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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 and the new Audi Q8* since 2018 at the Volkswagen Slovakia plant. Automobiles from five Volkswagen Group brands are assembled under one roof here.

The two Audi models are fabricated at the group network site in Bratislava from several hundred components. For the lightweight body of the Audi Q7 and Audi Q8, 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 one of the Volkswagen Group's most powerful large-capacity presses. The press line has a maximum press force of 91,000 kilonewtons. 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 and Audi Q8.

Separate assembly and testing rigs have been installed for the two Audi models' special equipment and electronics items. The entire assembly hall covers an area the size of 21 soccer fields. On completion, every Audi Q7 and Audi Q8 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, where they complete a precisely defined driving program on the 2.4 kilometer (*1.5 mi*) oval. They are then delivered via rail and truck.



▶ **History of Volkswagen Slovakia**

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 roughly 14,100 employees of Volkswagen Slovakia (as of December 31, 2018) are supported in production by innovative technologies, automated equipment and robots.

▶ **A look back at key milestones**

- 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 One million automobiles from Bratislava; Volkswagen Slovakia is the largest automobile 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 Five million cars from Bratislava; Volkswagen Slovakia is the country's largest private employer.
- 2017 Inauguration of the Porsche segment with new assembly and body shops.
- 2018 New products: Audi Q8, the new Volkswagen Touareg



► **Facts and Figures**

AUDI AG

Chairman of the Board of Management:	Abraham Schot
Chairman of the Supervisory Board:	Herbert Diess
Employees (AUDI AG):	61,497
Employees (Audi Group):	91,674
Deliveries to customers:	1,812,485 automobiles of the Audi brand
Production:	1,871,386 automobiles (Including Lamborghini and CKD)

(all data as of December 31, 2018)

Bratislava Site

Site:	Volkswagen Slovakia, a. s., Bratislava site
Surface area:	over 2,000 m ² (21,527.8 sq ft)
Audi start of production:	2005
Audi models:	Audi Q7, Audi SQ7, Audi Q7 e-tron, Audi Q8
Production:	131,758 automobiles

(all data as of December 31, 2018)

► **Fuel consumption of the models named above and currently available on the market***

Fuel consumption of the Audi Q7:

Combined fuel consumption in l/100 km: 7 – 6.5

Combined CO₂ emissions in g/km: 181 – 172

Fuel consumption of the Audi SQ7:

Model not currently available (as of March 14, 2019)

Fuel consumption of the Audi Q7 e-tron:

Model not currently available (as of March 14, 2019)

Fuel consumption of the Audi Q8:

Combined fuel consumption in l/100 km: 9.1 – 6.4

Combined CO₂ emissions in g/km: 207 – 169



*Fuel consumption and CO₂ emissions figures given in ranges depend on the tires/wheels used and chosen equipment level. Further information on official fuel consumption figures and the official specific CO₂ emissions of new passenger cars can be found in the “Guide on the fuel economy, CO₂ 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).