

Royal Mail launches UK's largest micro electric vehicle fleet to cut emissions and delivery times

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Royal Mail has launched a new fleet of over 100 micro electric vehicles (MEVs), in a major step forward to both reduce carbon emissions and boost delivery speeds.

The first MEV, finished in Royal Mail's iconic red livery, was unveiled at Saturday's Lady Mayor's Show in London. In the coming weeks, 104 MEVs will be rolled out in London, Bristol, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Solihull, Brighton and the Scilly Isles, just in time for the peak Christmas period.

Replacing 52 larger vans, the MEV fleet is expected to save around 242 tonnes of carbon emissions annually and improve local air quality, while also making delivery rounds more efficient. Thanks to their compact design, the MEVs are easier to drive and park in busy streets. Posties will also have their own MEV instead of sharing a van, streamlining route planning and speeding up deliveries.

Unlike standard electric vans, MEVs can be plugged into a regular three-pin plug socket for charging. As they do not need special EV charging infrastructure, they can be used at any delivery office, even sites that were previously ruled out due to limited yard space or electricity capacity.

Royal Mail initially trialed MEVs in 2021, but this is the first time they have been rolled out at scale. The company will use a combination of Paxster and Neomar D01 models in its fleet.

Mark Riley, Delivery Design Manager (Process and Equipment) at Royal Mail, said: "Our new micro electric vehicles are a smart solution for delivering more sustainably and efficiently, especially in busy urban areas. By replacing larger vans with MEVs, we're cutting emissions, improving air quality, and helping our posties deliver faster in time for the festive season."

In June, Royal Mail announced a strong reduction in its average carbon emissions per parcel delivered - already the lowest in the industry - by a fifth (20%) in the past year, strengthening its position as the UK's greenest parcel operator*. The company has pledged to reach Net-Zero by 2040 as part of its 'Steps to Zero' environment strategy and has set interim targets to 2030.

In May, Royal Mail unveiled its 7,000th

electric vehicle, strengthening its position as having the UK's largest electric delivery fleet, and announced it would invest in 1,800 more electric vans and supporting charging

infrastructure over the next year.

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