

## MAGNA EXPANDS LONG-TERM INNOVATION PARTNERSHIP WITH MERCEDES-BENZ

- Ongoing collaboration underscores commitment to innovation and excellence in the automotive industry
- Partnership strengthened through development and engineering services up to the production of the all-new electric model of Mercedes-Benz's iconic off-roader
- Magna's eDS Duo electric drive system demonstrates innovative approach to delivering advanced powertrain solutions

AURORA, Ontario, February 11, 2025 — For several decades, Magna has been a strategic partner to Mercedes-Benz, creating a legacy of innovation and excellence. This collaboration has spanned multiple areas of the vehicle, including powertrain and drivetrain systems, ADAS technologies, body and chassis components, electrification, interior systems, vehicle assembly, and more.

"Strong partnerships with our customers are essential for driving innovation and advancing the automotive industry," said Eric Wilds, Magna Chief Strategy & Commercial Officer. "Our continued partnership with Mercedes-Benz exemplifies how working together can lead to groundbreaking solutions and mutual success."

This long-term partnership includes the production of more than 500,000 iconic off-roader at Magna's Graz, Austria facility since 1979.

In 2024, Magna began production of the eDS Duo, a unique eDrive system with exceptional traction properties, at its Lannach, Austria facility, marking a new chapter in the partnership. The all-new electric model of the iconic off-roader is now equipped with this advanced electric drive system for leading performance and efficiency.

"Having supplied three generations of transfer cases for Mercedes-Benz's iconic off-roader, Magna is honored to now equip this legendary vehicle with its first generation of electric units," said Diba Ilunga, President of Magna Powertrain. "The eDS Duo demonstrates Magna's flexible approach to delivering powertrain solutions, transitioning seamlessly from internal combustion engines to battery electric vehicles."

A 2-speed, dual e-motor drive covering a power range of up to 240 kW, the eDS Duo offers leading traction and off-road capabilities, including a unique wheel-individual propulsion system that enables features like the "G-Turn," allowing the vehicle to rotate 360 degrees in place. With optimized efficiency and advanced silicon carbide and decoupling technology, the eDS Duo delivers exceptional performance while maintaining high efficiency.



*Magna's eDS Duo combines a 2-speed, dual e-motor drive with advanced off-road technology*

For more information on Magna's innovative electric powertrain systems, visit the company's product [page](#).

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