

Train Maker Unveils Model of Its Moscow Ring Railway Candidate

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Ivolga next-generation electric trains will soon be zipping around Moscow at up to 250 kilometers per hour.

Russian train builder Tverskoi Vagonostroitelny Zavod, or TVZ, has presented a model of its next generation electric train, the Ivolga, at the Ninth International Strategic Partnership 1520 business forum in Sochi.

TVZ, a subsidiary of railway engineering firm Transmashholding, plans to supply the trains for the Moscow Ring Railway — a revamped Soviet-era freight line that will be used as a commuter rail line that links up with the Moscow metro and should be operational by 2016 — if it wins the upcoming tender.

TVZ's new creation could also replace some of the old suburban commuter trains, or elektrichki, in the Moscow region.

The maximum speed of the new generation train will range from 160 to 250 kilometers per hour.

The first two prototypes of the Ivolga train will be produced by the end of 2014 and certified by the end of 2015.

Based on the Ivolga template, TVZ will create a range of single and dual voltage electric trains for city, suburban, regional, and interregional transit.

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