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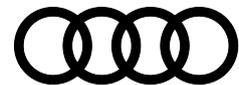
**BASIC PRESS INFORMATION**

**The Audi site in Bratislava**

In the Slovakian capital of Bratislava, Audi has been building the Audi Q7\* premium SUV since late 2005 at the Volkswagen Slovakia plant. Automobiles from five brands are assembled under one roof here. The Board of Management of Volkswagen Slovakia comprises three members. Ralf Sacht (Technology) has served as Chairman since February 1, 2016. Eric Reuting is responsible for HR, and Jens Kellerbach is the Board of Management member for Finance.

The Audi Q7\* is fabricated at the group network site in Bratislava from several hundred components. For the lightweight body of the new Audi Q7\*, the company built a dedicated **body shop** with 110,000 square meters (*1,184,030.1 sq ft*) of floor space, 1,000 robots and state-of-the-art equipment. Key aluminum body parts are produced in the Bratislava press shop using the Volkswagen Group's most powerful press. The press line has a maximum press force of 91,000 kilonewtons. Thanks to progressive multi-material construction with steel and aluminum components, the body is nearly 71 kilograms (*156.5 lb*) lighter than its predecessor. In the body shop, the stamped parts are joined, brazed and bonded to form a complete body. State-of-the-art technologies are used here, including laser or plasma welding, as well as new, unconventional technologies, such as flow drill screwing (FDS), clinching or friction element welding. The Audi site in Győr, Hungary, produces the engines for the Audi Q7\*. In 2018, the site will also begin production of the Audi Q8.

Separate assembly and testing rigs have been installed for the Audi Q7's\* special equipment and electronics items. The entire assembly hall covers an area the size of 21 soccer fields. On completion, every Audi Q7\* has to pass checkpoint 8, the last stage on the production line. The automobiles are then transported via elevated cable car to the **test track** about 800 meters



(2,624.7 ft) away. On the 2.4-kilometer (1.5 mi) asphalt-surfaced oval track, every Audi Q7\* is put through a precisely defined program before being delivered by train and truck.

▶ **History of Volkswagen Slovakia and the Audi site in Bratislava**

The company was founded on May 30, 1991, as Volkswagen Bratislava, s. r. o., with Volkswagen AG holding an 80 percent stake and BAZ, a. s. holding 20 percent. The factory initially had 112 employees, who primarily assembled cars by hand. In December 1991, a Volkswagen Passat was the first model to drive off the assembly line at the Bratislava site. Today the 13.602 employees of Volkswagen Slovakia (as of December 31, 2017) are supported in production by innovative technologies, automated equipment and robots.

**Key milestones of the past 25 years:**

- 1991 Founding of Volkswagen Bratislava, s.r.o. as the precursor to Volkswagen Slovakia.
- 2000 Opening of the component plant in Martin.
- 2001 Start of implementation of Volkswagen Touareg and Porsche Cayenne SUVs.
- 2003 1 million automobiles from Bratislava,  
Volkswagen Slovakia is thus the largest car manufacturer in the history of the country.
- 2011 Start of production of the New Small Family – Volkswagen up!, ŠKODA Citigo and SEAT Mii.
- 2013 Inauguration of the highest-capacity press shop in the Volkswagen Group.
- 2013 Electric mobility in Bratislava – start of production of the first all-electric automobile in the Volkswagen Group, the Volkswagen e-up!
- 2015 Inauguration of the new body shop for the Audi Q7\* with cutting-edge joining and automation technologies.
- 2017 5 million automobiles from Bratislava,  
Volkswagen Slovakia is the country's largest private employer.
- 2017 Inauguration of the Porsche segment with new assembly and body shops.



► **Facts and figures**

**AUDI AG**

Chairman of the Board of Management:	Rupert Stadler
Chairman of the Supervisory Board:	Matthias Müller
Employees (AUDI AG):	61,172
Employees (Audi Group):	91,231
Deliveries to customers:	1,878,100 automobiles of the Audi brand
Production:	1,879,840 automobiles (including Lamborghini and CKD)

*(all data as of December 31, 2017)*

**The Audi site in Bratislava**

Site:	Volkswagen Slovakia, a. s., Bratislava site
Area:	more than 2,000 m <sup>2</sup> (21,527.8 sq ft)
Audi start of production:	2005
Models*:	Audi Q7, Audi SQ7, Audi Q7 e-tron
Production:	106,640 automobiles

*(all data as of December 31, 2017)*

► **Fuel consumption of the models named above\***

**Fuel consumption of the Audi Q7:**

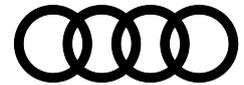
Combined fuel consumption in l/100 km: 7.6 - 5.5 (30.9 - 42.8 US mpg)  
Combined CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in g/km: 199 - 144 (320.3 - 231.7)

**Fuel consumption of the Audi SQ7:**

Combined fuel consumption in l/100 km: 7.6 - 7.2 (30.9 - 32.7 US mpg)  
Combined CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in g/km: 199 - 189 (320.3 - 304.2 g/mi)

**Fuel consumption of the Audi Q7 e-tron:**

Combined fuel consumption in l/100 km: 1.9 - 1.8 (123.8 - 130.7 US mpg)  
Combined CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in g/km: 50 - 48 (80.5 - 77.2 g/mi)  
Combined electrical consumption in kWh/100 km: 19 - 18.1



\*Fuel consumption and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions figures given in ranges depending on the tires/wheels used. Further information on official fuel consumption figures and the official specific CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of new passenger cars can be found in the "Guide on the fuel economy, CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and power consumption of all new passenger car models," which is available free of charge at all sales dealerships and from DAT Deutsche Automobil Treuhand GmbH, Hellmuth-Hirth-Str. 1, 73760 Ostfildern-Scharnhausen, Germany ([www.dat.de](http://www.dat.de)).