

Tesla Supercharger network complete

Hard at work on their network of chargers enabling free long-distance travel for owners of the Tesla Model S, the California-based automaker has opened seven Supercharger stations in Quartzsite, Flagstaff, Holbrook, Kingman, Yuma and other locations in Arizona. One network aims to ensure easy travel on I-8 from San Diego. Another—combined with a station in Indio, California—makes for easy free travel between Phoenix and Los Angeles. And a series of stations along I-40 in northern Arizona links Las Vegas, Nevada, with Albuquerque and beyond. Superchargers are designed for city-to-city travel, allowing Tesla drivers to travel for about three hours, take a 20- to 30-minute break, and get back on the road charged up. Stations are located near roadside diners, cafes, and shopping, so travelers can stop for a quick meal and have their Model S charged by the time they're done. Unlike most other manufacturers in the newest wave of electric vehicles, Tesla is concentrating on their own proprietary system. This may limit interoperability, but they see a huge competitive advantage in providing a service none of the others can—all the more so when it's free. ▼

Tesla Model S sedan