



ENERGY STAR® Electric Vehicle (EV) Chargers Newsletter



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Greetings from ENERGY STAR

Dear ENERGY STAR Partners and industry colleagues,

Thanks to your continued hard work and support, we have seen tremendous growth in ENERGY STAR certified Electric Vehicle Chargers. We continue to add new partners and products to the list of certified products and our list now represents a significant portion of the Level 2 EV charging market.

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide partners, stakeholders, and interested parties with helpful EV charger resources and to update you on ENERGY STAR Program plans and activities. We will distribute the newsletter twice a year, and we hope the content informs you about important updates related to ENERGY STAR EV chargers. In this edition, we will highlight opportunities to engage with electric vehicle leaders across the nation, remind everyone of key upcoming deadlines, and provide tools for making the most of your ENERGY STAR partnership.

We appreciate you being a part of this program and we are excited to share additional specification updates and highlights from upcoming industry events in our next communication.

Sincerely,
Peter Banwell

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Welcome ENERGY STAR Electric Vehicle Charging Partners!

Thank you to all our participating partners, both existing and new! We recently welcomed new partners, including BTCPower, Flo, Nuvve, and Tellus.

Existing partners are taking several approaches to reach customers with the ENERGY STAR message. From social media to digital advertising, we appreciate the many ways you participated to help more consumers save energy, save money, and help protect the environment by choosing ENERGY STAR certified products. For the most up to date ENERGY STAR EV Charging news and resources, check out our [updated webpage!](#)



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Earth Day Recap

April 22nd marked the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, and the ENERGY STAR Program celebrated by featuring the combined benefits of energy efficiency and green power as the path toward a clean energy future and a healthier environment.

In case you missed it, check out the [Earth Day video](#), which featured EV images. Dozens of ENERGY STAR partners, including several of our ENERGY STAR EV charging partners, joined with EPA by sharing the video on social media!

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Partner Corner

Save the Date: 2020 ENERGY STAR Products Partner Meeting

Mark your calendars - the 2020 ENERGY STAR Products Partner Meeting is scheduled to take place either as a virtual meeting or in Denver, CO from October 27-29, 2020. Join product partners from around the country to discuss the latest market insights, new energy efficiency program models, and cutting-edge technology.

The EV Chargers team is planning to host several sessions that dive into important industry topics. A link to the 2019 session presentation can be found [here](#).

The ENERGY STAR Products Partner Meeting is a rare opportunity to meet with utilities, implementers, manufacturers, and retailers - all in one place! Stay tuned for additional information.

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Stay in the Loop!

Update your information within 30 days of a change of contact status to ensure you receive important correspondence from ENERGY STAR, such as information on the annual unit shipment data requirement or specification updates.

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Specification Updates

EPA is in the process of revising and expanding criteria for EV chargers. There are several goals to this process: 1) Expand the product coverage beyond Level 2 to include DC “fast” and “high power” models. 2) Provide stakeholders (state agencies, utilities, etc.) with a uniform test method for energy efficiency. 3) Develop networking criteria that reflects emerging standards and communications protocols (price signals, demand response, billing and payments, etc.).

EPA released an ENERGY STAR [Final Draft Test Method for DC EV chargers](#) in September 2019 and expects to release Draft 1 criteria shortly. Stakeholder participation is encouraged. Click [here](#) to be added to the distribution list for future documents.

In addition, the Draft 1 will include changes to the existing connected/networked requirements for AC Level 2 Units. EPA is proposing new requirements for:

- Scheduling of charging sessions.
- Remote management capabilities.
- Definitions of demand response signals that the EV charger should support

Draft requirements can be found [here](#). EPA is interested in comments on these criteria, [here](#)

Data Request:

Your engagement is critical to the success of this program. Manufacturers and other stakeholders are invited to continue providing test data for current DC EV charging models, using the [data assembly form](#), for inclusion in the data set that informs the specification criteria. EPA will release subsequent drafts for stakeholder review and comment in the coming months as EPA and anticipates a final specification for DC EV chargers will be released and go into effect in Fall 2020.

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What We've Been Up To...

You may be interested in the following recent webinars featuring ENERGY STAR EV chargers:

- [Best Practices for Electric Vehicle Charging in Commercial Buildings](#)
- [Electric Vehicles: The Utility Connection](#)

New & Updated Resources

- [EVSE Qualified Products List](#)
- [Incentives for EV Chargers](#)

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