

Siemens Mobility receives major order for 65 locomotives from Akiem

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Akiem, the leasing rolling stock specialist company for rail vehicles, has ordered 65 Vectron AC and Vectron MS locomotives from Siemens Mobility.

The order was placed as part of a framework agreement for the purchase of locomotives that was signed in December 2021. The first locomotives from are to be delivered in mid-2024. Akiem previously ordered 20 Vectron locomotives from Siemens Mobility last December.

“Following the signing of the framework contract with Akiem and a first order in December, this marks the first order for a large number of units,” said Albrecht Neumann, CEO rolling stock at Siemens Mobility. “We are especially pleased that the Vectron, with its unique modular design, will be making a significant contribution in the Akiem fleet to cross-border European freight and passenger service. With this order, we have also reached the milestone of 1,500 sold Vectrons: clear proof of customer satisfaction.”

The ordered locomotives have a maximum power of 6.4 megawatts and can be delivered with a top speed of either 200 or 230 km/h. They can be used for cross-border freight transport as well as fast passenger service in many European countries.

“We are delighted to be increasing our fleet of Vectron locomotives,” said Fabien Rochefort, CEO of the Akiem Group. “We look forward to offering passenger and freight operators throughout Europe the fleet they need as a sustainable and reliable service. We are convinced that the 85 Vectrons ordered by Akiem since December will meet our customers’ expectations.”

To date, Siemens Mobility has sold more than 1,500 Vectron locomotives to 62 customers in 16 countries, and the fleet has covered over 600 million kilometers in service. Locomotives based on the Vectron platform have been approved for operation in 20 European countries.