

Bluebus wins one of the 3 lots from the massive tender offer launched by RATP and Île-de-France Mobilités

After having won the first two RATP contracts for the experimentation of fully-electric buses in 2014 and 2017, the Bolloré Group has just been selected for the third RATP contract financed by Île-de-France Mobilités, via the so-called “massive” tender offer. For Bluebus, this contract consists in supplying fully-electric 12-meter buses for a maximum order amount of €133 million. The contract is for a two-year term and comprises an initial firm order of 50 Bluebuses in the 12-meters class.

These fully-electric buses will be made in France, more precisely in the Bluebus and Blue Solutions plants at Ergué-Gabéric in Brittany. Indeed, the Bolloré Group’s batteries (and cells) as well as its buses, are produced on the same industrial site, which means better control of manufacturing and integration quality, while also reducing transport-related CO2 emissions. **The 12-meter Bluebus has obtained the “French origin guaranteed” label, for the bus component as well as the batteries.**

The Bluebus selected under this contract can carry up to 109 passengers. Its **6 LMP®** (Lithium Metal Polymer) **batteries give it a range of up to 320 kilometers.** The efficiency of the Bluebus is enhanced by the use of energy recovery systems during deceleration which allow charging while in use. Already operating since 2016 on bus line 341, and then on lines 72, 115 and 126, the Bluebus will be further deployed in the coming months in the Île-de-France Mobilités network operated by RATP.

For more than 20 years now, the Bolloré Group has been involved in the development of sustainable urban mobility via a proactive environmental protection policy. Consistent with its commitment to tackle climate and urban challenges, the Bolloré Group responded to the massive tender offer launched by RATP and Île-de-France Mobilités for the supply of electric buses.

About Bluebus

The Bolloré Group’s electric buses are manufactured in the **ISO 9001 certified Bluebus plants of Quimper**, and **bear the “French origin guaranteed” label.** Available in 6-meter and 12-meter lengths, the buses are equipped with **LMP® (Lithium Metal Polymer)** batteries, fully produced in Quimper in the Group’s Blue Solutions plants, which also hold the **“French origin guaranteed” label.** This battery, unique in the world, contains **no solvent, no cobalt, and no rare earths.** Offering a clean and silent solution for urban and suburban public transport, the Bluebus range responds to current environmental challenges while combining high technology, design and performance. With over 300 Bluebuses currently in operation around the world, this partnership provides a response to the changing mobility needs of today’s and tomorrow’s cities.

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