

Venturi Automobiles, in partnership with PSA Peugeot Citroën, pre-selected in international EV tender by La Poste

Venturi Automobiles and PSA Peugeot Citroën have joined forces to supply Citroën Berlingo First or Peugeot Partner Origin-type electric vans in response to a tender from the French Post Office, La Poste.

Issued in April 2007, the international tender initially involves the supply of a small number of test vehicles. Following a six-month trial period, during which the vehicles will be thoroughly tested, La Poste will select the supplier of 500 mail delivery vans.

As Venturi Automobiles' partner, PSA Peugeot Citroën feels that this phase of real-world testing represents a valuable opportunity to fine-tune the technological solutions equipping these delivery vans, to align them seamlessly with La Poste's expectations.

The Citroën Berlingo / Peugeot Partners will be tested with an entirely new powertrain proposed by Venturi. This extremely compact technology makes it possible to fit the electric motor, battery and other EV components inside the van's engine compartment, in lieu of the internal combustion engine. This offers the major advantage of ensuring the same load volume and payload as in a conventional version.

The electric Berlingo / Partners will have a range of up to 100 kilometers, which is amply sufficient to cover their mail delivery routes.

PSA Peugeot Citroën will contribute its automotive expertise and experience, particularly in electric vehicles.

Venturi will provide a particularly compact and innovative powertrain solution, as well as its short-run production capabilities

The partnership will enable PSA Peugeot Citroën to relaunch its EV business, where it was a pioneer and European market leader, with nearly 10,000 vehicles sold. The Group believes that in the future, electric vehicles will play an important role in reducing automotive emissions, with sales being driven primarily by city delivery vans.

PSA Peugeot Citroën is the world's leading manufacturer of low-emission vehicles. In 2007, it sold in Europe more than one million vehicles emitting less than 140g of CO₂/km.

With operations in 150 countries through its Peugeot and Citroën marques, the Group employs more than 200,000 people around the world.

Since 2001, Venturi Automobiles has led a sustained innovation drive that has made it an undisputed leader in electric vehicles. Its expertise in the world's most advanced EV technological solutions extends from city quadricycle to high-performance sports cars.



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