

BUILDING ELECTRIC VEHICLES | VOCABULARY

electric vehicle a vehicle that runs on electricity stored in batteries or other energy storage

devices, rather than gasoline or diesel fuel

battery a device that stores electrical energy and can release it as needed to power an

electric vehicle

charging station a place where electric vehicles can be plugged in to recharge their batteries

range the distance an electric vehicle can travel on a single charge before needing to

be recharged

PHEV a plug-in hybrid electric vehicle that has both an electric motor and a gasoline

engine, and can be plugged in to charge the battery

HEV a hybrid electric vehicle that combines a conventional internal combustion

engine (powered by gasoline or diesel) with an electric propulsion system. The

electric system assists the engine to improve fuel efficiency and reduce emissions

BEV a battery electric vehicle that is powered solely by electricity stored in batteries.

BEVs do not have an internal combustion engine and produce zero tailpipe

emissions



