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### Solaris Electric Bus Wins Innovation Award

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**Readers of German trade magazine busplaner have lauded the Solaris Urbino electric as their "Innovation of the Year 2012". The fully electric bus was awarded this prize in the Public Transport category. With its state-of-the-art drive system supplied by Solaris partner Vossloh Kiepe, this bus is capable of 100 km emission-free travel without any need for recharging.**

The Solaris Urbino electric was first presented in a midibus version in autumn 2011 and already won the Gold Medal for Best Product at Transexpo exhibition. A pre-production vehicle, based on the Solaris Alpino 8.9 LE midibus, currently undergoes demanding trials. Experience gained in this test programme is used in the design of the next vehicles, which will start their operation over the next months. Combined with innovative rapid-charging solutions, Solaris electric buses are set to be fully capable, eco-friendly alternatives to diesel buses.

The busplaner Innovation of the Year title was awarded for the fifth time. Solaris also was a winner last year when the Urbino 18 Hybrid won the Public Transport category. This series hybrid bus uses both batteries and supercaps for energy storage, with charge levels topped up externally by a plug-in connection.

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##### **About our company**

Solaris Bus & Coach sp. z o.o. is a leading producer of city and intercity buses in Europe. It focuses on the development of low-emission and zero-emission vehicles, i. e. electric and hydrogen buses as well as trolleybuses. Over 25,000 Solaris vehicles have been delivered so far and they ply the streets in 850 towns and cities across 33 countries located throughout Europe as well as beyond it. Solaris is part of the Spanish CAF Group (Construcciones y Auxiliar de Ferrocarriles) S.A. From conception, to the design and manufacturing phases, all Solaris buses are produced in Poland. All activities undertaken by the company are in line with its mission, which is reflected in the brand's promise: to change the image of public transport. Solaris also actively partners with public transport operators and provides them with comprehensive support in their transition to zero-emission mobility. Solaris products have been repeatedly awarded for quality and innovation. The Urbino 18 hydrogen bus has won the prestigious 'Bus of the Year 2025' title.