



Sparking change: M&S and bp pulse to bring EV charging to customers

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- Exclusive agreement for bp pulse to expand its national charging network with high-speed electric vehicle (EV) charge points at around 70 M&S stores
- First pilot sites are now open at M&S Maidstone Eclipse and Southgate, with initial ambition to install up to 900 bp pulse charge points, adding up to 40,000 kWhs of charging capacity, within next two years
- Agreement part of M&S' plans to build a store estate fit for the future, and make it easier for customers to live a lower carbon lifestyle
- bp plans to invest up to £1 billion in UK EV charging infrastructure by 2030.

Marks & Spencer (M&S) and bp pulse have signed an exclusive agreement to bring high-speed electric vehicle (EV) charge points to the M&S store estate across the UK.

The agreement will see M&S and bp pulse, bp's electric vehicle charging business, work together to install an initial 900 electric vehicle charge points in around 70 of M&S' national stores in the next two years.

The roll-out will significantly expand bp pulse's network, growing the UK's charging network and adding up to 40,000 kWhs of charging capacity to the UK's EV infrastructure.

In order to provide the appropriate speed for each need, a combination of ultra-fast ($\geq 150\text{kW}$) and rapid ($\geq 50\text{kW}$) charge points will be installed during the roll-out.

15 rapid (50kW) charge points are already live and open to the public at M&S Maidstone Eclipse and Southgate following successful pilot installations.

bp and M&S have a long-standing relationship, first teaming up in 2005 to introduce M&S Food stores at bp retail sites. Over 250 bp pulse charge points are already available at over 60 bp-operated forecourts which also offer M&S Food.

This new agreement is a major extension of this relationship and spotlights how both companies are working together to achieve net zero ambitions.

Sacha Berendji, director of operations, M&S, said: "At M&S we're reshaping the business for sustainable future growth in every sense. From our award-winning Shwopping initiative to our Fill Your

Own refill concept, EV charging is the latest feature to ensure we have a store estate fit for the future, to help our customers live lower carbon lives. We know that services like EV charging are in demand from our customers, so we're delighted to be offering this service and give more reasons for customers to shop with us."

Akira Kirton, CEO at bp pulse UK, said: "We aim to provide fast, reliable, and convenient EV charging to our customers that fits in with their busy lifestyles and so, we are excited to extend our relationship with M&S to put high-speed charge points at their stores, growing our network even further.

"This is exactly the kind of collaboration the UK needs to help accelerate the transition to lower carbon transport and we're delighted to be working with M&S to make that happen."

bp pulse is the most utilized electric vehicle charging operator in the UK with one of the leading ultra-fast and rapid public EV charging networks. Globally, bp pulse is expanding its network of high-speed charging for cars, light commercial vehicles, and trucks, supporting bp's ambition to be a net zero company by 2050, or sooner and help the world get to net zero.

bp is backing Britain with plans to invest up to £18 billion in the UK energy system by 2030. This includes up to £1 billion for EV charging infrastructure – a step forward towards bp's global ambition of having more than 100,000 chargers installed worldwide by 2030.

M&S' Plan A goal is to become fully net zero by 2040. As set out back in 2021, M&S' ambitious target cannot be achieved alone. Customers, colleagues and suppliers' support is needed to help deliver emission cuts across the value chain, from the raw materials used to how customers use M&S products.

The agreement with bp pulse will bring EV charge points to many of M&S stores across the country and the modernization of its store estate services will give customers the convenience of shopping and charging an electric vehicle, helping customers to make positive choices and reduce their impact on the environment.

Notes to editors

- Rollout to all in-scope stores to be complete within the next 24 months, at which point a feasibility study will be carried out to explore rollout at further sites.
- The deal requires bp pulse to supply, install, operate, and maintain the charging points at feasible sites
- Each charger will have a minimum capacity of 50kW, either standard grid connected or battery-integrated solution with as many sites as possible having at least 1x ultra-fast 150kW charging point unless deemed unfeasible

- 15 rapid charge points are already live and open to the public at M&S Maidstone and Southgate following [successful pilots](#) which began in 2020.

About bp pulse

bp pulse is bp's electric vehicle (EV) charging business. It is one of the leading rapid and ultra-fast public EV charging networks in the UK and operates the largest number of sites with ultra-fast charging in Germany.

bp's EV charging journey started in 2018 with the acquisition of Chargemaster Ltd in the UK. Rebranded to bp pulse, its presence has extended rapidly across the world to China, Germany, Netherlands and the US.

Focused on fast, reliable charging bp pulse is rolling out charge points to consumers and commercial fleets wherever they need them home, destination, depot and on-the-go – including at bp forecourts.

EV charging is one of the key growth engines driving bp's transformation to an integrated energy company. The company aims to grow its network of public EV charging points by 2030 to over 100,000 worldwide.

About M&S

M&S is a leading British retailer bringing quality, great value food, clothing and homeware to millions of customers around the world. More information about our sustainability journey can be found [here](#).

Further information

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