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# AUDI PRODUCTION PLANT BELGIUM

## **ROOFTOP INSTALLATION**

- ightarrow Self-consumption installation for commercial use
- ightarrow All electricity produced is directly used for the production of Audi A1 cars
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REC solar panels directly help power the assembly lines of Audi A1 cars, making the most efficient use of 40,000 m<sup>2</sup> of rooftop space over the production plant. The total installation is the largest in the Brussels region.



AUDI CARS RANK AMONG THE MOST environmentally friendly on the market. And now, the production plant itself for the Audi A1 model also meets the highest environmental standards – as more than 9,000 REC solar panels are installed on the plant's roofs, generating electricity directly used to power the assembly lines.

Audi's decision to go solar was to support their environmental initiatives and aims to lower their CO<sub>2</sub> footprint, and also because the auto manufacturer found it to be an economically viable alternative in comparison to conventional electricity sources.

Though the generated electricity is used by Audi, the installation is owned by Eneco Belgium – a leading sustainable utility company with a strong focus on renewable sources – and was built by REC partner Eoluz. "We proposed REC because we know REC as a reliable partner with a focus on high-quality solar panels," said Jan Brouckaert, Managing Director, Eoluz. "Plus, our own test



installation with REC Peak Energy Series solar panels at our office reasserted the excellent power output."

The self-produced solar electricity is an essential element for Audi to fulfill the current obligation of sustainable and efficient production of cars. With this installation, Audi is reducing annual  $CO_2$  emissions by 2,200 tons – corresponding to 22 million car kilometers in one year.

The official opening of the installation took place on May 28, 2013 and was attended by dignitaries Günther Oettinger, Commissioner for Energy at the European Commission, and Evelyne Huytebroeck, Brussels Minister for Energy and Environment.

Self-consumption solar installations directly reward consumers – both commercial and residential – in their efforts to optimize energy consumption, a shift in the industry where REC is a proven thought leader.

### **PROJECT OVERVIEW**

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#### **ROOFTOP SELF-CONSUMPTION INSTALLATION**

Owner: Eneco Solar (Land owner: Audi)

**Location:** Brussels, Belgiu

**Type of Installation:** Rooftop, commercial, self consumption

**REC System Size:** 2.3 MW

**REC Solar Panel Type:** REC 245 PE

**Number of REC Solar Panels Installed:** 9,288

**Annual Capacity:** 2,025 MWh

**Compleion Date:** May 28, 2013

**EPC:** Eoluz

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