

# Fast Charging Solo Smart Charger - Domestic User Guide



This user guide is written for drivers charging from home with a Wi-Fi enabled Solo Smart Charger (typically installed after 01/2018). If you share your Pod Point charging with others, please use our Commercial & Shared Residential user guide, located on our <u>technical</u> <u>documents page</u>.

### 1. Connect your Solo Smart Charger to Wi-Fi

Your Solo Smart Charger should be connected to the Wi-Fi during installation by your Pod Point Expert. If this is not possible or has not been completed, please see below for a quick guide on how to do it.

We'd recommend resetting your Solo Smart Charge prior to starting this process via the consumer unit (fuse box). This will make the Pod Point Network easier to find and connect to. Please also ensure you have your Wi-Fi password ready and complete these steps as near to your Solo as possible.



#### 2. Download the Pod Point App

The Pod Point App is available for both iOS and Android mobile devices.



For iOS devices, download on the <u>App Store.</u>



For Android devices, download on the Google Play Store.

The Pod Point App is compatible with Android devices running Android OS 5.0 API 21 (Lollipop, released 2014) and above. For Apple devices, compatible with iPhones running iOS 9 (released 2015) and above.



#### 3. Log in or create a Pod Point account

- You'll need a Pod Point account to link your Solo Smart Charger in order to use additional features like Charge Scheduling and see your charging activity in-app.
- You won't need an account to simply charge your EV.
- If you're creating an account it's really important you use the same email address you used when your Solo Smart Charger was purchased on our website pod-point.com.

**Note:** Connecting your Solo Smart Charger to the Pod Point App relies on the email address used to purchase the Solo Smart Charger and your Pod Point account to match.



# 4. Connect your Solo Smart Charger with the Pod Point App

Your Solo Smart Charger should be connected to the Pod Point App during installation by your Pod Point Expert. If this is not possible or has not been completed, please follow the below steps\*:

- **Open the Pod Point App** > Click Account on the bottom right hand side of the screen
- Login to your Pod Point Account
- Scroll down and click on "Add your home charger"
- Enter your Solo's PSL number located on the sticker at the bottom of the charger. \*

\*Note: If your Solo Smart Charger wasn't purchased via pod-point.com we'll need to set up your account on our internal systems to ensure you can connect the Solo to the Pod Point App. To do this, please contact our support team. You'll receive an email confirmation once it's linked



**Note:** A default schedule (Mon-Fri 12am-7am) will be applied when you first connect your charger to WiFi and link it to the app.



#### 5. Solo Charger: Status light guide



#### 6. Starting a charging session

To start a charge, simply plug in your charging cable to your vehicle and the Solo Smart Charger's status light will turn a solid green. This indicates you have successfully started charging your EV.

### 7. Stopping a charging session

Stopping a charging session is easy; simply unplug and disconnect the charging cable from your vehicle and your Solo Smart Charger will turn itself to standby, as shown by the status light turning solid blue. The Solo may also communicate with Pod Point during this time, shown by pink flashes at the same time.

### 8. Using vehicle-set scheduled charging

If your EV supports scheduled charging, set your required charge session using your vehicle and plug in as soon as you park.

The Solo will flash green to signal that it's waiting for a vehicle-set scheduled charging session.

**Note:** Any vehicle-set scheduled charging will interrupt using remote charge scheduling within the Pod Point App. To use Charge Scheduling feature in-app please disable any vehicle set scheduled charging schedules.

### 9. Error states and contacting support

If your Solo Smart Charger has an error it is typically indicated by it's status lighting colour (solid or flashing red)

If you do experience any issues, please try resetting the Solo by switching it off and on at the consumer unit (fuse box).

If issues persist, please contact customer support on 020 7247 4114.









#### **Charge Scheduling**

Charge Scheduling is a feature in the Pod Point App that allows you to remotely adjust the default schedule from your smartphone.

#### Before you get started:

- Make sure you have downloaded the Pod Point App, created a Pod Point account and are logged in.
- Your Solo Smart Charger needs to be connected to your Wi-Fi (see Step 1) and paired with your Pod Point Account in the Pod Point App with your PSL number (go to Step 4 to see how).
- If your EV can set a charge schedule itself (vehicle-set-charging) please ensure this feature is disabled as the two schedules will conflict.
- Your Solo 3 will charge immediately when you plug it in, unless there is an active schedule set in advance.

**Note:** A default schedule (Mon-Fri 12am-7am) will be applied when you first connect your charger to WiFi and link it to the app.

#### **Getting started**

- Log in to the Pod Point App and tap on the **"At home"** icon at the bottom of the screen.
- Tap on **"Manage schedule"** icon to set your charging schedule.





#### Setting a schedule

#### Your Solo 3 will start charging immediately when you plug it in, unless there is a charge scheduled that specific day.

Note: A default schedule (Mon-Fri 12am-7am) will be applied when you first connect your charger to WiFi and link it to the app.

Your charger will check for scheduled charging sessions at the start of each day (starting at 12:00am). Without a session set for that day (from 12:01am), and if your vehicle's battery is not full, **it will default to charging regardless of your tariff or pricing.** To avoid this from happening, please do ensure you have a scheduled session (active or inactive) set for each day of the week.

When plugged in, to avoid charging outside of off-peak hours, you'll need to schedule a charge for a minimum of 15 minutes each day and mark these as active. This is the minimum time you can schedule a charging session.

- A) To set a schedule, tap the day you'd like to schedule a charge for (so it turns dark green).
- B) Set the time you'd like charging to start and end. If you set the end time past midnight, you'll see that the charge will end the following day.

Note: It can take up to 10 minutes for charging to start and end from the time set.

C) Tap on the "Schedule active" toggle so that it's green (toggled right) - your schedule is now active for that day. If the toggle is left grey (toggled left), your Solo will start charging as normal as soon as it's plugged in.

Note: Each day will have its own active toggle. Please ensure this is toggled right (green) for all the days you wish to program a charge.

- D) Schedule any other charging sessions you'd like to program by tapping on each individual day.
- E) Tap the "Save" button to save all the changes you have made to your charge schedule.

**Note:** Your charging schedule will repeat on a 7-day rotation as default. To stop the repetition of charging schedules, please set each day as inactive by toggling "Schedule active" to the left (grey).



#### Scheduling overnight or across days

Scheduling overnight or across days can mean your charge will finish the following day. This will be shown by a small tab next to the end time - as in the example above "Sat" - which denotes the charge finishing Saturday morning. You may experience a short pause in charging across two days, this is perfectly normal.

**Overlapping charging sessions:** You'll be unable to schedule charging sessions in the Pod Point App that overlap with each other. Charging sessions can be scheduled within 15 minutes of each other.



#### Stopping a scheduled charging session

- A) To stop an already scheduled charging session on any day, simply toggle "Schedule active" to the left (so it shows grey).
- B) Tap the "Save" button at the bottom of the screen to save your changes and confirm cancellation.



#### 10. Scheduled charging is set (in-app)

Once your charge session has been scheduled in the Pod Point App, after 5 minutes you'll see a solid yellow light on your Solo. This shows your schedule has been set and the Solo is waiting to charge.

If your Wi-Fi signal drops whilst waiting to charge, your Solo will automatically default to charging your EV.

If your Wi-Fi signal drops within a scheduled charge, your Solo will continue to charge until your EV's battery is full.









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