Electric Volkswagen e-up!

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Volkswagen has announced its first fully electric production vehicle, the four seater ‘e-up!’.

The e-up! Will be powered by an 82PS motor, which will enable the car to reach 62 mph from rest within 14 seconds, and it is said that it will have a range between charges of 150 km (about 100 miles). Its battery can be recharged to up to 80 per cent of its storage capacity with half an hour.

The driving range is still not far enough for many potential buyers, but the car will doubtless appeal to those requiring commuter transport in urban areas, and for fairly short distance family motoring.

The vehicle is to make its show debut at the Frankfurt International Autoshow in September 2013, with first UK customer deliveries expected from early 2014.