Electric Vehicle Quick Start Guide

Welcome to the world of driving electric! With your EV, you'll save time, money, and the planet.
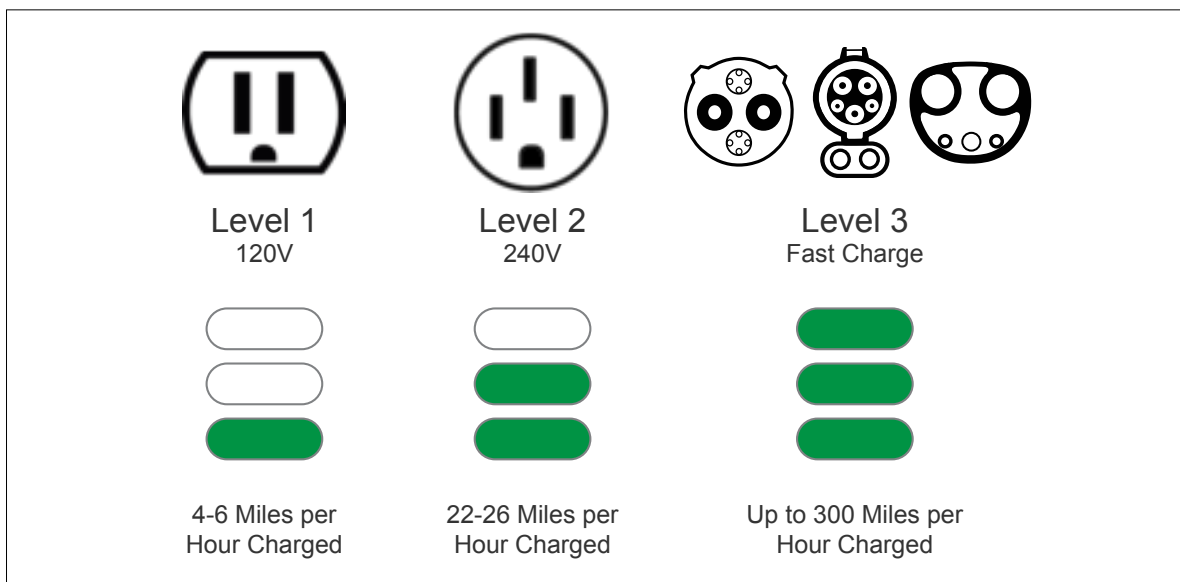
Rebates and Incentives

Use this Savings Calculator to find your personalized incentives.

- California Clean Vehicle Rebate - income limits apply
- Federal Tax Credit for Electric Vehicles - available for purchased/financed cars and claimed when you file your taxes (must have tax liability). Not available for Chevy Bolt or Tesla
- Clean Air Vehicle Decals - HOV lane access as a single driver

Charging Your EV

There are three levels of charging and each is useful in different situations.

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
120V	240V	Fast Charge
4-6 Miles per Hour Charged	22-26 Miles per Hour Charged	Up to 300 Miles per Hour Charged

Charging at Home

Level 1 Charging - ample for most drivers

- No-cost option
- Add 40-50 miles overnight

Level 2 Charging - if you have a long commute and can't charge at work

- Hire a licensed electrician to assess the cost
- Use the Home Charging Advisor to research level 2 charging options

Unless you have a long commute, try using Level 1 charging at home.

Charging on the Road

Practice Level 3 Fast Charging as soon as you can. Once you know how to charge on the road, your range anxiety will disappear and you'll enjoy the freedom to go anywhere.

Navigation Apps

Download PlugShare and A Better Routeplanner, free navigation apps that will help you locate nearby charging stations when you're on the road and help you plan road trips in advance.

Charging Networks

We recommend signing up with these charging networks to make charging on the road easier.

Clean Electricity at Home

Power your car with clean energy, either rooftop solar or 100% renewables from your utility provider or CCA. Call your provider to learn about clean energy options and ask about EV time of use rates, which can save you money on your electricity bill.

Still Have Questions?

Join us on Facebook: Bay Area Electric Vehicle Drivers, where you can ask questions about driving electric and share your experiences. Or email us at info@drivecleanbayarea.org.