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Groupe PSA and EasyMile trial an autonomous tow tractor in Sochaux

- **Groupe PSA's Sochaux plant is trialling automated technology on a portion of its logistics platform**
- **The TractEasy autonomous industrial tow tractor can navigate the plant environment without any human intervention**
- **A world first in the manufacturing industry, the technology on trial is one illustration of the [4.0 industry](#) solutions that Sochaux plant aims to adopt as part of its Sochaux 2022 transformation project**

The collaboration between Groupe PSA and EasyMile has been forged as part of a project to automate a portion of the Sochaux plant's logistics platform.

TractEasy is a driverless tow tractor with a maximum towing capacity of 25 tonnes and the ability to drive among other vehicles at speeds of up to 25 km/h. Developed by EasyMile in partnership with TLD, TractEasy improves operational flexibility at manufacturing plants, airports and logistics centres.

In Sochaux, the TractEasy drives up to 15km/h – the current speed limit at the facility – on a 3 km circuit and makes round trips between the supplier industrial park and the assembly shop. Following the initial trials successfully conducted with the vehicle last May, a "connected" road will be built this autumn to take testing a step further. It will enable TractEasy to communicate more effectively with road infrastructure, such as traffic lights, doors and level crossing to optimise the logistic loop within the traffic.

Following this step, the plant plans to operate two autonomous tow tractors in the first quarter of 2019. They will operate in shifts on a 24/7 basis to deliver parts from the supplier industrial park to the PEUGEOT 3008 assembly line. Ultimately, they would be able to deliver all of the parts used to build the PEUGEOT 308 and 3008, including the bumpers, tailgate and consoles.

A world first in the manufacturing industry, this technology is one illustration of the "4.0 solutions" that the Sochaux plant has decided to adopt ahead of schedule in its Sochaux 2022 [future's plant](#) project. The Sochaux plant offers a wide variety of real-life test scenarios, with rail lines, intersections, traffic lights and one-way roads. The solution set up on this test circuit and the adjustments it requires can be easily transposed to other circuits and other locations. PSA's Sochaux plant produces 2,100 vehicles per day for the PEUGEOT 308 and 3008 and OPEL Grandland X line-ups.

Testing is being conducted in cooperation with EasyMile as part of Groupe PSA's [Business Lab](#) programme. The Business Lab is designed to detect, test and transform opportunities into new activities for Groupe PSA, including outside its core automotive market, in response to rapid growth in new ways of using cars.



To learn more about TractEasy, see the video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b1RGUdEk1nM&feature=youtu.be>

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About Groupe PSA

[Groupe PSA](#) designs unique automotive experiences and delivers mobility solutions to meet all customer expectations. The Group has five car brands, Peugeot, Citroën, DS, Opel and Vauxhall, and provides a wide array of mobility and smart services under the Free2Move brand. Its 'Push to Pass' strategic plan represents a first step towards the achievement of the Group's vision to be "a global carmaker with cutting-edge efficiency and a leading mobility provider sustaining lifetime customer relationships". An early innovator in the field of autonomous and connected cars, Groupe PSA is also involved in financing activities through Banque PSA Finance and in automotive equipment via Faurecia.

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About EasyMile

EasyMile is a pioneer in driverless technology and smart mobility solutions. The fast-growing start-up develops software to automate transport platforms, revolutionising passenger and goods transport. It has already deployed over 210 driverless projects with more than 320,000 people transported over 250,000 km. Clients include the world's largest transport operators, city authorities, airports, corporations, business parks, and universities. EasyMile has a global presence with headquarters in Toulouse (France) and regional offices in Denver (USA), Berlin (Germany), Melbourne (Australia) and Singapore. The Company employs over 150 highly-skilled and passionate employees.