

Audi e-tron 55 quattro

Date _____ Mileage _____ Price _____ Seller _____

What matters most: Check the battery cell supplier (LG or Samsung) and recall status first. Post-March 2022 Samsung builds avoid the biggest known battery risk entirely.

BEFORE THE VIEWING

- Battery recall status (93U9)**
Call an Audi dealer with the VIN and ask whether the car has LG or Samsung cells. LG cells (pre-March 2022 builds) are covered by a fire risk recall. Confirm the recall is completed before visiting.
- Charging port recall (93E8)**
For 2019 models, a faulty seal behind the charging connector allowed water into the high-voltage battery. Ask the dealer to confirm this recall is completed via the VIN.
- Service records and software**
Ask the seller for full service history. The e-tron has a 30,000 km or 2-year service interval. Confirm all software updates have been applied, as several address MMI stability and suspension control.

AT THE CAR

- Tyres and exterior condition**
The e-tron weighs 2,565 kg and wears tyres faster than most SUVs. Check tread depth and sidewall date codes. Budget for replacements every 30,000-40,000 km. Look for curb rash on the 20 or 21-inch wheels.
- Motor coolant catch reservoirs**
There is a small plastic catch reservoir next to each electric motor. Both should be completely dry. Any coolant present can point to a rotor shaft seal leak, which means a full motor replacement (around 7,000-10,000 euros).
- Air suspension level check**
Park on flat ground and check all four corners sit at the same height. Cycle through the ride height settings using the MMI. Listen for unusual compressor noise or clicking. A 'Suspension malfunction' warning points to a failing compressor or strut.
- Charging port and connector**
Open the charging port and inspect the seal area for moisture or corrosion. If you can, plug the car into an AC charger and confirm it starts charging without errors. DC fast charging should reach up to 150 kW.

DURING THE DRIVE

- MMI screens and responsiveness**
Use both touchscreens throughout the drive. Try navigation, climate controls, and Bluetooth audio. Freezes, lag, or black screens are a known issue. Cars with 2022 or later software updates are more stable.
- Regenerative braking and range**
Test all regenerative braking levels. The transition between regenerative and friction braking should feel smooth. Watch the range estimate for sudden drops, which can point to a battery module imbalance.
- Suspension comfort and noise**
Drive over speed bumps and uneven roads. The air suspension should absorb impacts quietly. Clunking or a harsh ride can point to a worn strut or low air pressure in one corner. Note any dashboard warnings.

NOTES

THIS CAR AT A GLANCE

Electric luxury SUV, built 2019-2023. Well-built overall, but the motor coolant seal and LG battery recall are the two issues to verify before buying.

KNOWN WEAK POINTS

Motor coolant seal

Seal leak destroys motor windings
€7,000-10,000

HV battery recall (LG)

Thermal overload risk, free recall fix
€0-500

Air suspension failure

Compressor or strut leak, car sags
€1,000-2,500

12V battery drain

Flat in 1-2 weeks if not driven
€200-500

MMI system crashes

Screens freeze, need forced reboot
€0-1,500

