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Volkswagen opens electric platform to third-parties

- e.GO to become first partner for e-mobility platform (MEB)
- MEB enables efficient production of smaller series – significant cost benefits from scaling
- Diess: “Volkswagen wants to establish its platform as a standard for e-mobility”
- ID. BUGGY² on show at Geneva Motor Show highlights MEB’s variability even for small series

Geneva/Wolfsburg, March 4, 2019 – The Volkswagen Group is opening its Modular Electric Toolkit (MEB) developed in recent years to other manufacturers. The purpose is to achieve a significant reduction in the cost of e-mobility through the widest possible deployment of the MEB and the associated economies of scale, thus enabling broad access to individual mobility to continue in future. The Volkswagen Group is currently projecting a first wave of some 15 million pure electric vehicles based on the MEB. e.GO Mobile AG based in Aachen, Germany, is to be the world’s first external partner to use the electric platform to launch further electric vehicles in addition to Volkswagen’s model range. A dedicated vehicle project is already being planned. Volkswagen is highlighting the MEB’s variability even for small series with the ID. BUGGY on show at the Geneva International Motor Show.



The ID. BUGGY

Dr. Herbert Diess, CEO of Volkswagen AG, commented: “Our Modular Transverse Toolkit proved we are platform experts. Over 100 million of our vehicles are based on that particular platform. With the MEB platform, we are now transferring this successful concept to the electric era and opening it to other carmakers. The MEB is to establish itself as the standard for e-mobility. Based

on the MEB, we will make individual mobility CO₂-neutral, safe, comfortable and accessible to as many people as possible. Because the MEB even makes the cost-efficient production of emotional small-series vehicles like the ID. BUGGY possible. I am delighted that e.GO has become the first partner to use our electric platform as the basis for a jointly-defined vehicle project.”

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Prof. Dr. Günther Schuh, CEO of e.GO Mobile AG, added: “We are extremely pleased the Volkswagen Group offered us this cooperation. We can contribute e.GO’s agile product development and our strength in building small-series vehicles based on extruded aluminum spaceframes. And the MEB platform will make us faster, more robust and cost-efficient.” For Volkswagen, 2019 is a key year in its electric offensive, with the company stepping up the pace even further in the coming years. In Geneva, the Volkswagen Group will be showcasing numerous electric vehicles and studies, such as the Audi e-tron GT¹⁾, ŠKODA Vision iV²⁾, SEAT Urban Car³⁾ or the ID. BUGGY⁴⁾, that will be making their debut with customers in the next few years.

Volkswagen is investing almost €44 billion in electrification, digitalization, mobility services and autonomous driving through 2023, of which €30 billion is earmarked for e-mobility alone. Electric vehicles are expected to account for approximately one quarter of the model portfolio by 2025.

e.GO Mobile AG is a pioneer in e-mobility and was founded by Prof. Dr. Günther Schuh in 2015. Cutting-edge projects have been developed at the RWTH Aachen Campus. Agile teams at e.GO work on a variety of cost-effective and customer-focused electric vehicles for short-haul traffic.

Dates for the brand press conferences in Geneva on Tuesday, March 5th

08:00 – 08:15 a.m.	Audi
08:20 – 08:35 a.m.	Bentley
08:40 – 08:55 a.m.	Lamborghini
09:00 – 09:15 a.m.	Bugatti
09:20 – 09:35 a.m.	Porsche
09:40 – 09:55 a.m.	ŠKODA
10:00 – 10:15 a.m.	Volkswagen
10:20 – 10:35 a.m.	SEAT

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https://volkswagen.gomexlive.com/vw_live_ag/

¹ Combined electric power consumption in kWh/100 km (62.1 mi)*: 26.2 - 22.6 (WLTP); 24.6 - 23.7 (NEFZ) CO₂ emissions combined in g/km (g/mi): 0 * Figures depending on the chosen equipment level

^{2, 3, 4} Concept car

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The Volkswagen Group, with its headquarters in Wolfsburg, is one of the world's leading automobile manufacturers and the largest carmaker in Europe. The Group comprises twelve brands from seven European countries: Volkswagen Passenger Cars, Audi, SEAT, ŠKODA, Bentley, Bugatti, Lamborghini, Porsche, Ducati, Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles, Scania and MAN. The passenger car portfolio ranges from small cars all the way to luxury-class vehicles. Ducati offers motorcycles. In the light and heavy commercial vehicles sector, the products include ranges from pick-ups, buses and heavy trucks. Every weekday, 642,292 employees around the globe produce on average 44,170 vehicles, are involved in vehicle-related services or work in other areas of business. The Volkswagen Group sells its vehicles in 153 countries.

In 2018, the total number of vehicles supplied to customers by the Group globally was 10,834 million (2017: 10,741 million). The passenger car global market share was 12.1 per cent. In Western Europe 22.0 per cent of all new passenger cars come from the Volkswagen Group. Group sales revenue in 2017 totaled €231 billion (2016: €217 billion). Earnings after tax in 2017 amounted to €11.6 billion (2016: €5.4 billion).
