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Across Germany: endurance test with ID.3¹ covering 28,198 kilometres between Oberstdorf and Sylt

- Over a period of two months Rainer Zietlow and his co-driver Dominic Brüner tested the Volkswagen ID. 3¹
- They charged the vehicle at 652 quick-charging stations and used the new wall boxes at the 865 Volkswagen dealerships they visited
- We Charge card guarantees access to the entire quick-charging station network in Germany, regardless of the operator
- Maximum charging capacity of 125 kilowatts available at the majority of all tested quick-charging stations
- On a side note: the team also set a new world record, making the ID.3 Germany tour the longest, continuous drive with an electric vehicle in a single country

Wolfsburg (Germany) – “If you’re open-minded, you can have plenty of fun with an electric car like the ID.3¹,” Rainer Zietlow says. And he should know because Zietlow, originally from Mannheim, and his companion Dominic Brüner from Hannover spent 65 days travelling the length and breadth of Germany to test the long-distance capabilities of the new Volkswagen model as well as the charging infrastructure across Germany. Despite the restrictions in place due to the pandemic and after having covered 28,198 kilometres, the team reached its destination on Sylt today as scheduled, marking the end of the marathon test drive (www.ID3-deutschlandtour.com). In the process, the team also set the world record for the “longest continuous EV drive through a single country”.

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From Oberstdorf to Sylt in the ID.3: Rainer Zietlow and Dominic Brüner “refuelled” at 652 quick-charging stations and new wall boxes installed at the 865 Volkswagen dealerships they visited along their drive.

“An inquisitive nature and many questions about electric mobility were two constant companions on our tour, most of all at the quick-charging stations and the many dealerships we stopped at over the course of the ID.3 Germany tour,” Zietlow explained. “The charging infrastructure is already relatively well developed nowadays. 652 stations were compatible with We Charge. However, at some sites there is still potential for improvement, for instance some charging stations are located off the beaten track or they are poorly lit at night.” At the heart of this endurance test was a Volkswagen ID.3 Pro S² pre-production model with a battery



capacity of 77 kWh. The vehicle boasts a range of up to 549 km in the WLTP cycle and will be launched in spring 2021.

Access to the quick-charging station network in Germany was the focus of this marathon test drive planned by the Institute of Transport Logistics (ITL) at TU Dortmund University as part of which the two drivers headed to quick-charging stations with a minimum charging output of 60 kilowatts across the country. The 125 kilowatts maximum charging capacity of the ID.3 Pro S² was provided at most of the tested quick-charging stations and the Volkswagen We Charge payment system granted access across all brands. Over the two-month project the team visited stations operated by a total of 69 charge point operators.

Not just the charging stations, but also the VW ID.3 demonstrated that electric mobility in Germany is efficient and suitable for everyday challenges. On average, the test vehicle consumed 19 kWh per 100 km covered during this marathon test drive while the longest stretch without charging was 420 kilometres.

¹⁾ ID.3: Power consumption in kWh/100 km (NEDC): 15.4–13.5 (combined), CO₂ emissions in g/km: 0; efficiency class: A+

²⁾ ID.3 Pro S: This version is not yet available for sale.

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