

Fire Engulfs Former Volkswagen Factory in Kaluga Region

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A fire at the Tenet automobile plant in the Kaluga region on Jan. 28, 2026. **Social media**

Firefighters extinguished a blaze that broke out earlier Wednesday at the former Volkswagen factory in the Kaluga region.

Russia's Emergency Situations Ministry said the fire erupted at a foam recycling workshop inside the Tenet automobile plant, which manufactures Chinese vehicles. A company spokesperson said no one was injured.

Unconfirmed reports [suggested](#) the facility was forced to halt operations following the fire.

Volkswagen sold the Kaluga plant to Russian automotive group AGR Holding after exiting the country. Last year, AGR [partnered](#) with Chinese automaker Defetoo to begin production of vehicles under the Tenet brand.

The Kaluga factory [manufactured](#) around 50,000 Tenet crossovers and SUVs between August and December 2025.

Tenet held its first annual press conference on Tuesday, announcing [plans](#) to capture at least 10% of Russia's projected 1.4 million-vehicle market.

Most major international automakers halted operations in Russia following the full-scale invasion of Ukraine in 2022.

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