

# Petrol PLAZA

## Shell opens its first high-powered charging station in France

The eight new HPC stations are located at gas stations in Chartres-Bois and Chartres-Gasville.



Shell has opened its first high-powered charging station in France, in partnership with charging network operator IONITY.

The high-powered chargers take up to ten minutes to charge electric vehicles, making them up to three times faster than any other type of charger currently available to drivers, according to Shell.

IONITY is a joint venture between BMW Group, Daimler AG, Ford Motor Company and the Volkswagen Group with Audi and Porsche. It was formed to create a 400-strong network of 350-kilowatt chargers next to major highways in Europe.

“Creating a convenient network of reliable, powerful chargers is vital for getting many more electric

vehicles on the road”, said Shell’s Vice President Retail in Europe, David Bunch.

Shell is installing high-powered chargers at 80 stations in Europe. The chargers are in addition to its acquisition of NewMotion, one of Europe’s largest charging providers, and a growing number of Shell Recharge fast chargers at Shell forecourts in the UK, the Netherlands and China. Around 170 Shell-branded forecourts around the world now offer charging facilities.