

Turkey unveils national electric car prototypes

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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.

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