

Go-ahead for new Trinity plant: ||Milestone for the future of the Wolfsburg production location



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The Trinity project is the new lodestar for Volkswagen's all-electric fleet and the crystallization point for the brand's ACCELERATE strategy: A much shorter charging time and a range of over 700 kilometers. Net carbon-neutral. Equipped with the Group's state-of-the-art software. Technically ready for autonomous driving, Level 4. The foundation is the Group's new SSP platform. Over its lifetime, more than 40 million vehicles are projected on this basis. The platform debuts in the volume segment with Trinity.

Volkswagen also intends to set standards in Trinity production when it commences in 2026, and is aiming for a production time of 10 hours per vehicle. The key: Fewer variants, fewer components, more automation, leaner production lines and new logistic concepts. Campus Sandkamp creates the framework for optimal, time-efficient collaboration among all areas of Volkswagen through modern working practices. Volkswagen is investing €800 million in the most advanced research and development center in Europe to drive the future of mobility in the coming years. There are plans to integrate modern electric vehicle production based on the SSP platform and modelled on the Trinity facility at the existing main plant by 2030.

Dr. Christian Vollmer, Member of the Board of Management of the Volkswagen brand responsible for Production, commented: "We are focusing on innovative and sustainable manufacturing concepts. Building a new factory in Warmenau also gives us the opportunity to make the existing factory fit for the future, step-by-step and from top to bottom. Trinity stands for a completely new kind of thinking, production, collaboration. It takes courage to shape the future. This is how Wolfsburg will become the yardstick for innovative production concepts – for Volkswagen and the entire industry."

Deciding factors for the choice of location: Efficiency and minimal

impact on ongoing production

Today's decision to build the new factory on a greenfield site was preceded by an exhaustive analysis of several options, including an intensive review of the feasibility to locate Trinity production within the Wolfsburg plant. Apart from higher efficiency in the medium term, factors favoring the construction of a new factory in Warmenau include in particular the fact that this option does not disrupt ongoing series production or ramp-ups of important models such as the Tiguan and Tayron or the Golf facelift scheduled for the coming years.

Last December, the Supervisory Board of Volkswagen AG already confirmed production of the Trinity electric model at the Wolfsburg location under Planning Round 70. However, the transformation of the main plant into a manufacturing facility for electric vehicles already begins much earlier: Volkswagen will start building the ID.3 in Wolfsburg in 2023 to meet high demand for the brand's electric models.

With Trinity, the company is accelerating the big issues of the future: Volkswagen is making autonomous driving available to many people by 2030

With its ACCELERATE strategy, the Volkswagen brand is systematically preparing for the profound changes in the automotive industry in good time. Just as Volkswagen resolutely led the way with its global electric offensive, the company is now accelerating the other big issues of the future: The integration of software into the vehicle and the digital customer experience will become crucial core competences. In implementing data-based business models, Volkswagen is seeking to attract new groups of customers and tap additional sources of income. Volkswagen will also be making autonomous driving available to many people by 2030.

The Trinity project is an important pillar in this context: Trinity represents the next generation of electric vehicles at Volkswagen. The foundation is the future SSP platform that will enable Level 4 autonomous driving and will set new standards for electrification and the digitalization of mobility.

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