

Andre Paras on Why the BAIC B30e Dune Hybrid Is His Daily Driver

Why the B30e Dune’s seven drive modes, everyday practicality, and rough-terrain capability have made it

Every day, thousands of Filipino drivers ask the same vehicle to serve very different roles. A morning commute through city traffic. A tight schedule of appointments across different locations. An unplanned trip out of town by evening. Few vehicles are built to carry that range of demands without asking the driver to compromise somewhere along the way. For BAIC Philippines brand ambassador Andre Paras, the B30e Dune Hybrid 4x4 has met that standard for months, becoming not an occasional vehicle but a daily one.



As someone whose work takes him to different locations on a near-weekly basis, Andre has put the B30e Dune Hybrid through a routine most vehicles are never tested against: long-distance drives, heavy traffic, rough roads, and the everyday demands of training, appearances, and family life, all within the same week.

For Andre Paras, reliability is not a preference but a requirement. With his work locations changing almost every week, consistency in performance is what allows him to plan his days with confidence rather than contingency.

“I need a vehicle I can count on. A vehicle that gives me peace of mind every time I get behind the wheel. Since my work locations change almost every week, I’m constantly driving long distances, dealing with heavy traffic, and navigating rough roads. That’s why reliability is a must. My BAIC B30e checks all the boxes, delivering the performance I need while also standing out with its stylish design.”

Like many Filipino consumers considering an EV or hybrid vehicle, Andre did not arrive at his decision lightly. Before purchasing his B30e, he spent time researching the vehicle and consulting existing owners through social media communities, forming expectations that the vehicle would later be measured against.

“Before getting my BAIC, I did a lot of research and read plenty of reviews from social media groups by existing owners. Naturally, I had high expectations but once I experienced it for myself, it exceeded every one of them. From the day I drove it out of the showroom until now, it’s given me nothing but confidence and peace of mind. Choosing BAIC is one of the best decisions I’ve made, and I haven’t regretted it for a single moment.”

A FEATURE BUILT FOR EVERY CONDITION

Asked what he considers non-negotiable in a vehicle he depends on daily, Andre pointed to the B30e Dune 4x4’s multiple drive modes, a feature he sees less as a specification and more as a form of reassurance.

“One of the features I appreciate most is the different drive modes. I chose the BAIC B30e 4x4 because it comes with seven drive modes that I can easily switch between depending on the road or driving conditions. So far, I’ve only needed to use three (Eco, Comfort, and Sport) but knowing there are four more available gives me a real sense



of confidence. It reassures me that no matter where my adventure takes me or what type of road lies ahead, my BAIC is ready for it.”

The B30e Dune’s off-road-styled design invites a common assumption: that a vehicle built for adventure is built for occasional use only. For Andre, daily use has told a different story.

“I’m proud to call my BAIC B30e my daily driver, no coding! It’s the kind of vehicle that gives me the confidence to go wherever I need



to, without worrying about the roads ahead. Whether I’m navigating tight parking spaces at the mall or heading off the beaten path for my next adventure or work location, it handles every situation with ease. It perfectly balances everyday practicality with the capability to take on rough terrain, making every drive feel effortless and every journey something to look forward to.”

For Andre, the shift to the B30e Dune as a daily driver changed more than his routine. It changed how he plans, and how little he now has to think about, when it comes to fuel costs.

“Having my B30e vehicle as my daily car has completely changed the way I drive. I no longer worry every time I stop at a gas station because I know I won’t be spending as much on fuel compared to the cars I used to own. Honestly, I don’t even think twice about planning my trips anymore. Whether it’s a long road trip or getting stuck in traffic, I know I’m still saving on gas. What gives me even more confidence is knowing I’m ready for any road condition.”

Beyond specifications, Andre describes his experience with the B30e Dune in terms of the outcome that matters most to him: not having to think twice about the vehicle once he is on the road, whether he is stuck in traffic, parking in a tight space, or driving out of town.

“At the end of the day, peace of mind means everything to me. I don’t want to spend my journeys worrying about what could happen

to my vehicle or whether the road ahead will be a challenge. With the BAIC B30e’s perfect size, capability, drive modes, style, and reliability, I always feel confident wherever I go. With my height, I can say that it is still spacious and it still has comfortable leg room. It has taken great care of me, and I’m proud to say it has become a trusted companion on every journey.”

Andre’s experience reflects the needs of a wider range of Filipino drivers that the B30e Dune was engineered to serve:



Professionals with unpredictable schedules; drivers whose work takes them to different locations on short notice, and who need a vehicle capable of handling long distances, heavy traffic, and rough roads without hesitation.

Research-driven EV and hybrid buyers; consumers who thoroughly evaluate their options before purchase and expect a vehicle that meets or exceeds the expectations set by that research.

Everyday-first, adventure-ready drivers; drivers who need a vehicle to perform reliably in city conditions, from mall parking to daily traffic, while remaining capable of rough terrain when the trip calls for it.

For Andre, the B30e Dune resolved a trade-off familiar to many Filipino drivers: choosing between a vehicle built for the city and one built for adventure. Rather than requiring a second vehicle for rough terrain or accepting reduced comfort and practicality for the sake of capability, Andre found a single vehicle that met both needs without compromise.

This shift, from planning around a vehicle’s limitations to trusting its range, is what has made the B30e Dune a genuine daily driver for Andre rather than an occasional-use SUV. It reflects BAIC Philippines’ broader commitment to building vehicles around the full, varied reality of Filipino life, rather than a single trip, terrain, or type of driver.

Suzuki Philippines Expands Carry Lineup with New Purpose-Built PUV Class 1 and Patrol Van Variants



Suzuki Philippines Incorporated (SPH) expands its versatile Carry lineup with the introduction of two new purpose-built variants designed to address the specialized transport and mobility requirements of organizations, local government units, and institutional users.

The new Suzuki Carry PUV Class 1 and Suzuki Carry Patrol Van build on the practicality of the Carry platform, offering specialized configurations suited for passenger transport and public-service applications. Priced at ₱849,000, the Carry PUV Class 1 is designed for organizations looking for a practical and purpose-built passenger vehicle. It features side entry with removable doors and canvas cover, wide windows with roll-up canvas, side-facing seats, and high headroom.

The variant also comes equipped with a fire extinguisher. It is DOTr Certified with COC No. 202509-00C1GE and compliant with PNS 2131:2018 – Public Utility Vehicles Class 1: Dimensional Standard.

Its configuration makes the Carry PUV Class 1 suitable for transport cooperatives, resorts, local government units, and other organizations that require this type of passenger vehicle. The Carry Patrol Van, with an SRP of ₱822,000, is designed to support the mobility and operational requirements of LGUs, barangays, and other organizations requiring a dedicated patrol or public-service vehicle.

It comes equipped with purpose-built features including a reversible seat, checkered plate flooring, roll-up canvas covers with locks, embedded side step, and siren with PA system and blinker. The Patrol Van provides seating for 10 passengers including the driver.

These features make it a practical option for patrol operations, community assistance, and other public-service activities that require a versatile and functional vehicle. Both new variants retain the Carry’s reputation for practicality while offering configurations tailored to specific operational needs.

With these new additions, Suzuki Philippines gives organizations and institutional customers more choices within the Carry lineup, providing practical mobility solutions designed around their specific needs. Both variants will be available through the Suzuki Philippines authorized automobile dealer network.

BYD Cars Philippines Celebrates 2nd Anniversary of Sealion 6 DM-i with Exclusive Drive-In Cinema Event



BYD Cars Philippines recently hosted an exclusive Drive-In Cinema at Ayala Malls Trinoma to celebrate the second anniversary of the Sealion 6 DM-i. The event brought together over 60 owners of one of BYD’s most popular Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicle (PHEV) models. Participants joined a grand multi-point convoy from across Luzon, featuring stops at BYD Manila Bay, BYD Sta Rosa, and Shell Mobility Mexico Southbound, which hosts an ACMobility Charging station. This milestone underscores the strength of the BYD Sealion 6 Facebook community, which now counts over 25,000 active members nationwide.

“Our BYD Sealion 6 owners are the true heartbeat of the brand,” said Bob Palanca, Managing Director of BYD Cars Philippines. “Every story they share, every new driver they welcome into the fold, and every kilometer they put on their Sealion 6 DM-i is a testament to the trust they’ve placed in us. We’re committed to matching that trust with exceptional, reliable after-sales support as this community continues to grow.”

Since its launch, the Sealion 6 DM-i continues to be one of the most popular models in the BYD lineup. As the country’s first vehicle featuring BYD’s Super DM-i technology, it offers a combined range exceeding 1,000 kilometers from a full charge and tank, effectively eliminating the range anxiety that has long held drivers back. This gave Filipinos a practical and accessible entry point into electrified driving. For owner Seth Tullao, that promise has played out firsthand: since buying his Sealion 6 DM-i in 2024, he has clocked 77,000 kilometers on an all-stock unit, a testament to the confidence owners have placed in the car as they push it to its full potential on Philippine roads.

That confidence is backed by substance with the vehicle’s

ADAS suite and versatile Vehicle-to-Load functionality which add further layers of convenience behind the wheel. The Sealion 6 DM-i also comes with a 5-star safety rating from both ANCAP and Euro NCAP to round out its safety credentials. All of this comes wrapped in the kind of real-world fuel efficiency that has made the Sealion 6 DM-i a standout in its class and was awarded 2025 Car of the Year by the Philippine EV Community.

The 2nd anniversary of the BYD Sealion 6 honored the owners who have helped make it possible. In just two years, the Sealion 6 Owners Club has evolved into one of the country’s most active and engaged automotive communities. The group consistently hosts meetups that transform individual car ownership into a genuine communal experience, that allows members to share real-world insights, reflecting both the strength of the product and the trust owners have placed in the brand.

“Two years ago, we started with a handful of owners who simply wanted a place to share their experience with the Sealion 6 DM-i,” said Edward Salas, President of the BYD Sealion 6 Club. “Today, we’re a much larger community that is bound by a shared passion for electrified driving. Nights like this remind us how far we’ve come together, and how much further we can go.”

The event was made possible through key partnerships that extended the celebration beyond the automotive space. BYD Cars Philippines partnered with the Cultural Center of the Philippines (CCP) to spotlight the Cinemalaya Philippine Independent Film Festival as part of the evening’s program, lending the celebration a distinctly Filipino cultural dimension in support of local film artistry. The Club also welcomed McDonald’s and Taters as event partners for the celebration.