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Audi first to be awarded New York automated vehicle testing license

- **Audi first company to begin automated vehicle testing in the state**
- **Audi to demonstrate technology in Albany in mid-June**
- **New York first started accepting requests in May**

HERNDON, Virginia, May 31, 2017 – New York has approved Audi of America's application to be the first company authorized to perform autonomous vehicle testing in the state.

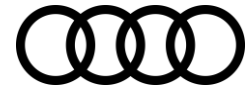
Audi intends to demonstrate and test vehicles in New York with Society of Automobile Engineers (SAE) Level 3 automation. It will conduct the first autonomous vehicle demonstration in state history, beginning in Albany, near the state capitol, in mid-June.

SAE's Level 3 means a vehicle is capable of automated driving at posted highway speeds when specific conditions are met. In New York, two trained engineers will be in the vehicle to monitor the system and ensure safety, one in the front seat and one in the back. Audi's demonstration vehicle has already safely logged thousands of miles on limited access highways across the U.S.

Earlier this month, New York Governor Andrew Cuomo announced that New York was accepting applications from companies interested in testing or demonstrating autonomous vehicles on public roads.

"We have been leading the way in the development of piloted driving technology for more than a decade now, and testing in real-world environments is a key step in our pursuit of safer roads," said Scott Keogh, president of Audi of America. "We applaud Governor Cuomo for his leadership and stand ready to assist in defining how this future will unfold in the Empire State now and for years to come."

New legislation included in New York's FY 2018 budget allows for testing autonomous technology through a year-long pilot program. Audi's vehicle routing information for the Albany demonstration has been pre-approved by the New York State Police and its application was approved by the



Department of Motor Vehicles. State Police review the route to be taken, and are required to supervise the demonstration.

“New York State is a nationwide leader in innovative highway safety programs and the potential for autonomous vehicles to save lives on our roadways is immeasurable,” Governor Cuomo said.

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