

# THE CHEVROLET

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### 2011 Volt — Born and Built in U.S.

- GM invested more than \$700 million in eight Michigan plants for Volt production
- Key facilities
  - Detroit-Hamtramck Assembly
     Investment of \$336 million
  - Brownstown Battery Assembly
     Investment of \$43 million
  - GM Global Battery System Lab Investment of \$33 million







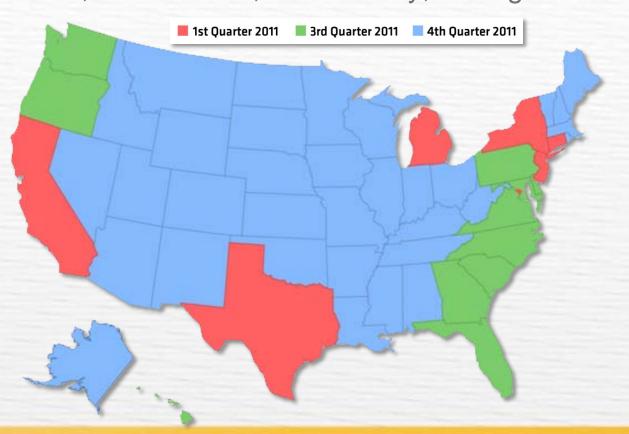
# 2011 Chevrolet Volt Availability

 Volts will be available across the U.S. by the end of this year six months sooner than originally planned

Volts have already been delivered to customers in Washington,
 D.C., California, New York, Connecticut, New Jersey, Michigan

and Texas





### **How Volt Works**



- Combines a high-voltage lithium-ion battery pack with an advanced electric drive unit
- Electric Mode Volt can drive initially on electricity for a range of 35 miles\*
- Extended Range Mode Gas-powered generator turns on and produces electric energy for hundreds of additional miles of driving range



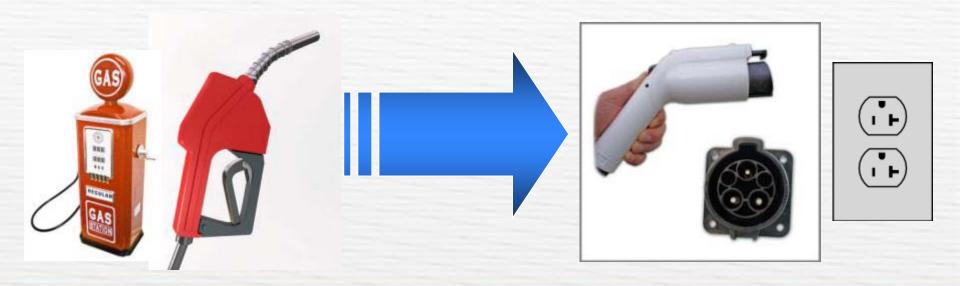
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# **EVSE | Fuel Pump of the Future**

- EVSE = Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment
- Definition (according to NEC Article 625.2):

Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment. The conductors, including the ungrounded, grounded, and equipment grounding conductors and the electric vehicle connectors, attachment plugs, and all other fittings, devices, power outlets, or apparatus installed specifically for the purpose of transferring energy between the premises wiring and the electric vehicle.





# **Charging the Chevrolet Volt**

- The Volt plugs into a standard 120v household outlet or a 240v outlet for charging
  - From fully depleted, 10-12 hours of charging using 120v and less than 4 hours with 240v
  - Cost to recharge from empty to full is about \$1.50\*







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# **Other 3rd-Party Examples**









CLIPPERCREEK, INC.





























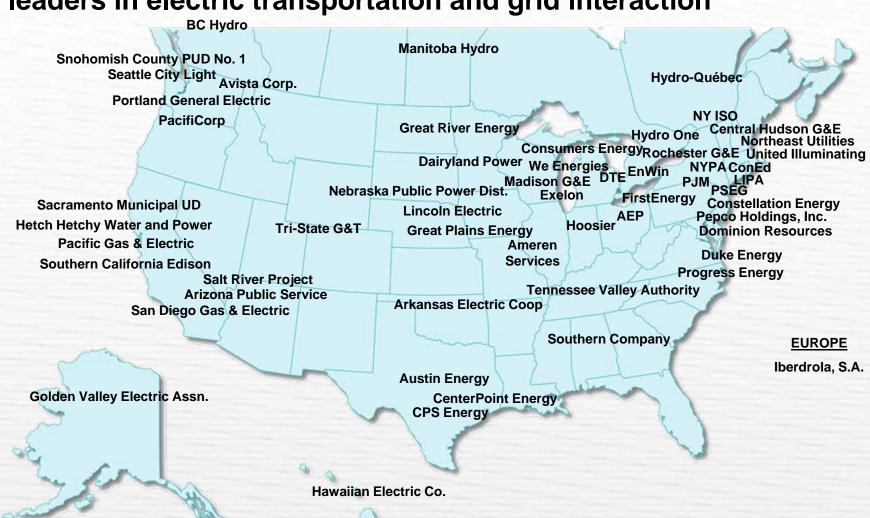






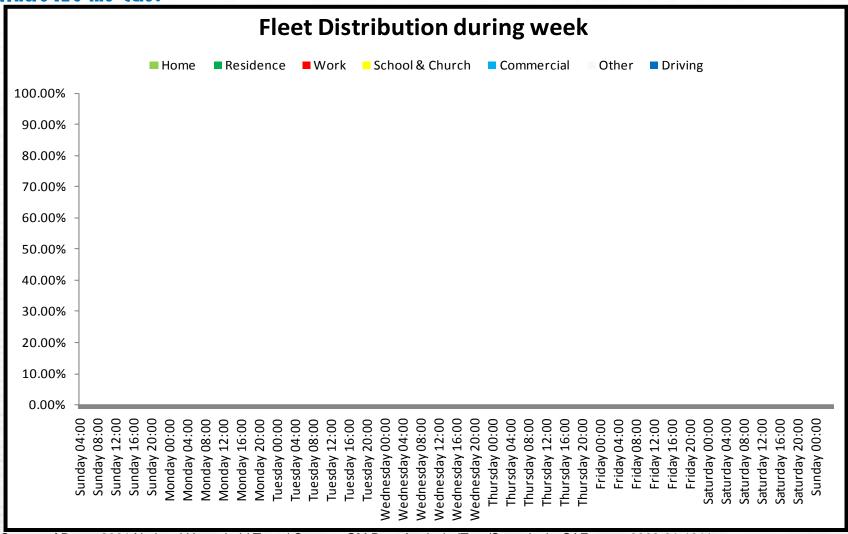
# **GM/EPRI Utility Collaboration**

Includes more than 50 Utilities... many the industry's thoughtleaders in electric transportation and grid interaction



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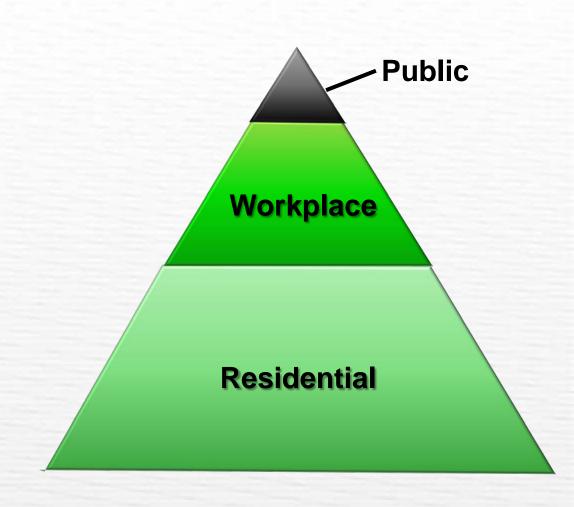
### Where Are the Cars?



Source of Data - 2001 National Household Travel Survey; GM Data Analysis (Tate/Savagian) - SAE paper 2009-01-1311

# Charging Infrastructure

- Public charging
  - High Visibility
  - Commercial/Retail
  - Public education and outreach
- Workplace
  - Corporate, Municipal Parking Lots
- Residential (majority)
  - Satisfying <u>consumer-driven</u> home installation process
  - Permits, electricians, inspections, meters, rates



### Plug-in Ready Communities

### **Required Stakeholders**

- Dedicated project leader
- State, city, county
- Clean Cities Orgs/AQMD
- DOT
- Utilities (municipal and regional)
- Regulators/public utility commissions
- Permitting and code officials
- Local employers
- Local universities



### **Desired Enablers**

Game Plan
Infrastructure/Incentives/Educational Outreach

Vehicle Purchase Incentives

Charging Installation Incentives (Home, Work, Public)

Low Off-Peak Charging Rates (e.g. to encourage nighttime charging)

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**Government Fleet Purchases** 

Building Codes to Include Home Charging Enablers

HOV Lane Access

free Parking

Free Charging



- Consumer EV support (24/7 operator for EV charging questions)
- Residential infrastructure assistance
  - > Fast, convenient installation process that is affordable (i.e. satisfying)
- - Utility handles entire home installation process OR
  - Coordination between Utility (meter) and 3<sup>rd</sup> party installer (EVSE)
- Outreach and leadership in readying regions for plug-in vehicles
  - Key stakeholder outreach
  - City/regional initiative to put enablers in place
  - Consumer education
- Compelling consumer EV rates and easy sign-up process
  - Inform customers of best options, preferred rates, green options
- Policy assistance (e.g. eased permitting, building codes, incentives)



### Home Charging Installation GM Teams with SPX

- SPX is required to ensure national coordination of home installation and to provide a program that is integrated with local government and utility company activities, services and programs
  - SPX will ensure a consistent and coordinated customer experience that meets our common objectives (safe, simple, fast, low cost and satisfying experience) on a national basis
  - GM is collaborating with SPX and utilities to frame a direct working relationship around requirements and degree of involvement







- SPX to incorporate 4,400 Coulomb and ECOtality home chargers (DOE Awards)
  - Applies to specific geographies, including Southern California
  - Charger H/W costs are covered, installation cost reimbursement is location specific
- SPX will manage the City of Los Angeles (LADWP / ECOtality) Program for customers

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### **Outreach and Education**

# Dealer Preparation and Training







# 12 Cities 6,300 Participants

#### Beran November 2010

• Customer driven events at GM Tech Centers in Los Angeles

• Stakeholder outreach to support decision making on infrastructure

40+ sessions & 150+ dealers 1,500+ attendees

#### Began October 2010

All markets

www.chevrolet.com

- Technology to SPX execution
- How will new infrastructure impact customer's experience

### National Safety Training Program with NFPA

• **GM** First Responder Website

https://www.gmstc.com

 GM and NITA partnership for training/education www.evsafetytraining.org



# Contractor & Inspector Outreach

- I. This is an ongoing process (there are 40,000 jurisdictions having authority in the U.S.)
- 2. Many of our utility partners have begun outreach awareness to their local inspectors
- 3. USCAR (GITT Grid Interaction Tech Team) and the U.S. DoE (Clean Cities Initiative) are developing a national outreach program with input from relevant stakeholders (including the ICC)
- 4. GM is also collaborating with NECA, IDEW and IAEI (both nationally and at the local chapter level) to roll-out training to electrical contractors and inspectors (starting with early launch markets)















### Additional Resources | Online PEV Info

www.ProjectGetReady.org



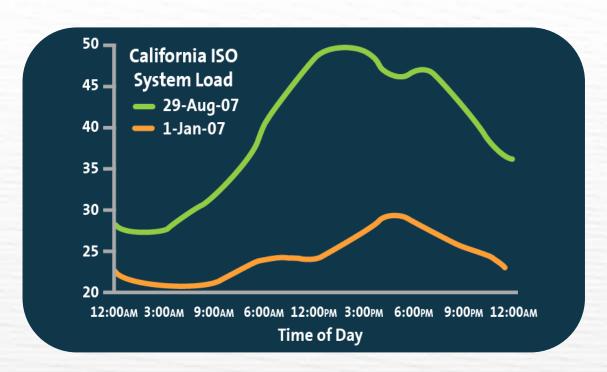
www.GoElectricDrive.com





# **Electric Grid is Designed for Peak Demand**

Consumers encouraged to Charge Off-Peak to form correct charging habits



Grid loads are typically highest during the hottest summer afternoons – the remainder of the year the loads are significantly lower at all times of the day; encouraging the correct (off-peak) charging behaviors throughout the year will ensure the correct habits are formed to avoid additional "peak".

The Volt has a "smart" delayed charge feature that shifts charging to the load "valley"



### **EVSE** Installation Process

Online Pre-Installation Survey

Home Electrical Site Survey

Permit & Inspection

Standard Installation (240V) 2nd Utility Meter Installation (Optional)

Ready to Charge (240V)















**Volt Customer** 

SPX.







**Utility Company** 



**Volt Customer** 

 Customer Completes Online Preinstallation Survey

- SPX contacts customer and schedules home electrical survey
- SPX electrical contractor completes home survey and provides options / quotes to customer
- Local SPX
   certified,
   trained and
   licensed
   electrical
   contractor
   secures permit
   for installation
   (on behalf of
   customer)
- SPX schedules and completes installation
- SPX schedules electrical inspection
- Electrical inspector approves install
- Local electric utility company installs and activates 2<sup>nd</sup> utility meter (if required)
- Customer ready to charge Volt at home

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### **Utility Notification**

- System augments customers who directly reach out to utilities.
- GM, working closely with utility partners and within its own Privacy Policy, is providing vehicle / address data to the utilities upon request.
  - Process implemented to support grid reliability
  - Executed at SPX registration
  - Opt-out style questionnaire
  - Evaluating both participation rates and grid learning
- Early Learning:
  - Participation is high
  - No major grid concerns identified
  - Limited grid reinforcement improvements are occurring.



### **Customer Participation**

- Some customers waiting to initiate evaluation / installation of 240V charging
  - Waiting for Volt delivery and 120V charging experience
- Utility rates, installation costs, and payback period are complex and customer interaction / understanding varies widely
- Execution of special programs increases complexity, time and coordination
  - Extra legal agreements, process steps, interfaces, phone calls, appointments and paperwork
  - Customer education and dealer training



### Permitting, Installation, and Inspection

- Permitting experience varies widely, especially for 2<sup>nd</sup> (parallel) meters
  - Range from Online to Plan Check (Site Plan, Line Drawings, Load Calculations)
  - Price of permit could be substantial portion of installation cost (10-20%)
- Standard Installations (i.e. single meter) typically take 2-4 hours
  - Non-standard installations can require trenching, service upgrades, etc.
  - Utilities vary on TOU options (2<sup>nd</sup> Meter, Sub-Meter, Whole House TOU), but also vary on installation requirements for overhead, underground service.
- Inspectors are learning about EV Charging, EVSEs, Meter Options
  - While general variability is understood, inspector's request for additional information & visits, interpretation of the rules, and comfort with technology can delay installation approval.



- Average home charging installation costs have ranged widely
  - Incredible variability between residences (individually and regionally)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> meter
  - Higher permitting costs in some locations; permit costs have ranged \$25-\$325
- Cost is not the only determining factor for customer experience
  - Multiple, complex options (install, rates) generate doubt in decision-making
  - The amount of time from Registration to Inspection can be 4-6 weeks
- Major utility programs under way
  - Austin Energy: Up to \$1500 Rebate on 50% of the EVSE installation costs
  - DTE and Consumers Energy: \$2500 Rebate on EVSE installation (DTE requires 2<sup>nd</sup> utility meter,
     CE Program may require a 2<sup>nd</sup> utility meter depending on electricity rate selected)
  - LADWP: \$2000 Rebate on EVSE installation (requires 2<sup>nd</sup> utility meter)
  - Other programs under development and expected to launch later this year

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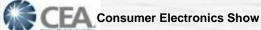
OnStar MyLink Volt Mobile App











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