



PRESS RELEASE

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BAA Glasgow Gets Green Patrol Boys in Blue Go Green

In a move to reduce its carbon footprint, Strathclyde Police is going green by introducing the first ever electric scooter to be used for active duty by a Police Force within the United Kingdom.

The Vectrix electric maxi-scooter will not only benefit the environment, it will bring many benefits to officers policing at Glasgow Airport. Strathclyde Police continually seeks ways to reduce carbon emissions and as the Vectrix is emission free, this innovative technology provides an effective solution.

Performance however is in no way compromised and a top speed of 62 mph and fast acceleration make for safe and easy manoeuvring through traffic. The maxi-scooters will be used mainly for patrol and parking duties at the airport and officers are keen to welcome on board this new recruit.

Inspector Colin Pearson, Glasgow Airport Road Policing, said: "Following a two week trial to test for performance and usability, we quickly established that the Vectrix was capable of meeting our requirements and we have since gone ahead with the purchase of the bike. "The bike will enhance our ability to enforce parking legislation and also to assist the regulation of traffic within the busy airport road system."

Recognising the positive impact on the environment, Alan Tait, Assistant Fleet Manager of the Transport and Logistics Department, Strathclyde Police, said: "All police forces across the country are looking at their carbon footprint and investigating ways of reducing their CO2 output, the Vectrix has proved itself as a real practical alternative to petrol powered machines, offering the same performance but without the harmful emissions."

Working in partnership is essential to modern policing and the Vectrix partnership goes a long way showing dedication to the pursuit of providing excellent public services whilst considering the impact on the environment.

Alex Bamberg, Managing Director, Vectrix UK Ltd, said: "The decision by Strathclyde Police to purchase a Vectrix electric bike to work alongside its existing vehicles, clearly demonstrates their dedication to move forward and embrace new technologies which limit harmful effects on the environment, whilst maintaining their commitment to provide first rate services to the public. Strathclyde Police has been very straightforward giving a clear specification of their expectations; we are delighted that they have chosen to adopt the Vectrix as part of their environmental policy."



Formed in 1975, Strathclyde is Scotland's largest police force and one of the biggest in the UK. With approximately 7,500 police officers and 3,000 support staff working around the clock the force provides a vast range of policing services on behalf of 12 local authorities.

Strathclyde Police protect nearly 2.3 million people across 5,371 square miles of Scotland, they have a range of specialist services including highly trained police dogs, mounted police, underwater search and rescue, helicopter support and mountain rescue teams, as well as the world-famous Strathclyde Police Force Pipe Band,

NOTE TO NEWS EDITORS

You are invited to send a reporter/photographer/camera crew to Glasgow Airport on 20 February 2008 at 10.30am. On arrival please liaise with Laura Boyce, Media Relations Officer.

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Directions:

Heading from Glasgow City Centre, leave the M8 at junction 28, then at roundabout take the 1st exit (signposted Glasgow Airport)

At roundabout take the 2nd exit onto Saint Andrews Drive West (signposted Airport Terminal Building)

Travel approximately 200 yds, the Travel Inn will be on your right and you will see bushes on your left and then a car park with a barrier. Press the buzzer labelled 'Police' and entry will be granted.



Key Features of the Vectrix Scooter include:

- Zero carbon emissions
- Fully charged range up to 68 miles
- Top speed of 62 mph (100 km/h)
- As responsive as a 400cc scooter but with a 125cc classification, making the bike accessible to anyone with a CBT licence (or having held a full driving licence for more than 5 years)
- DAaRT™ system – Twist back the throttle for instant acceleration, and twist it forward to slow down smoothly and safely, in addition to the front and back Brembo disc brakes.
- Multi-function throttle controls a slow-speed reverse for greater manoeuvrability and easy parking
- The onboard charger recharges the scooter in just over two hours from a standard 110/220V (3 pin) power socket
- Estimated battery life of 10 years (based on 5,000 miles per year)
- Low noise for reduced sound pollution



The Vectrix Vision

The Vectrix maxi-scooter is a pioneering solution to the chronic problems of vehicle emissions, urban congestion and high fuel costs. Vectrix is the first company to design, develop, assemble and sell high performance, zero emission, two-wheel electric vehicles. Incorporating several leading-edge patented technologies, the Vectrix has the lowest environmental impact of any comparable vehicle, car or motorcycle, according to the European Union's Cleaner Drive rating.

Founded in 1996, the Company is headquartered in Middletown, Rhode Island and has a modern production facility in Wroclaw, Poland, where its vehicles are assembled, and an engineering and test facility in New Bedford, Massachusetts.

The maxi-scooter is just the start. Its unique engineering platform and research team will allow Vectrix to develop a broad product range to respond to growing consumer and corporate demand for carbon neutral vehicles and the urgent need to de-carbonise road transport worldwide.

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