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Electric vehicle charging is about to become a more widely discussed topic. With Ford, Toyota, VW, and of course, Tesla, now having smash hits with their latest electrified crossovers, more and more first-time consumers are interacting with long-time EV owners and advocates. One term that is often used in various ways is "charger." As in "Electric vehicle charger" or simply, "EV Charger."

Related Story: Electric Vehicle Vocabulary Guide - Decoding the Alphabet Soup Of EV Acronyms Like many terms, the word charger has many meanings related to automobiles. For example, Charger is the model of one of the more popular muscle cars in the market today, and a term that Dodge used for a good part of a century before EVs were a thing. Our discussion today will relate specifically to the term charger being used when a person puts energy into the battery of an electric vehicle.

The Technical Use of the Word Charger Electric vehicles all come with a component inside their powertrain that is called a charger. It accepts incoming current from an outside source and converts that incoming electrical current into stored energy in the vehicle's battery. The component is termed a charger.

Supercharger When Tesla created its Supercharger network, Elon Musk opted not to name the network "SuperEVSE." Musk did this for two reasons. First, it would have sounded stupid. Second, Musk was an early adopter and perhaps the planet's strongest advocate for electric vehicles and had been using the term "charger" to describe the external device that supplies power to an EV along with all the other experts, fans, and owners for years.

Need more proof that the word charger is "officially" acceptable as the term for the external equipment that supplies power to an EV? ChargePoint on its website says, "ChargePoint is the world's largest network of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations in North America and Europe." The company didn't call itself the world's largest network of EVSEs because it would sound dumb to the millions of EV owners who use their chargers every day. On ChargePoint's front page of its website, the term EVSE does not appear once.

Electric vehicle adoption will require that the majority of the drivers in America become comfortable with the idea of how the vehicles work in day-to-day use. An important term is charging. There is no need to insert EVSE into any conversation around charging unless one is engaged in a technical discussion involving both the external and internal equipment involved. For example: "Hey Bob, this EV isn't charging. Did you check that there was power to the EVSE? There is no code on the infotainment screen about any onboard charger issues."

A charging station, also known as a charge point, chargepoint, or electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE), is a power supply device that supplies electrical power for recharging plug-in electric vehicles (including battery electric vehicles, electric trucks, electric buses, neighborhood electric vehicles, and plug-in hybrid vehicles).

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Charging stations provide connectors that conform to a variety of international standards. DC charging stations are commonly equipped with multiple connectors to charge various vehicles that use competing standards.

Public charging stations are typically found street-side or at retail shopping centers, government facilities, and other parking areas. Private charging stations are usually found at residences, workplaces, and hotels.

Multiple standards have been established for charging technology to enable interoperability across vendors. Standards are available for nomenclature, power, and connectors. Tesla developed proprietary technology in these areas and began building its charging networking in 2012.

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