

**Volkswagen Group of America  
Chattanooga Operations LLC**

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**Press Fact Sheet:**

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Plant Location: Chattanooga, Hamilton County, Tennessee, USA  
Tri-state-area bordering Georgia and Alabama

Plant Size: 1,400 acres (5.6 km<sup>2</sup>)

Plant Production: 152,400 US Passat vehicles in 2012

Plant Components: Body Shop  
Paint Shop  
Assembly  
Technical Center  
Training Academy with: - Lean Center  
- Manufacturing and Automation Center  
- Automotive Training  
- Apprentice Training  
- Conference Center  
Supplier Park with 8 suppliers

**Employment:**

- About 3,200 employees at Volkswagen (12/31/2012)
- More than 9,500 indirect employees at suppliers expected
- More than 100,000 applications received at Volkswagen

Sustainability: First and only LEED Platinum certified auto plant worldwide  
LEED Platinum certified Volkswagen Academy

**Additional Environmental Facts**

- Solar Park with 33,000 solar panels on 66 acres and a capacity of 9.5 MW
- Advanced Painting process reduces CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 20 percent in the paint shop.
- "Eco Dry Scrubber System" Water efficient process in the paint shop avoids water consumption of 20,000 gallons a day.

- Insulation of plant walls with six-inch mineral rock wool panel reduces building energy consumption by 35 percent.
- Reuse of rainwater for cooling and restrooms can save up to 350,000 gallons of water a month.
- Low NO<sub>x</sub> Gas Burners in boilers reduces NO<sub>x</sub> emissions.
- Heat exchangers capture and recycle heat for buildings.
- Power efficient light tubes – T5 lighting system saves 20 percent energy compared to conventional industrial lighting
- LED street lighting saves about 100,000 kilowatt hours per year, and reduces ‘light pollution’ in the night sky.
- Protected wetlands and habitats for native vegetation are defined on-site.
- Two creeks were restored during construction to enhance wildlife habitat in area and provide a wildlife ‘corridor’ around site.
- Certified environmental management systems (ISO 14001, ISO 50001).
- Specially designed white roof reduces “heat island” effect by reflecting heat from sun.
- Shipping 85 percent of completed cars by rail will reduce diesel emissions and road traffic.

#### Additional Social Facts:

- Near-site: Care center for medical, dental, vision and rehabilitation by partner Erlanger.
- Child Care Center adjacent to plant.
- Health and Fitness Center in plant.
- \$5.28 million for partnerships over 5 years with schools and universities.
- Financial and volunteer support of local charities.
- Diversity Advisory Committee
- Tobacco-free facility.

#### Milestones:

7/15/08	Decision of Advisory Board
12/29/08	Founding of VWGoA Chattanooga Operations LLC
2/3/09	Start of Construction
4/9/09	Raising 1 <sup>st</sup> column
5/14/09	Raising 1 <sup>st</sup> wall
11/2/09	1 <sup>st</sup> installment in paint shop
1/4/10	All buildings weather tight
2/14/10	First robot installment
5/15/10	First Passat body welded
6/4/10	Opening Volkswagen Academy
6/17/10	First NMS assembled in Chattanooga leaves for test drive
8/23/10	1,000 <sup>th</sup> employee hired
9/30/10	Supplier Park Opening

1/9/11	Static Launch of the new Passat at NAIAS Detroit
3/9/11	1,500 <sup>th</sup> employee hired
4/5/11	ISO 9001 status confirmed by external auditor
4/8/11	Rail yard opened with Golden Spike ceremony
4/18/11	1 <sup>st</sup> customer car rolled off the assembly line
5/24/11	Grand Opening of plant
7/29/11	2,000 <sup>th</sup> employee hired
9/8/11	10,000 <sup>th</sup> US Passat produced
9/12/11	1 <sup>st</sup> car delivered to customer
12/1/11	LEED Platinum certification Plant and Academy
1/31/12	200 additional workforce hiring announced
2/7/12	50,000 <sup>th</sup> US Passat produced
3/22/12	800 additional workforce hiring announced
4/26/12	Edison Green Award in Gold
5/31/12	100,000 US Passat produced
7/28/12	ISO 14001 and ISO 50001
1/23/13	Power Up of Volkswagen Chattanooga Solar Park

Awards: Volkswagen Chattanooga: 2011 Governor's Environmental Stewardship Award  
Volkswagen Chattanooga: LEED Platinum Certification, factory and Academy  
Volkswagen Chattanooga: Finalist Edison Green Award 2011  
Volkswagen Chattanooga: Winner Edison Green Award 2012 in Gold  
Passat: 2012 Motor Trend Car of the Year  
Passat: Kelly Blue Book (kbb.com) 2012 Family Car of the Year  
Passat: Kelly Blue Book (kbb.com) 2012 Best Car Under 25,000  
Passat: Cars.com Best of 2012  
Passat: Midwest Automotive Media Association (MAMA) 2012 Family Vehicle of the Year

Financials: \$ 1 Billion investment,  
\$ 379 Million local and Tennessean construction contracts awarded  
\$ 307 Million local and Tennessean car supply contracts awarded annually

Economic Effects: \$ 12 billion expected in income growth in Tennessee  
\$ 1.4 billion expected in total tax revenues in Tennessee