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Audi starts transmission production in China

- **New factory in Tianjin to supply highly efficient transmissions for new Audi A4 L**
- **Joachim Wedler, President of Audi China: “Milestone in our localization strategy”**
- **Collaboration with Volkswagen Automatic Transmission Tianjin creates synergies between Group brands**

Tianjin, August 22, 2016 – Audi is expanding its activities in China. Together with Volkswagen Automatic Transmission Tianjin (VWATJ), the premium brand is inaugurating a new transmission plant this Monday. The plant, in the northern China harbor city of Tianjin, will supply highly efficient 7-speed S tronic transmissions for the new Audi A4 L and other locally produced models.

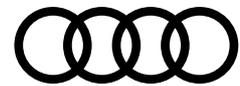
Audi will produce 240,000 transmissions annually at the new facility and will have a work force of over 1,000 at full capacity. And thanks to the modular production set-up, the company can double the plant’s capacity in a later phase. “With our first local transmission plant, we have brought another key Audi competence to China,” says Joachim Wedler, President of Audi China. “The transmission production in Tianjin marks a milestone in our localization strategy.”

The factory is also particularly sustainable: It has, among other things, a heat recovery system and a roof that is designed to save power through the intelligent use of daylight.

The new 7-speed S tronic transmission from Tianjin will be used in models of the second-generation modular longitudinal platform (MLB). It combines sporty and comfortable driving with low fuel consumption. In combination with the 2.0 TFSI engine, the gearbox contributes to the class-leading efficiency and performance of the powertrain of the new Audi A4 L. The new generation of the premium mid-size sedan will be launched in China in September and features the lowest CO₂ emissions in its segment.

The Volkswagen Group has produced dual-clutch transmissions for models based on the modular transverse platform (MQB) since 2014. The start of production in Tianjin marks the completion of the second phase of Volkswagen ATJ. AUDI AG (49 percent) and Volkswagen Group China (51 percent) are both shareholders of the company. “Volkswagen Automatic Transmission Tianjin creates synergies between the Group brands, further strengthening them. With efficient use of resources we live up to our promise of sustainability at every step along the way,” says Dr. Jochem Heizmann, President of Volkswagen Group China.

* The collective fuel consumption values of all models named and available on the German market can be found in the list provided at the end of this MediaInfo.



Audi has been active in China since 1988 and has since led the country's premium segment. The Audi joint venture FAW-Volkswagen produces the models Audi A6 L, Audi A4 L, Audi Q5* and Audi Q3* in Changchun in northern China. The joint venture plant in Foshan in the south of China produces the Audi A3 Sportback* and the Audi A3 Sedan*.

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Fuel consumption of the models named above:

Audi Q5:

Combined fuel consumption in l/100 km: 7.9 – 4.8 (*29.8 – 49.0 US mpg*);**
Combined CO₂ emissions in g/km: 181 – 126 (*291.3 – 202.8 g/mi*)**

Audi Q3:

Combined fuel consumption in l/100 km: 8.6 – 4.2 (*27.4 – 56.0 US mpg*);**
Combined CO₂ emissions in g/km: 203 – 109 (*326.7 – 175.4 g/mi*)**

Audi A3 Sportback:

Combined fuel consumption in l/100 km: 7.1 – 3.8 (*33.1 – 61.9 US mpg*);**
Combined CO₂ emissions in g/km: 163 – 99 (*262.3 – 159.3 g/mi*)**

Audi A3 Sedan:

Combined fuel consumption in l/100 km: 7.1 – 3.7 (*33.1 – 63.6 US mpg*);**
Combined CO₂ emissions in g/km: 163 – 98 (*262.3 – 157.7 g/mi*)**

**Fuel consumption and CO₂ emission figures given in ranges depend on the tires/wheels used as well as the engine/transmission version.

The Audi Group, with its brands Audi, Ducati and Lamborghini, is one of the most successful manufacturers of automobiles and motorcycles in the premium segment. It is present in more than 100 markets worldwide and produces at 16 locations in twelve countries. In the second half of 2016, the production of the Audi Q5 will start in San José Chiapa (Mexico). 100-percent subsidiaries of AUDI AG include quattro GmbH (Neckarsulm), Automobili Lamborghini S.p.A. (Sant'Agata Bolognese, Italy) and Ducati Motor Holding S.p.A. (Bologna, Italy).

In 2015, the Audi Group delivered to customers approximately 1.8 million automobiles of the Audi brand, 3,245 sports cars of the Lamborghini brand and about 54,800 motorcycles of the Ducati brand. In the 2015 financial year, the Audi Group achieved total revenue of €58.4 billion and an operating profit of €4.8 billion. At present, approximately 85,000 people work for the company all over the world, about 60,000 of them in Germany. Audi focuses on new products and sustainable technologies for the future of mobility.