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Creating a safe, code-compliant connection between your dryer outlet and EV ...

We specialize in installing EV chargers, primarily with hardwired connections. Yet, we recognize that sometimes there's a need to utilize an existing socket, like a dryer outlet, in your garage. For your convenience and safety, we've compiled a comprehensive overview and comparison of splitters.

If you're looking to charge two cars simultaneously, check out our double-charging guide.

One of the challenges EV owners face is finding a convenient and cost-effective way to charge their vehicles at home. This is where using a dryer outlet splitter comes into play. The question then becomes, which splitter to choose for Level 2 EV charging – a dumb or smart one?

There are several reasons why an EV owner might choose to use a dryer plug splitter for charging.

Dumb splitters are devices that allow two separate devices to draw power from a single power source. They typically comply with NEMA standards of 10-30 (3-Prong dryer), 14-30 (4-Prong dryer), 10-50 and 14-50. A distinctive disadvantage of such splitters is their inability to adjust the power and direction of the current. In the context of EV charging, a dumb splitter can be used to share a power source, such as a 220/240v dryer plug, between the dryer and the EV charger. This can be particularly useful in situations where installing a hardwired EV charging station is not feasible or cost-effective.

While using a dumb splitter for EV charging can be a convenient and cost-effective solution, it is not without risks. The primary risk is the potential for overloading the circuit if the dryer and the EV charger are used simultaneously. This can be mitigated by setting a reminder to avoid using the dryer while the EV is charging.

Additionally, it is always recommended to have a certified electrician check the setup if there are any uncertainties. This can help ensure that the setup is safe and meets all electrical codes and standards.

While Y adapters for the dryer plug can be a good solution for some, there are also smart alternatives available that offer additional features and benefits.

For example, smart dryer outlet splitters for Tesla can automatically manage the power distribution between the dryer and the Tesla Mobile Connector to prevent overloading the circuit.

The primary reason to use a smart splitter is its ability to allow multiple devices to share a single charging outlet. This means you can charge your EV and run your dryer simultaneously without overloading the circuit or tripping the breaker. Got multiple EVs at home and just a few charging outlets? This gem's a

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lifesaver for you!

Dumb NEMA switchers are cheaper but require careful management outdoors to avoid circuit overload. Smart Splitters are safer, with built-in power management, but they cost more and are designed for indoor use only. The price of some dual chargers is comparable to a couple of smart switches.

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