

PRESS RELEASE

IONITY EXPANDS ULTRA-FAST CHARGING NETWORK IN GERMANY: ALPITRONIC HYC400 CHARGERS INSTALLED IN MERKLINGEN

- > New, large IONITY charging hubs along major German highways increase High Power Charging (HPC) options for long-distance electric travel
- > Across Germany, 122 charging stations with up to 24 ultra-fast charging points in operation, 25 new sites under construction
- > First Alpitronic HYC400 chargers installed at IONITY station in Merklingen

Munich, Germany, 6. December 2023 - IONITY is advancing emission-free electric mobility in Europe with the expansion of its ultra-fast charging network. As a key market and main transit country, Germany plays a crucial role in this. In Merklingen near Ulm, IONITY has now opened one of its largest charging stations with a total of 24 HPC charging points. A wide range of catering services and a charging capacity of up to 350 kW ensure a quick and convenient charging stop on long journeys. This is also the first IONITY site providing HYC400 chargers from the Italian manufacturer Alpitronic: with two power outlets per charger they will complement IONITY's 350 kW offering. As a result, the number of HPC charging points at IONITY sites along European highways and major roads will grow more rapidly.

IONITY stands for High Power Charging with 350 kW: customers can charge their electric car with green energy in just a few minutes. The award-winning design of the IONITY charger with the typical HALO is internationally renowned. IONITY is now complementing its existing range of 350 kW HALO chargers with chargers from the Alpitronic HYC400 series. The new chargers have two power outlets with a capacity of max. 200 kW each. As an 'all-in-one' solution, they do not require an external control cabinet and can therefore be integrated flexibly into existing and new IONITY locations.

Ready for winter travel

"We have ambitious expansion plans along the German and European highways and major travel routes," says Christoph Strecker, Country Manager in Germany, Austria and Switzerland (DACH) at IONITY. "Just in time for the travel season around the turn of the year, IONITY is opening a large number of new, large charging stations with a high-quality range of services on the main traffic routes A3, A7, A8 and A9 in Germany. These are based on the example of the IONITY Merklingen site." IONITY already operates five charging stations on the A8 between Munich and Stuttgart, a sixth station is currently under construction.

Pictures are available [here](#).

About IONITY

IONITY is building and operating the largest open brand high-power charging (HPC) network along European highways. The HPC charging capacity of up to 350 kW allows maximum charging speeds. As a commitment to sustainability, IONITY sources renewable energy only for both emission-free and carbon neutral driving. In December 2023, the IONITY HPC network counted more than 550 charging stations and more than 3.000 charging points in 24 European countries.

Founded in 2017, IONITY is a joint venture of the car manufacturers BMW Group, Ford Motor Company, Hyundai Motor Group, Mercedes Benz AG and Volkswagen Group with Audi and Porsche, along with BlackRock's Climate Infrastructure Platform as financial investor. The company is headquartered in Munich, Germany, with additional offices in Dortmund and outside Norway's capital Oslo. IONITY is an internationally registered trademark. For more information, please visit www.ionity.eu

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