# **Chevrolet Bolt Tips**

#### **Driving Tips:**

- Drive slower to conserve battery and shorten charge time. Drive under
  65 mph and avoid the highway when possible.
- Use Eco Mode. It may make your car feel slower, but it boosts range by making your car operate more efficiently.
- Use regenerative braking. It slows down the car without using friction brakes and puts energy back into the battery - extending the car's range 10 to 15 percent.
- Plan out your charge locations ahead of time. When possible, choose a fast charger to save time.

- Try not to go below 30 miles of range or about 20% of battery. While a low battery charges faster, it's better not to stress or, run out of charge. Keep your vehicle plugged in even when the batteries are fully charged.
- Try a charger several times if it does not work. Usually, there is a number you can call for help.

### Chevrolet Bolt has a 237-mile range

High-power DC chargers get the battery back up to 80% range in 30 minutes. Find chargers along your route: <u>plugshare.com</u>. Find chargers at the U: <u>z.umn.edu/recharge</u>.

### Winter Driving Tips:

- Be aware- electric cars have shorter range in the winter.
- Keep your vehicle plugged in at all times. Re-charging in winter takes longer. A cold battery offers less energy.
- Pre-heat the cabin using plugged-in power. By the time you are ready to leave, the cabin should be warm. Keep the heater set to 70 F, and raise the fan speed a notch at a time.
- Rely on the heated seats and steering wheel to keep you warm. They use minimal energy.



- When defrost is needed, cycle the Max defrost off and on.
- Keep your car as clean of ice, slush, and road debris as possible.
- Park out in the sun to warm up your batteries and the car's interior.

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Vehicles on University business should pay the charging fee using the Voyager card. If the Voyager card is not accepted, use a departmental PCard or personal credit card and contact Fleet Services for reimbursement.