

## StreetScooter shifts into high gear

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"We are now beginning the next phase of development at StreetScooter and showing the world the extraordinary powers of innovation at Deutsche Post DHL," says [Jürgen Gerdes](#), CEO of Post - eCommerce - Parcel at Deutsche Post DHL Group. "Our goal is and remains market leadership in green logistics. We will therefore continue to focus on e-mobility and other alternative drive concepts to further reduce greenhouse gas emissions."

With Deutsche Post DHL Group and a number of third-party customers looking to cost-effectively increase range for use in other applications, the company is now producing the currently available model also with

boosted performance: Joining the current vehicle that features a range of 80 kilometers and a top speed of approximately 85 km/h will be a new model that boasts a range of 200 kilometers and a top speed of around 120 km/h.

In addition, Deutsche Post is now testing several hundred StreetScooter WORK L's equipped for the first time with fuel cell drives. These vehicles could travel over 500 kilometers and Deutsche Post DHL Group is planning test runs for the next two years.

### Industry-specific solutions

For its third-party sales, StreetScooter is dedicating more of its efforts to industry-specific solutions. The best example is the so-called "Bakery Vehicle One" (BV1), an electric 3.5 ton van that the company has developed together with bakery companies for bakeries and other trades. In response to a fruitless search for a cost-effective electric van for their own businesses, some 200 small businesses had formed an "e-van self-help group" and issued a call for tenders to find a suitable e-vehicle. StreetScooter and others participated. The result: Ten versions of the BV1 each with two battery sizes are now available for ordering. Chassis variants will be built by StreetScooter in partnership with the company TBZ Fahrzeugbau. Prices start at EUR42,950 (i.e. EUR38,950 once you deduct the EUR4,000 environmental bonus). StreetScooter has already received more than 100 advance orders.

Other industries also have a need for customized e-vans, and StreetScooter is already either in talks or enjoying active business relationships with them. They are energy providers, waste disposal companies, municipalities and airports, facility management enterprises and catering companies. StreetScooter will produce variants tailored to serve a variety of individual needs with such features as variable loading volumes that include power supply, refrigerated containers and tilting load platforms.

"The boost in production capacity will make us better and faster in our efforts to serve third-party customers and meet their heavy demand for our e-vehicles," explains Achim Kampker, CEO of StreetScooter GmbH. "In addition, our industry focus and flexible manufacturing methods have put us in a position to produce electric vehicles customized for customers from industry, municipalities and trade. That is something unique on the commercial vehicles market."

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