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If you want a faster charge you can explore upgrading to a 240V system, which typically provides 10-20 miles of range per hour charged. For any modifications to your home's power system, consult an electrician to add 240V outlets, installed charging boxes, and ensure your home can support the proper amperage.

CCS / J1772 - The CCS / J1772 plug has been the most common in North America and had been the market standard until 2023. It has two variations, the standard J1772 plug with 5 pins that supports Level 1 and 2 charging, or the enhanced CCS (Combined Charging System) plug that adds 2 pins (for 7 total) and supports DC fast charging.

NACS - While used only by Tesla until 2023, most automakers have announced they'll switch future models sold in the US to use NACS (North American Charging Standard). The NACS plug is smaller than the CCS and, for some, easier to handle.

CHAdEMO - The "Chad Mo" plug is a Japanese-market standard and was used on early BEVs/PHEVs like the Nissan Leaf and Mitsubishi Outlander PHEV, though both automakers have said they'll move to other standards in North America.

The CCS, NACS, and CHAdEMO all support DC fast charging; however, when using a public fast charger you'll need to find one that has the appropriate plug for your vehicle.

EV battery life depends on many things, including the make, model, use, condition, and maintenance of the vehicle. The battery will experience some degradation over time (just as internal combustion engines experience some degradation as they age); however, a majority of electrified vehicles on US roadways are younger than 8 years so we don't yet fully know.

The US government mandates manufacturers provide warranties for the batteries in BEVs, PHEVs, and HEVs for 8 years or 100,000 miles, whichever happens first. You can read more on the EPA's website.

- Level 1 charging at home (standard home wall outlet): a common 120V power outlet provides about 3-5 miles of range per hour charged. A good practice of many BEV and PHEV owners is to charge overnight, where you can achieve a 30-mile range in 6-8 hours, so you don't start your day with an empty battery.

- Level 2 charging at home (upgraded home wall outlet + charging box): a conventional 240V power outlet--like one your washing machine uses--provides power at a faster 10-20 miles of range per hour charged. You will need a charging regulator box to protect the vehicle against things like power surges, which can cost \$500-\$1000+ before installation. For any modifications to your home's power system, consult an electrician to add 240V outlets and ensure your home can support the proper amperage.

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- Level 2 charging in public (public charging networks): public chargers can also be used on BEVs and PHEVs, though for a PHEV you should evaluate if the cost is justified--because the price of charging at public chargers varies, and it may be cheaper to simply use the gasoline already in your car.
- Direct current (DC) fast charging: DC fast charging uses direct current (DC) electricity to charge the battery of an electric vehicle. DC fast charging is much faster than Level 1 and Level 2 charging, charging an EV battery up to 80% in about 30 minutes. It's an ideal option for longer trips and for charging an EV quickly when time is limited. PHEVs do not support direct current fast charging (also known as Level 3 charging); that would be like trying to fill a small bucket with a fire hose.

Switching to an electric car can have a high upfront cost at first glance, but does charging an EV save you money compared to paying for gasoline? And if so, how much? Edmunds' expert Jake Sundstrom compares the cost of charging to the cost of gassing up.

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