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## Start of the 20,000-kilometre marathon: testing the long-distance qualities of the new ID.3

- Record driver Rainer Zietlow and his co-driver Dominic Brüner set out today for a two-month tour of Germany in a fully electric Volkswagen
- The first external test of an ID.3 Pro S<sup>1</sup> with 77kWh battery capacity (net)
- Around 650 stations with more than 60 kW charging capacity will be tested
- Daily updates will be posted at [www.id3-deutschlandtour.com](http://www.id3-deutschlandtour.com)
- The initiative will support the SOS Children's Village in Bernburg on the Saale

**Oberstdorf/Wolfsburg (Germany) – Electromobility is gaining ground in Germany. Not only the number of battery-driven electric models offered and their registrations are growing, infrastructure is expanding as well. The long-distant record-breaking driver from Mannheim, Rainer Zietlow, and his co-driver Dominic Brüner are now carrying out the ultimate road test. Over the course of a unique two-month marathon, they will be stopping at around 650 quick-charging stations with more than 60 kW charging capacity. They will be testing the long-distance qualities of the new Volkswagen ID.3 as well as the infrastructure in Germany. They are driving a pre-production model of the ID.3 Pro S with a 77kWh net battery energy capacity. The battery offers a range of up to 549 km in a WLTP cycle and will be brought to market in spring 2021.**



Rainer Zietlow (right) and Dominic Brüner at the start of the marathon tour near Oberstdorf.

the new VW ID.3 Pro S with its 77 kWh battery, Germany's quick-charging station network and Volkswagen's We Charge service. Over the coming two months, he and his team will report on their experiences online at <http://www.id3-deutschlandtour.com/>. Students of the Hochschule der Medien (Stuttgart University of Media Studies) in Stuttgart will provide daily updates, photographs and videos from the road.

The Institute of Transport Logistics (ITL) at the Technical University of Dortmund calculated the efficient route through as many areas of Germany as possible. The team is starting on 28 September at 2 p.m. from Germany's southernmost hotel near Oberstdorf and is finishing at Germany's northernmost car park, west of List on Sylt. A visit to the SOS Children's Village in Bernburg on the Saale is scheduled as well. A share of the advertising proceeds from the tour will be donated to its housing project.

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<sup>1)</sup> ID.3 Pro S: - Power consumption (NEDC) in kWh/100 km: 14.1-13.5 (combined); CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in g/km: 0; efficiency class: A+

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