



Update 27.04.2020 - What's the best home charging option for my plug-in hybrid?

With 'Plug in Hybrid' cars becoming ever more popular, the race to get to full electric gathers momentum... We thought we'd have a look at the best 'home charging' options.

The three main advantages of having a charging point installed to charge your car are increased charging speed, ease of use and flexibility over when charging takes place.

Home chargers are generally rated at 3.7kW or 7kW. Although the more powerful units can charge up batteries twice as quickly, unless your 225 XE is the very latest model with the larger battery pack, your car will only be able to take a charge at up to 3.7kW, so it's not worth buying a more expensive 7kW charger.

A dedicated unit can make the charging process easier and safer, especially if you're charging up outside. Charging ports are safer to use in wet weather than a domestic plug and lead, and you could buy a charger with a cable permanently attached to it so you simply have to plug that into the car rather than having to get the lead out of the boot and plug it into both ports.

And most modern charging units can be programmed so that they pick the cheapest time to charge the batteries – you can set the system to replenish the batteries to 80% by 7am the following morning and the unit will pick the best time to charge. Some units can also send electricity from your car's batteries back to the grid at peak times, adding credit to your account and making charging cheaper.

You may want to consider a 'solar and grid' smart charger as this may be a way to help offset the cost of having a home charger installed.

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