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Charlotte firm lands Chevy Volt contract



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Charlotte-based SPX Corporation has been selected by Chevrolet to provide home charging installation services for the new Volt electric car.

The company says it will manage all aspects of home charging, including installation of the 240-volt charging stations which will recharge the Volt in about four hours; and working with electric utility companies on the project.

"Electric vehicles are one of the most exciting breakthroughs of our time, and our involvement in this area of technological innovation and sustainability is consistent with our business focus and mission as an organization," SPX President and CEO Christopher Kearney said in a news release.

SPX Service Solutions, an SPX subsidiary based in Warren, Mich., will handle the work with Chevrolet.

SPX Service's president, Tanvir Arfi, said the company already has completed field testing of the charging systems with Volt.

"We've demonstrated that we have the experience and infrastructure in place," Arfi said.

Chevrolet is expected to begin selling the Volt in November. When fully charged, the Volt can go about 40 miles. After that, a small internal combustion engine will kick in, powering the battery pack and extending the car's range to 300 miles. Industry sources say they expect the car to sell for a little more than \$40,000.



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