

Buying an Electric Vehicle? What you need to know about charging

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Charging EVs at home



- Context: energy use, battery capacity and charging times
- Terminology and Context
- Charging modes and types
- Charging at home
 - Charge rate
 - Charging options
 - Electrical safety, tariffs
 - Solar, new stuff
- DC Charging: mostly on the road



Some EV terminology



- 1. EV: Electric vehicle (General term for vehicles with some form of electric drive)
- 2. BEV: Battery electric vehicle
- 3. REV: Range extended electric vehicle
- 4. PHEV: Plug-in hybrid electric vehicle
- 5. PEV: Plug-in electric vehicle (includes 2 4 above)
- 6. HEV: Hybrid electric vehicle
- 7. FCEV: Fuel cell electric vehicle
- 8. ICE: Internal combustion engine
- 9. EVSE: Electric vehicle supply equipment





EV vehicle types:





Context: energy use



- An average private car is driven 14,000 km/yr (40km/day)
- EV electricity use approx. ~10kWh/day per car;
- average Tasmanian daily household use ~20 kWh
- 2 EVs = a house



Context: battery capacity



- Battery = 30kWh+ capacity
- Tesla Powerwall2 capacity = 14 kWh, >\$10,000 installed each
- 30kWh EV battery = 1½ x avg hh daily use



Context: charging time



- Most cars are parked 96% of the time, mostly at home base
- Charging time required (at home): 1-4 hours
 - @ 3.6 kW, average = 2½ h; 30kWh full charge from empty = 8 h
 - @ 7.2 kW, average = 1¼ h; 30kWh full charge from empty = 4½ h
- There is a lot of discretion about charging times





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Modes 2 & 3: Two AC connector types

Type 1 or J1772 (N America, Japan, single phase only)

Type 2 or Menneckes (Europe, single or three phase)

Adaptors available between types: they use same communication



Manufacturers have agreed on only Type 2 AC for Oz in future

– But used Japanese imports will still be Type 1!

No problem with socket type EVSEs if driver brings their own cable



Charging electric vehicles at home: mostly <u>AC</u>

Consists of:

- A power socket: 10A, 15A, 32A; single / three phase; with a 'charger' (EVSE)
- Type 2 EV connector is used at the car (Type Two will become standard) Power:
- The rate depends on car's on board AC/DC converter, available supply equip
- Ioniq, Leaf up to about 7 kW (4-5 hours full charge)
 Options:
- 10A/2.4kW comes with car, but 11+ h for full charge

- 15A/3.6kW 15A powerpoint + 3rd party equipment EVSE (approx. \$550)
- Hardwired EVSE commonly 30A/7.2kW single phase but can set Amps in most models (Zappi, Delta, many others) \$1,500-\$2,000 installed



What charge rate should I choose at home?



Charging at 3.6kW

- Needs a 15A circuit; Fast enough for most purposes
- Most houses will have the capacity, safe wiring for this: but if old wiring, <u>check first</u>
- 5kW of solar panels can deliver this with some to spare
- Doesn't overload transformers even if everyone on the street plugs in together

Charging at 7.2kW

- Gives faster recharge, useful if quick top up needed in the day
- House wiring should be checked first; upgrade <u>may</u> be needed: \$\$ and delay
- Exceeds typical rooftop solar capacity
- If too many EVs charge at 7.2kW together in one area, local transformers may fail
- If many people have 7.2kW chargers, some control will be required by the network

Can I charge faster if I have/use 3 phase power?



- Three phase power can deliver much higher charge rates to **some** vehicles
- The main advantage is if you require relatively fast charging during the day between (long) trips.
- If you have three phase power, you can install a three phase EVSE for not much more cost and be more future proof
- You may get less benefit from solar with faster charging

Where should I put my EVSE?



- In the garage or carport it you have one (IP54)
- Where you normally park, but out of extremes of sun, heat or cold if you can. Extremes can affect charging times (IP65 preferred)

Will my wiring cope?



- For most house under 25 years old, or rewired within the last 25 years: almost certainly, but the electrician **must** do an inspection and maximum demand calculation
- For most houses under 50 years old, yes, but the switchboard may need upgrading if it has fuses, not circuit breakers (\$2,000)
- If your switchboard has no spare slots left, if may need to be reconfigured or upgraded (\$500)
- Older houses without renewed wiring may need to be fully rewired \$\$!

Electricity Tariffs



		current rate	Hobart L'ton return
Standard Tariff 31:		26.43 c/kWh	\$14.25
Time of use Tariff 93:			
•	Peak 07:00 to 10:00 and 16:00 to 21:00	31.95 c/kWh	\$17.25
•	Off peak 10:00 to 16:00 and 21:00 to 07:00	14.88 c/kWh	\$8.00
	(and all weekend)		

Tariff 93 works out cheaper overall for 95% of households. Few people have it. Most charging can occur overnight or weekends on off-peak. With Tariff 93, adding the EV may add ½ to their electricity use but only ¼ to their power bill. Either way: far cheaper than petrol!

What about solar?



- A 5 kW system costs about \$6,000-\$9,000, depending on site and quality of solar components
- Solar has a typical payback period of 5-6 years (~40% self consumption)
- **Solar** Feed in tariff: 8.54 c/kWh or <\$5.00 (Hobart Launceston return)
- An electric car can be set up to use 'excess' solar that otherwise would go to the grid @ 8.54 cents/kWh
 - Most summer driving could be @ 8.54 cents/kWh
 - Most winter driving would be on off-peak @ 14.88 cents/kWh
- The car's timer can do this roughly in afternoon/overnight off peak; more sophisticated systems can improve this, even earning revenue

Home/private charging challenges



Need to deal with:

 Landlords: to provide charging options for tenants with off street parking (OSP)



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- Public low power charging in residential areas without OSP
- Discounted/affordable fast charging during off peak periods

Summary



- Cheap system: 15A power point and EVSE from the car
- Lowest cost to charge/future proof system:
 - Hardwired 7kW system (e.g. Delta)
 - Set to 3.5kW
 - Use time-of-use tariff
 - Solar
- Most convenient but higher power costs
 - Hardwired 7kW system (e.g. Delta) but inspect wiring
 - Standard tariff
- No off street parking: come and see AEVA/Council

Home charging in the future

- Some move to integrate charging with solar/batteries
- Stationary batteries support roof-top solar as many cars are away during the day: battery to battery charging when return
- Expect low power DC charging (5-25kW) with vehicle to home and vehicle to grid
- Grid controlled charging and AI trading 'apps' will become common







DC chargers: Mode 4



Higher power DC equipment is higher cost so fast charging is more expensive

Power:

- 5 to 350 kW now; higher power under development
- Rate depends on car battery size + charger capacity + power supply
 Characteristics:
- Recharge fast to continue a journey promptly: **no discretion** about timing
- Places a high demand on the power supply for relatively short periods
- Adds 25 to 300 km (for Porsche Mission E!) per 15 minutes
- 25 kW DC may have a place in some destinations

Formats for <u>DC</u> chargers





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Lithium-ion battery price outlook

Lithium-ion battery pack price (real 2018 \$/kWh)



Source: BloombergNEF



Questions?