



Electric vehicles restricted by scarcity of recharge sites

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When Mike Slominski goes to work, he jumps into a Volkswagen Rabbit with an electric

But when he's going on a longer trip, Slominski has to take a regular car like every

"They just aren't practical for long trips," said Slominski, who owns Mike's Auto Car

That's because there are only about 800 public EV recharge sites in the state, most

So if Slominski or any of the other 40 members of the Electric Auto Association in S

There are about 10 recharge sites -- each have multiple outlets -- in San Francisco (

Most EVs will travel up to 60 miles before recharging, but association spokesman E

"First we couldn't figure out how he did it," Carroll said. "And then we couldn't figu

Recharge sites slowly are popping up around California and the rest of the country

"Right now there are probably more public stations than vehicles to use them," Asl

But there's another problem that faces EV owners: With no industry standard estab

Slominski says most EV owners prefer conductive plug-ins -- they can be compatib

Ashuckian said inductive recharge sites are likely to be phased out by 2007, when .

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