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### **INDEPENDENT STUDY SHOWS THAT E-Z-GO's RXV GOLF CAR IS 39 PERCENT MORE ENERGY EFFICIENT THAN COMPETITORS' BUGGIES**

An independent study, conducted by Southern California Edison's (SCE) Electric Vehicle Technical Center, has concluded that E-Z-GO's electric RXV golf car is up to 39 percent more efficient than competitor vehicles. E-Z-GO is a Textron Inc. (NYSE: TXT) company.

The study demonstrated that the E-Z-GO RXV electric golf car, with its innovative AC drive, full-time regenerative braking and high-frequency PowerWise QE charger, is as much as 39 percent more energy-efficient than traditional DC-powered golf cars.

SCE's results showed that energy efficiency improved by 31 percent to 39 percent with the RXV electric model. The RXV's AC motor also allowed the vehicle to maintain higher performance than DC-powered vehicles as the batteries lost energy over the course of a round.

SCE conducted the test at the request of one of its customers, using a test course designed to simulate golf-car usage on an 18-hole golf course. Results from the test course were validated against control tests conducted at actual golf courses. On completion of the test SCE determined that the new technology present in the RXV could provide benefits to the 300 golf courses in its territory, which encompasses 50,000 square miles in central and southern California.

"Since many golf courses replace their golf cart fleets every three to five years, the opportunity to invest in more efficient technology could show dramatic impacts in charging efficiency over a relatively short time horizon," the SCE report stated.

"We are pleased that independent tests continue to confirm that the E-Z-GO RXV represents a substantial improvement in energy efficiency and reduced carbon footprint over the traditional golf car," said Richard Tyrrell, general manager for the E-Z-GO division at Ransomes Jacobsen, the European distributor based in Ipswich, England. "The RXV was designed and built to break new ground in golf-car and light-transportation technology, and it's exciting to see that this has been verified by an independent source."

#### **About Southern California Edison**

Southern California Edison (SCE), the largest subsidiary of Edison International (NYSE: EIX), is the primary electricity supply company for much of Southern California. SCE's Electric Vehicle Technical Center (EVTC), established in 1993, provides a broad range of electric transportation services, focusing on solutions for automakers, battery manufacturers, government agencies, business and industrial fleet customers, residential customers and more. EVTC is one of only two U.S. Department of Energy test sites approved to evaluate electric vehicle baseline performance, vehicle and fleet operation.

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### **About E-Z-GO**

E-Z-GO, a Textron Inc. company, is a leading manufacturer of golf cars and utility vehicles. E-Z-GO is the preferred golf car fleet provider for many of the world's most revered golf courses, clubs and resorts. E-Z-GO is also the golf car of choice of nine of the nation's 10 largest course-management companies. E-Z-GO boasts the largest sales and service network in the industry, with more factory branch locations and independent distributors than any other manufacturer.

More than a maker of golf cars, E-Z-GO is also a leading provider of turf and utility vehicles for a variety of applications and industries. Products under the E-Z-GO flagship include Shuttle personnel carriers, MPT turf-maintenance vehicles, and ST personal utility vehicles. E-Z-GO also produces the Cushman line of heavy-duty burden carriers. Founded in 1954 in Augusta, GA., E-Z-GO became part of Textron Inc. in 1960.

### **About Textron**

Textron Inc. is a multi-industry company that leverages its global network of aircraft, defense, industrial and finance businesses to provide customers with innovative solutions and services. Textron is known around the world for its powerful brands such as Bell Helicopter, Cessna Aircraft Company, Jacobsen, Kautex, Lycoming, E-Z-GO, Greenlee, and Textron Systems. More information is available at [www.textron.com](http://www.textron.com).

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