Charged Up: Everything you need to know about EV Charging

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Webinar logistics

Everyone is muted to avoid background noise. We will have regular breaks for questions. Send questions to me via chat.



Our mission

To harness our power as energy consumers to speed the transition to a low-carbon future.



Agenda

- How charging works
- Level 1 and Level 2 charging
- Installing a charging unit at home
- Public charging networks
- DC fast charging
- "Smart" charging

The basics of electricity

- **Voltage** is determined by the power source and is measured in volts.
- **Current** is drawn by the electrical device and limited to a safe level by circuit breakers; measured in amps
- **Power** is the amount of energy delivered in a given amount of time and is measured in kilowatts.
- **Energy** is the total available capacity to do work and is measured in kilowatt-hours.

You can think of electricity like water flowing through a pipe.

High capacity cords are like large "pipes" through which electricity flows



Source: <u>Plugless</u>

Driving range and charging speed

How far can I go?

- Size of battery
- Efficiency
- Weather

How fast can I charge?

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- Power source
- Onboard charger

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• Weather



Source: Fastned

Level 1 charging

- 4 miles of range per hour of charging
- Plug in anywhere with a standard 120volt outlet
- 2 ports: J1772 and Tesla

J1772

Tesla



Level 2 charging

- 11 25 miles of range per hour of charging
- Requires a specialized charging station unit and a 240-volt outlet
- Public and at-home



J1772

Tesla



How fast can my EV charge?

Onboard charger capacity	Maximum level 2 charging speed	Cars
7.7 – 10 kW	25 – 30 miles of range per hour of charging	Tesla Model S, Tesla Model X, Tesla Model 3
7.4 kW	24 miles of range per hour of charging	BMW i3
6.6 – 7.2 kW	22 – 24 miles of range per hour of charging	Nissan LEAF, Chevrolet Bolt, Hyundai Kona EV, Kia Niro EV, Volkswagen eGolf, Hyundai Ioniq EV, Chrysler Pacifica
3.3 – 3.7 kW	11 miles of range per hour of charging	Toyota Prius Prime, Honda Clarity PHEV, Mitsubishi Outlander PHEV, Kia Niro PHEV, Chevrolet Volt









Up next: Charging at home and in public

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It's easy to charge at home!

Check out our "<u>Installing Electric Vehicle</u> <u>Charging at Home</u>" guide to learn...

- How to determine your charging needs
- How to pick a charging station unit
- What you need an electrician for

It typically costs between \$600 -\$1,200 for the purchase and installation of a charging unit, including electrician's labor





Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment

There are hundreds of available charging units to choose from.

- **Current** how much power do you want the station to deliver?
- **Connectivity** do you want to manage or monitor charging from your smartphone?



How much does it cost to charge at home?

Assuming you live in New England and drive 40 miles a day, your annual fuel costs would be

- \$847 with an EV
- \$1460 with a gas-powered vehicle

More than \$3,000 in savings over 5 years!



Public Level 2 charging

- Think about your regular driving routes and destinations where you park your car often.
- Use **PlugShare** to see if there charging stations near you.
- Subscribe to a charging network if you anticipate using it frequently.

Unlike gas stations, EV chargers are often hidden from view, so there are probably more charging stations around you than you think!





Public charging networks



- Charging networks use "smart" stations that help you monitor charging, estimate costs, get a notification when charging is done, etc. using your smartphone
- Non-networked stations: no smartphone integration, not part of a greater system



A trip to Roger Williams Park Zoo

- What kind of port is available?
- How many stations?
- Is someone else plugged in already?
- How much will it cost to charge?
- Do I have to pay for parking, too?
- How much power will the station deliver?



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Up next: Fast charging and smart charging

DC fast charging (Level 3)





J1772 combo



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What affects the speed of fast charging?

DC fast charging rate will vary according to

- EV's battery management system
- Temperature
- State of charge
- Total battery capacity
- Station power

25 kW = 50 miles in 30 minutes 50 kW = 90 miles in 30 minutes 100 kW = 120 miles in 30 minutes 150 kW = 150 miles in 30 minutes



Source: Fastned

How are we building the DC fast charging network?

- It costs \$10,000 \$40,000 to install a single DC fast charger, compared to \$400
 - \$6,500 for public Level 2 charging
- Need to prioritize DC fast charging along high-traffic corridors and highways, where drivers are most likely to be making a long distance trip
- Fast charging is not meant to replace the 5-minute refuel time of gasoline





Charging can be more convenient than gas



Refuel at a gas station when you're nearly empty, once every 10 days or so

Charge often at home or at work to replenish the miles that you've driven in a day

Peak and off-peak charging



EV HOME CHARGER DEMAND RESPONSE

You can earn rewards of up to \$300 by enrolling your home electric vehicle (EV) charger in Eversource's ConnectedSolutions.



SmartCharge Rhode Island



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Questions?

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