

## Canadian Insights on Consumer Expectations in EV Charging









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#### **About us**



100,000+

Chargers sold (private & public)



98%

Network uptime\*



490,000+

Members, with 92% satisfaction score



**15** 

Years of experience





















# Trusted by leading organizations

We have worked collaboratively to bring reliable charging solutions that have transformed our customers into long term partners.

#### Solutions for every need



**Level 2: At-home** FLO Home<sup>TM</sup>



Up to 19.2 kW

**Typical charging time:** 6-8 hrs

Level 2: Commercial
CoRe+ Series<sup>TM</sup>



**Typical charging time:** 2-6 hrs

**DC Fast**SmartDC Series™



50 or 100 kW

**Typical charging time:** 30-60 minutes

**DC Ultra Fast** FLO Ultra<sup>™</sup>



Up to 320 kW

Typical charging time: 15-45 minutes



## Understanding the shift: The rise of EVs

Current trends in the Canadian Market



#### Where do EV drivers charge?



Recharge overnight while idling



19%
At destination

Every parking opportunity becomes "top-off" opportunity.



Charge up to get to your final destination

**76%** of future EV owners worry about range.

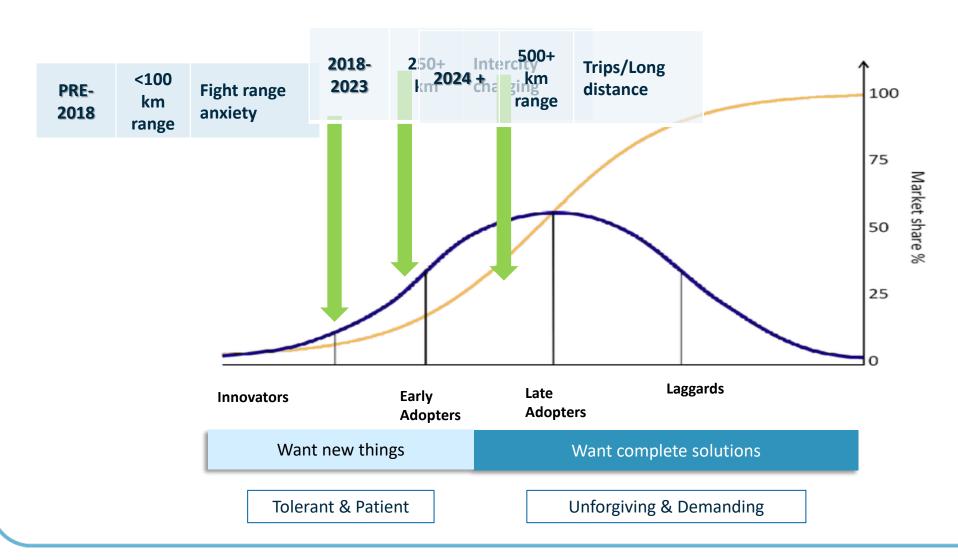
While 59% of current EV drivers report no concerns about range<sup>1</sup>.

Source: InsideEVs, November 2023





#### **Evolution of DC Fast Charging in Canada**



#### Why are drivers worried?

Gas pumps vs. fast chargers

Retail gasoline pumps in Canada:

95,144

25 per 10,000 Canadians

 Only 383 gas stations have EV fast-charging stations available



**Number of fast chargers in Canada** 

5,065

1.3 per 10,000 Canadians

- 45% in urban and rural areas
- 55% in metro areas

1 gas pump = 100 vehicles/day 1 fast charger = 10-20 vehicles/day

### The tough reality of today's fast charging in Canada





**Out of order** 



Cables buried by snow and ice



**Charging in the dark** 



**Pull through parking issues** 



One user interface



**Intimidating** 



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#### **Implications for Retail**

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### Benefits of offering charging services at your retail location





#### Add value to property

- Adds a unique experience
- Enables a long-term ROI
- Secures available power
- Future-proofs your parking lot



#### Meet sustainability goals

- Contributes towards your green energy goals
- Demonstrate support for reducing carbon footprint



#### **Increase traffic**

- Actively drives traffic
- Increases customer dwell time at your location
- 73% of EV drivers use amenities or shop when charging



#### EV drivers are looking for fast chargers

#### And they tend to shop while they charge

DC fast charging stations can provide **80% charge in as little as 30** minutes\*. Top locations include:

- Transit corridors
- Shopping malls and retail areas
- Parks
- Gas stations and convenience stores

They also complement Level 2 charging stations, and provide an additional option for residents of MURBs who do not have access to a residential charger.





#### And they are likely to spend at your store

#### The typical EV driver:

Turns-in 45% more often\*



Spends 25% more on average\*





## Drive traffic to your site while providing a great charging experience



Offering charging services can be a breeze when you partner with the right vendor.

#### FLO's 98% Uptime means:

#### Always on when you need it



Resistant to weather and vandalism



Proven network reliability



Proactive station monitoring

#### **Designed for the long haul**



Robust network operations center



Performance warranty pays you if we miss commitment



Complete post-sale support





#### Maxi & Cie - St-Romuald QC

#### **Highway corridor attracting shoppers**



Image credit: Plugshare

- 8 x SmartDC
- X utilization rate
- X drivers daily
- Foot traffic into the store, other benefits

#### **Canadian Tire Corporation**



#### **Enhancing the EV charging experience for Canadians**



#### **The Challenge**

 With close to 1700 retail and gas outlets nationwide and over 100 years in the business, Canadian Tire stores are an iconic feature of Canada's retail landscape. As one of Canada's most trusted brands, it was vital to CTC that the new infrastructure reflected its focus on customer experience and value - that it aligned with its brand purpose: To make life in Canada better

#### The Solution

- FLO worked with utilities to install a secondary electrical infrastructure to ensure stores' power would not be disrupted.
- Once chargers were installed, FLO maintained continuous support for the chargers by constantly monitoring their performance through its Network Operation Center (NOC) to deliver a near perfect Uptime

#### The Outcome

- Charger reliability and outstanding uptime mean that Canadian Tire Dealers don't have frustrated EV drivers coming into their stores. It also means they don't have to find EV technicians themselves if something goes wrong — they have constant support so they can focus on running their business.
- As of early 2024, Canadian Tire now offers 189 FLO chargers at 68 different locations, with plans to add more in the near future



Thank you!

