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Following modifications to plant, first e-Golf¹ rolls off production line at Transparent Factory in Dresden

- Solar-powered electric recharging station commissioned in Dresden
 - Investment of €20 million in modifications
 - Lars Dittert presented as new plant manager
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Dresden – Following six months of work on modifications to the Transparent Factory, the first e-Golf rolled off the production line today. In the presence of Kai Siedlatzek, Managing Director of Volkswagen Sachsen responsible for Finance, the plant management and the Works Council of the Volkswagen plant in Dresden, the first vehicle was released for delivery to a customer in Norway. The first e-Golf, painted in “oryx white pearlescent”, has a power output of 100 kW (136 PS). The power consumption is 12.7 kWh/100 km. In the New European Driving Cycle (NEDC²), the vehicle has a range of 300 kilometers. Production is to continue at the main Golf plant in Wolfsburg as well as in Dresden. Volkswagen has invested €20 million here. In addition, Dresden’s most powerful public solar-powered e-mobility charging station has been commissioned in front of the Transparent Factory. For one year, four electric vehicles will be able to recharge their batteries here at the same time free of charge.

“Today is a milestone for the Transparent Factory on the way to becoming a center of future mobility. Furthermore, it is a good day for our employees, for the city of Dresden and for the state of Saxony. The age of e-mobility has now begun in Dresden for Volkswagen,” said the new plant manager Lars Dittert. Initially, from the start of production of the e-Golf, between 250 300 people will be working at the plant, with single-shift operation.

“We are very pleased cars are again being produced at the Transparent Factory – especially as this is an electric vehicle, symbolizing the mobility of the future,” said Thomas Aehlig, Chairman of the Works Council of the Dresden plant. With respect to the return of employees to the Transparent Factory, he emphasized: “It is a good thing that part of the workforce is now working in Dresden again. We expect that further steps will follow.”

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The start of production in Dresden is part of the Volkswagen brand's electrification offensive. In future, e-mobility is to become a trademark of Volkswagen. The major electrification offensive is due to start from 2020.

The newly built e-mobility station in front of the Transparent Factory was also commissioned in the presence of Dr. Robert Franke, Head of the Economic Development Department of the City of Dresden. Power for the two charging units (4 x 50 kW; 2 x 43 kW), which allow the simultaneous use of four charging points, is to be taken from six photovoltaic panels at the Transparent Factory, each with an area of 22 square meters. The vehicles charged here will therefore be operated on a virtually carbon-neutral basis. The charging points, protected by an elegant carport, will be accessible to the public. As a special feature, excess energy is to be stored in a long-life battery with a capacity of 130 kWh or fed to the power grid at the plant.

Robert Franke emphasized: "This is the filling station of the future. Volkswagen is breaking new ground in Dresden and showing us what future mobility means. We want to become a modern city for e-mobility. For this purpose, we will need a closely meshed network of public charging stations in the future."

Following the start of production, Lars Dittert (43) was also presented as the new plant manager of the Transparent Factory. Dittert studied industrial engineering in Dresden before joining the production controlling department of Audi in Neckarsulm. He then spent four years with Skoda Auto in Mladá Boleslav, where he was head of sales and participation controlling. Most recently, he managed the controlling department of Volkswagen Sachsen.

Recently, Volkswagen Sachsen and the City of Dresden agreed on a comprehensive partnership to foster e-mobility and digitalization which is to make Dresden a model city for Integrated, sustainable urban mobility. In addition to the Autostadt Wolfsburg, the Transparent Factory is to become a delivery point for the electrified models of the Volkswagen brand, the e-up!³, e-Golf, Golf GTE⁴ and Passat GTE⁵. A year ago, the Transparent Factory was opened as a "showcase for e-mobility and digitalization" for visitors and customers. More than 30 exhibits and vehicles currently give an impression of the mobility of the future in an interactive, playful way. In 2016, the facility was visited by more than 85,000 people and more than 2,300 potential customers went on test drives with electric models.



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- ¹⁾ e-Golf: (100 kW/136 PS) power consumption in kWh/100km: combined 12.7, CO₂ emissions combined in g/km: 0, efficiency class: A+.
- ²⁾ NEDC: The range indicated is based on cycles driven in accordance with the New European Driving Cycle (NEDC) on a roller dynamometer. The actual range in practice will be different. On annual average, the range with a normal driving style is about 200 km, depending on driving style, speed, the use of convenience and other equipment, the ambient temperature, the number of passengers and the amount of cargo, the selection of the driving profile (normal, ECO, ECO+) and the topography of the route.
- ³⁾ 3) e-up!: Power consumption in kWh/100 km: 11.7 (combined) CO₂ emissions combined in g/km: 0, efficiency class: A+.
- ⁴⁾ Golf GTE - fuel consumption in l/100 km: combined 1.8 – 1.6, power consumption in kWh/100km: combined 12 – 11.4, CO₂ emissions combined in g/km:- 36, efficiency class: A+.
- ⁵⁾ Passat GTE: fuel consumption in l/100 km: combined 1.8 – 1.7; power consumption in kWh/100 km: combined 13.1 -12.5; CO₂ emissions combined in g/km:40-38; efficiency class: A+.

About the Volkswagen brand: "We make the future real"

The Volkswagen Passenger Cars brand is present in more than 150 markets throughout the world and produces vehicles at over 50 locations in 14 countries. In 2016, Volkswagen produced about 5.99 million vehicles including bestselling models such as the Golf, Tiguan, Jetta or Passat. Currently, 218,000 people work for Volkswagen across the globe. The brand also has 7,700 dealerships with 74,000 employees. Volkswagen is forging ahead consistently with the further development of automobile production. E-mobility, Smart mobility and the digital transformation of the brand are the key strategic topics for the future.
