



Škoda opts for pepper technology to electrify diesel buses

Denkendorf, September 15, 2022 – The Škoda Group, a Czech manufacturer of local public transport solutions, signed a memorandum of understanding with pepper motion GmbH on September 5, 2022. Škoda offers its customers a wide range of tailored solutions for the mobility of the future in local public transport networks. This is now being expanded to include the new option of converting diesel buses to e-buses using innovative technology from pepper.

“As our partner, pepper will work with us in future to convert diesel buses to clean e-buses. I’m delighted that we can now offer this service in addition to the upgrading of trolleybuses with new battery technology. It provides a new option to customers and regions that prefer retrofitting due, for instance, to financial constraints,” says Tanya Altmann, President Bus Mobility, Škoda Group.

As a technology leader and pioneer in the retrofitting sector, pepper is working to make the mobility transformation a success. One of its core products is theetrofit kit, used to convert diesel buses and trucks to electric vehicles. Compared with a new diesel bus, a bus retrofitted by pepper saves around 70 tons of carbon emissions per year. With its retrofitting approach, pepper has turned its vision into reality, paving the way for the sustainable mobility model of the future in both environmental and economic terms.

“Sustainable environmental conservation and climate change mitigation are key pillars of our overall corporate action, as are resource and energy efficiency. Through our production-ready retrofitting solutions, we are actively contributing to reducing road traffic emissions on the way to the major objective of zero emissions and carbon neutrality,” explains Andreas Hager, CEO of pepper motion GmbH. “Our new partner Škoda sees itself as a complete system supplier for urban mobility solutions. This perfectly complements pepper’s strategy of offering our customers entire ecosystems for electromobility of the future in the local public transport and transport sectors - making the drive-system transformation feasible and affordable,” adds Hager.

Škoda’s partnership and its strong expansion strategy affords pepper broader access to various markets, including Eastern Europe and Southeast Europe. Furthermore, it grants exclusivity in terms of its services for example in the Czech Republic, Bulgaria, or Finland.

In this way, the two companies are working together to create another sustainable solution for emission-free mobility in modern cities of the future.

Discover pepper motion GmbH and its solutions for the future of mobility at IAA Transportation in hall 20, booth A21.



About pepper motion GmbH

pepper – electrifying transportation! The German privately financed company with headquarters in Denkendorf and offices in Paderborn, Vienna and Garching near Munich employs more than 100 people.

As the first digital OEM worldwide (without its own warehousing and manufacturing), pepper offers innovative solutions for the electrification (retrofitting) of used and new commercial vehicles such as trucks in distribution transport, buses in local public transport (LPT), and municipal vehicles.

pepper is ISO 9001 certified and is the only supplier of conversion solutions to ensure operational safety according to international automotive industry standards such as ISO 26262 for functional safety. A network of international partners guarantees service and availability across Europe.

With its holistic approach to telematics, charging infrastructure, fleet management and autonomous driving, the company designs quickly implementable and cost-efficient solution packages for sustainable mobility transformation and a "second life" for existing commercial vehicles. It effectively supports the implementation of the CO2 reduction targets in accordance with the European Green Deal Agreement and the Clean Vehicles Directive, which came into force in 2021.

pepper was awarded the German Mobility Prize (2018) and the Austrian VCÖ Mobility Prize (2019), as well as being voted one of the top 50 start-ups in Europe in the field of mobility (2020, EUSP).

The subsidiary pepper motion Austria GmbH, based in Vienna, is the pepper Group's software development center. pepper is represented with further sales locations in France, Italy, and Poland.

www.peppermotion.com

Press contact:

360°communications GmbH

E-mail: peppermotion@360communications.de

Tel: +49 89 5436994 00