



PRESS RELEASE

Cracow tests Solaris electric bus

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The Solaris Urbino 12 electric will be leased by the operator for twelve months. The 100% electric and zero emission bus is fitted with a 210 kWh battery which is charged overnight at the depot. It uses a 100 kW battery charger, also provided by Solaris. Electric drive motors are mounted in the wheel hubs. It brings down overall weight even further and at the same time increases the space inside the bus.

"Investing in sustainable transport and urban systems seems inevitable nowadays. Cracow keeps pace with this general trend and is actively involved in freeing the city from traffic congestion. Furthermore, airborne by-products from exhaust systems are a major factor in the creation of smog in the city. We still do not give this subject enough attention", comments Julian Pilszczek, CEO of .

The Solaris Urbino 12 electric will be tested on route 154 which runs from the Main Railway Station to Prądnik Biały, the most northerly district in the city. Standard tickets will be accepted on board. The bus will provide a full day's operation from one overnight charge.

Until now, Solaris has sold its electric buses to Klagenfurt (Austria), Braunschweig, Düsseldorf and Hamburg (Germany) and to Västerås (Sweden).

Additional information:

Solaris Bus & Coach is a family company founded and owned by Solange and Krzysztof Olszewski. The company is a major European producer of city, intercity and special-purpose buses as well as low-floor trams. Since the start of production in 1996, over 10 000 vehicles have already left the factory in Bolechowo near Poznań. They are running in 28 countries. Despite its young age, Solaris has become one of the trendsetting companies in its industry. For many years it has been the indisputable leader among the suppliers of city buses in Poland as well as one of the largest suppliers of city buses in Germany.

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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.