



Waymo—Google's self-driving car affiliate—and Jaguar Land Rover are partnering to create a new fleet of electric autonomous vehicles.

John Krafcik, Waymo CEO, said the company plan to add up to 20,000 all-electric, self-driving Jaguar I-Paces to Waymo's fleet in the next few years for the company's ride-hailing transport service scheduled to launch this year in Phoenix, in the U.S. state of Arizona.

Waymo will start testing the I-Pace AVs later this year, with volume production of the vehicles slated for 2020. Krafcik said the long-term partnership with Jaguar Land Rover is part of their goal to tailor their self-driving fleets to the needs of individual customers. It is the sixth type of vehicle to get Waymo technology.

Waymo's cars have driven more than 8 million kilometres on public roads in 25 American cities, including testing a ride-hailing, self-driving vehicle fleet in Phoenix for less than a year. The company also are doing significant simulation testing—the equivalent of 8 billion real-world kilometres—and have created a private mock city to test the vehicles under difficult and unusual circumstances.