

ABB and ASKO to electrify Norwegian delivery fleet

ABB will assist grocery wholesaler ASKO with charging infrastructure for battery-electric trucks at distribution centers throughout the country.



ABB has entered into an agreement with Norway's largest grocery wholesaler ASKO, and its owner NorgesGruppen, to supply charging infrastructure for its growing fleet of electric trucks. Financial details were not disclosed.

The first ABB HVC 150C (150 kW) high power chargers are already in operation at ASKO's distribution center in Oslo.

Grocery wholesaler ASKO currently has 600 trucks on the road each day and has a goal to achieve zero emissions distribution of groceries by 2026.

"ASKO has an ambition to be sustainable and climate neutral. This means that we shall focus on energy-efficiency measures and, not least, renewable resources," said Svein Sollie, Transport Director, at ASKO. "Our ambition requires large investments, especially in energy and transport. ASKO

will be in the driver's seat in these areas and we must dare to invest – and we must be willing to pay beyond what is the requirement for a normal business return. ABB was chosen as the supplier for truck charging due to its global expertise, breadth of user cases and technical solutions.”

“ASKO's major focus on zero-emission vehicles is the most ambitious heavy vehicle fleet Norway has seen. As a global leader in e-mobility solutions, we look forward to contributing our experiences, services and charging solutions in pursuit of a more sustainable transport future,” said Frank Muehlon, Head of ABB’s global business for E-mobility Infrastructure Solutions.

ABB's chargers, part of the ABB Ability offering of digital solutions and services, deliver web-enabled connectivity that allows network operators to perform remote monitoring and configuration of charge points.

ABB is a world leader in electric vehicle infrastructure, offering charging and electrification solutions for electric cars, electric and hybrid buses as well as for ships and railways. ABB entered the EV-charging market back in 2010, and today has sold more than 14,000 ABB DC fast chargers across over 80 countries.