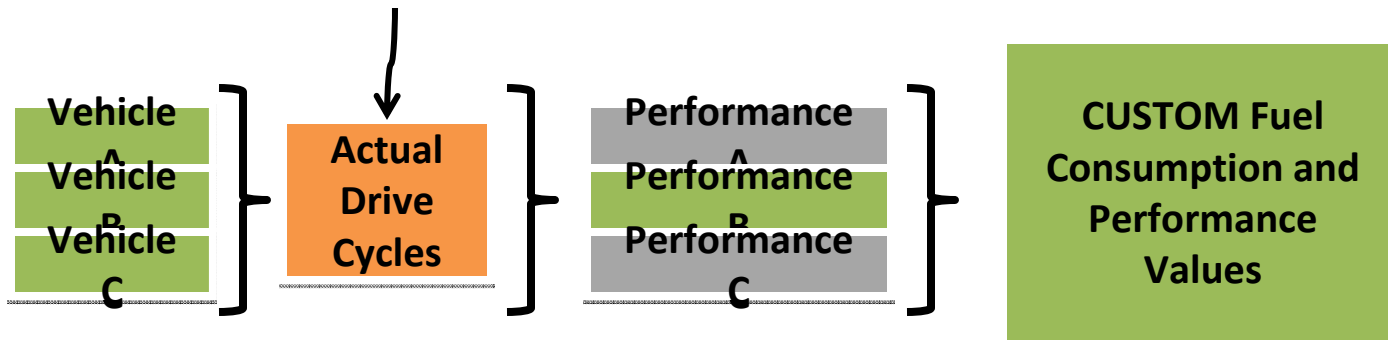
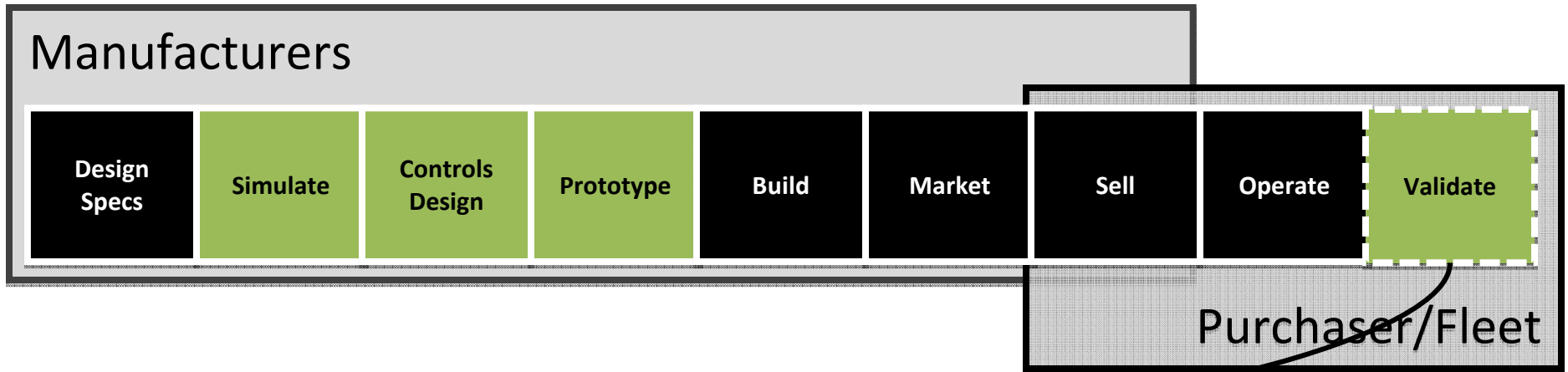


# Case Study Setup





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Gives what would YOUR fuel consumption be.





# Case Study Participants

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## Process

Initial Survey



Datalog



Custom Results Report



Final Survey

## Three (3) initial participants:

- **City of Ottawa**

- More than 1.1 million people
- Green procurement initiative. Details being finalized. Hybrid vehicles in use.

- **City of Waterloo**

- Approximately 120,000 people
- Informal green fleet initiative. Hybrid vehicle pilots underway.

- **University of Waterloo**

- Informal procurement. No green fleet initiative.





# Case Study Report

**Fuel Consumption Analysis**  
A Study on City of Waterloo Fleet Vehicles

How are the current fleet vehicles performing?

What fuel savings could be achieved by using different hybrid vehicles?

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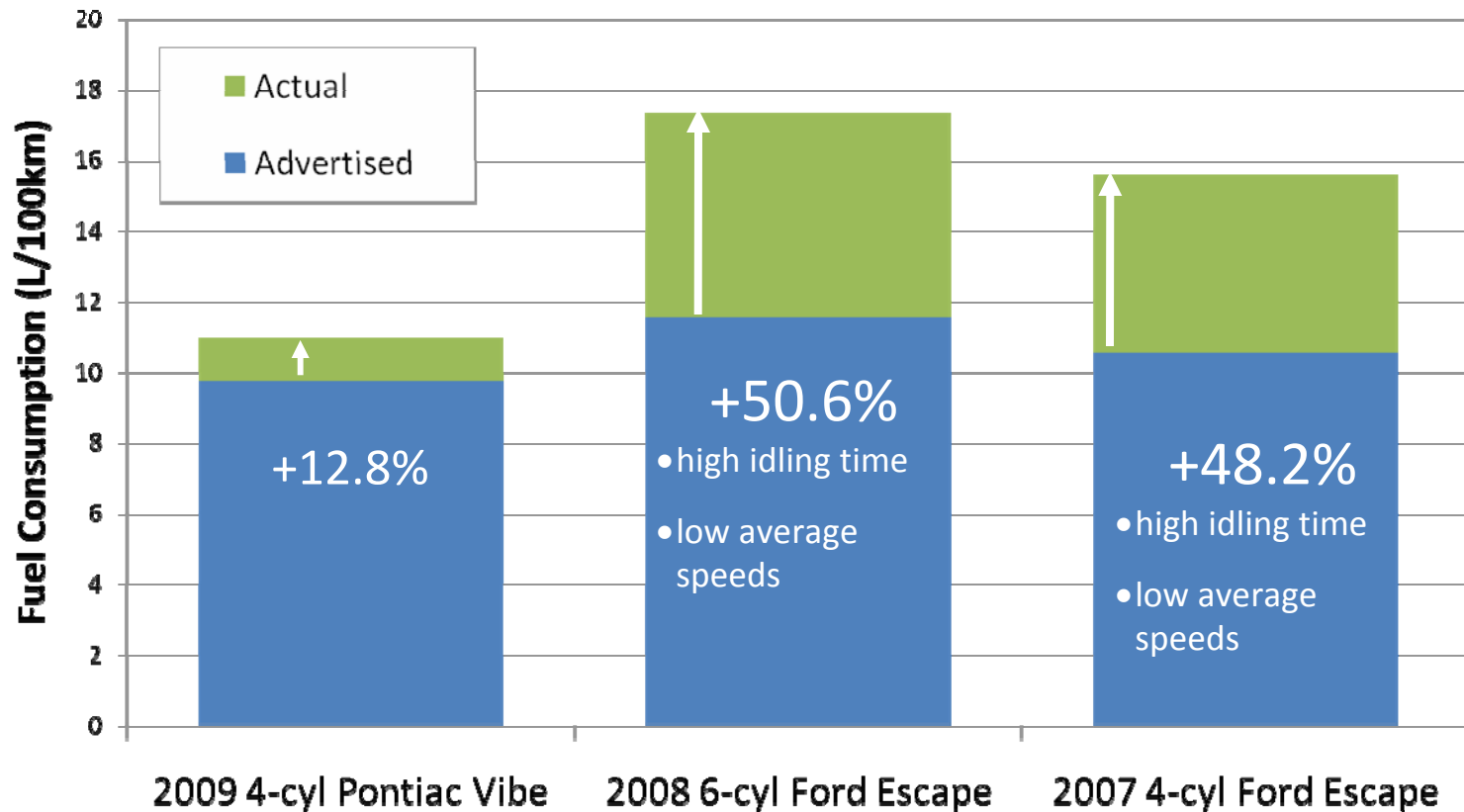




# Case Study Report

## First section: What are you currently getting?

University of Waterloo Case:

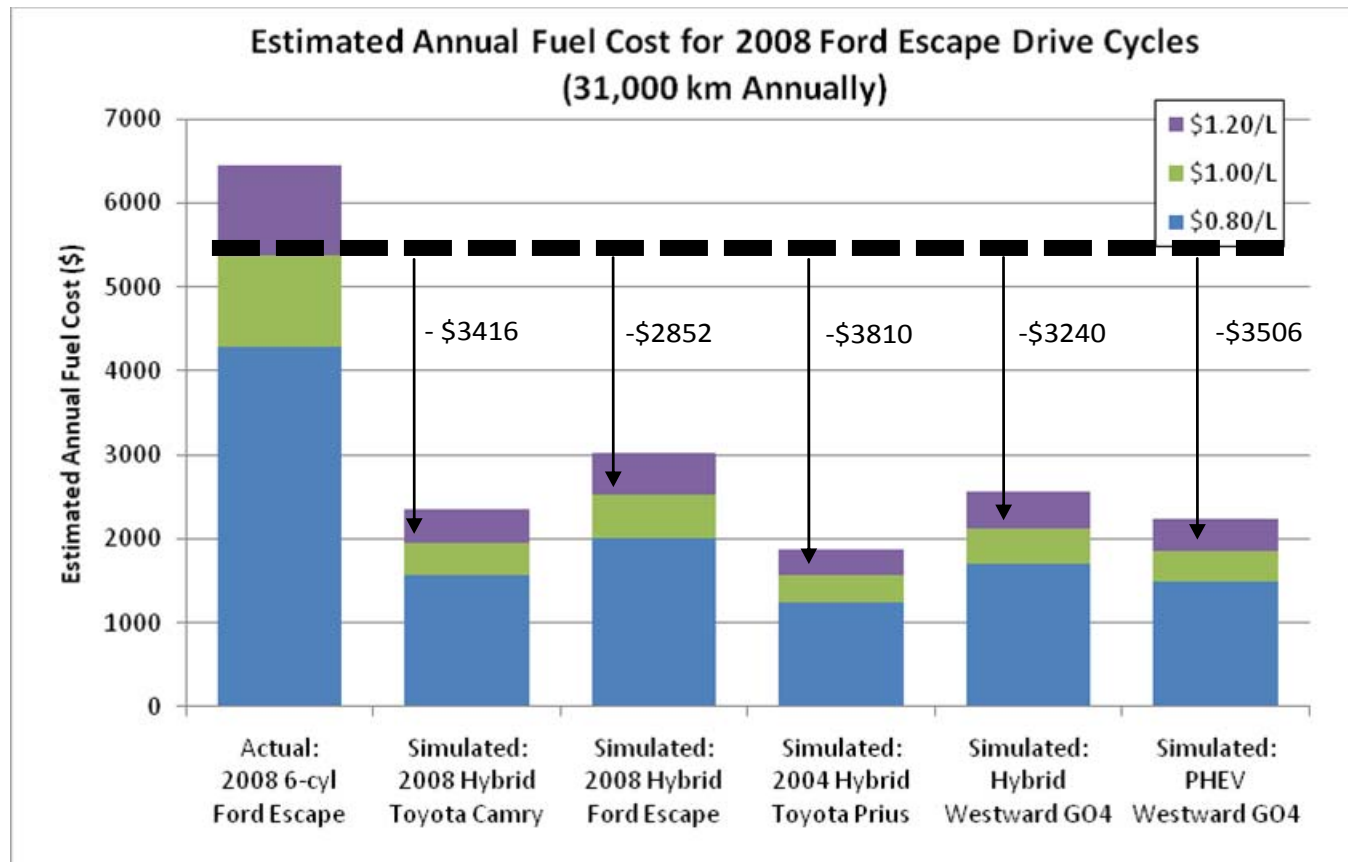




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## Second section: What could you be getting?

University of Waterloo Case, 2008 Ford Escape 6-cylinder





## Accuracy

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### **How accurate were the simulations?**

Three actual hybrids were datalogged. Simulations were run using the speed trace and compared to actual fuel use. The actual results were between 96 and 104% from simulated results (+- 4%).

### **How accurate were the “sticker” values?**

The actual results were between 109% and 168% from “sticker” values (between 9 – 68% off).





## Case Study Key Survey Findings Initial Survey

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### **Procurement Process**

Fleet services and end-user involved in vehicle requirement specification. One specification established the vehicle with the **lowest purchase price** wins the bid. Currently no explicit integration of lifetime/operational costs.

### **Impact of Green Fleet Initiatives**

The details of green fleet initiatives vary widely and are still being defined. Will generally include consideration of fuel consumption into purchase (enable higher purchase prices if payback is **3 years**)





## Case Study Key Survey Findings Final Survey

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### **Impact of Results**

Higher confidence PHEV could perform task. In some cases did not expect current vehicle consumption to be as high – transitioning discussion from:

**“what is the value of a hybrid”**

to

**“what does this cost comparison look like with winter performance? Maintenance costs?”**

### **Other Risk Factors**

While the results increased confidence in hybrid vehicle purchases it did not increase likelihood of purchase. Maintenance and cold-weather performance remained barriers.





# Key Results

| <b>Manufacturers</b>   | <b>Fleet Managers</b>   | <b>Governments</b>   |
|--|---|--|
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Make it visually obvious it is a “green” vehicle.</li><li>2. Fuel and Maintenance are both key considerations. Market both factors.</li><li>3. Current procurement process is based upon initial purchase price only.</li></ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Need to pool maintenance data from pilot projects.</li><li>2. Green fleet procurement best practices would be very helpful. Including lifetime cost factors.</li><li>3. Identification of ideal routes is key to early stage wins.</li></ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Maintenance risk is an issue and can be dealt with through pooling pilot data.</li><li>2. Fuel cost risk is an issue and simulation is one possible way to help resolve the issue. Cold weather performance needs to be included.</li></ol> |



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