

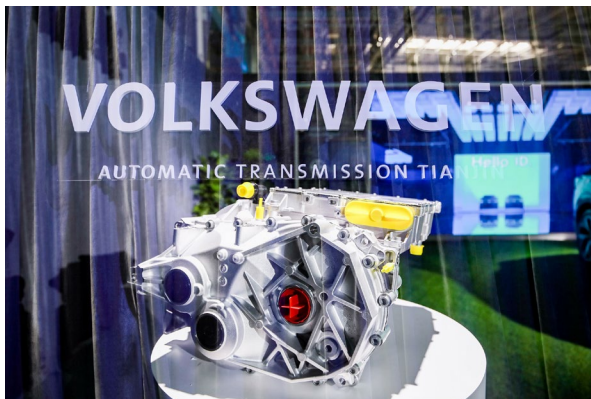
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Production of electric drives begins in China

- Production at the Tianjin site in China bolsters VW's electrification campaign in the world's most important automotive market
- Volkswagen Group Components is a global player in electric mobility

Wolfsburg/Tianjin – Volkswagen Group Components reinforces its position as a key supplier of central electric vehicle components for the brands and joint ventures of the Volkswagen Group in the most important market for electric mobility. With immediate effect, the Chinese components factory in Tianjin will be producing the APP 310 drive on the modular electric drive matrix (MEB). This component will be used in the Volkswagen ID.4¹ variants produced by the joint venture partners FAW (ID.4 CROZZ²) and SAIC (ID.4 X²). The Group's future MEB models for China will also be supplied locally. The main factory for electric drives at Volkswagen Group Components in Kassel produces the APP 310 motor for current and future MEB models in Europe and North America.



Start of production: the fully electric APP 310 drive will now also be built at the Tianjin component plant in China.



Opening ceremony to celebrate the start of production on the APP 310 in China

Thomas Schmall, CEO of Volkswagen Group Components: “With the start of production on the APP 310 at our components site in Tianjin, we are accelerating the electric mobility movement not only in the regional market but also for the Group as a whole. Our presence in the key markets enables us to react flexibly and efficiently to the needs of our customers. In this way, Volkswagen Group Components is making a major contribution to the Group's electrification campaign.”



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Automatic gearboxes have been produced at the Tianjin component plant since 2012. Following the ramp-up of the DQ400e hybrid engine and the APP 290 electric drive, the APP 310 represents the next milestone in the transformation to electric mobility. The permanent magnet synchronous machine with the drive and gearbox parallel to the axles has an output of up to 150 kW (204 PS) with a maximum torque of 310 Nm. The two component plants at Kassel and Tianjin are working closely together on the industrialisation process for the new product. At present, the *technical capacity installed at both sites corresponds to up to 880,000 electric drives per year. Production is to be expanded by up to 1.4 million electric drives as early as 2023. This would make Volkswagen Group Components one of the largest producers of electric drives in the world.*

¹⁾*ID.4 – Power consumption (NEDC) in kWh/100 km: combined 16.9-16.2; CO₂ emissions combined in g/km: 0; efficiency class: A+*

²⁾*The vehicles have not yet gone on sale in the EU.*

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