

Turkey unveils national electric car prototypes

December 27 2019



Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan with one of the prototype electric vehicles that a domestic consortium of manufacturers called TOGG hopes to begin producing in 2022

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan unveiled Friday prototypes of

a domestically manufactured electric car that is hoped will hit the road within three years.

"Today we are witnessing together a historic day when Turkey's 60-year-old dream is coming true," Erdogan told a ceremony in the Kocaeli province in northwestern Turkey.

Turkey has a considerable auto manufacturing sector, but it mostly subsidiaries or partners of international carmakers.

"Turkey has become a country which is not only a market for new technologies but also a country which develops, produces and exports them to the world," he said.

Two models were unveiled on Thursday, but five are planned with an [autonomy](#) of 500 kilometres (300 miles) on a full charge.

Production is expected to get underway in 2022 by a [consortium](#) of five Turkish industrial firms dubbed TOGG.

Some 175,000 vehicles are expected to roll off the [production line](#) per year at a factory to be built south of Istanbul in the city of Bursa.

© 2019 AFP

Citation: Turkey unveils national electric car prototypes (2019, December 27) retrieved 19 April 2024 from <https://techxplore.com/news/2019-12-turkey-unveils-national-electric-car.html>

<p>This document is subject to copyright. Apart from any fair dealing for the purpose of private study or research, no part may be reproduced without the written permission. The content is provided for information purposes only.</p>
--