The start/stop system can help you to save fuel and reduce CO₂ emissions. How does it work? Simple: the engine switches off automatically when you stop the car, e.g. at a red traffic light … and starts up again automatically when you are ready to drive off.

Switching the start/stop system on/off

The start/stop system is automatically activated each time the ignition is switched on. You can switch the system off if you don’t want to use it: just press the switch.

The start/stop system only operates when …

• the driver’s door and the bonnet are closed,
• the driver’s seat belt is buckled,
• the vehicle has already been moving at over 4 km/h,
• a trailer is not hitched up to the vehicle.

The engine will not switch off if …

• the engine is still cold,
• the interior temperature selected on the air conditioner has not yet been reached,
• the exterior temperature is very high/low,
• the windscreen is being defrosted,
• the parking aid or park assist is switched on,
• the battery charge is too low,
• the steering wheel is close to full lock or the vehicle is being steered,
• the vehicle was in reverse gear prior to stopping,
• the vehicle is on a steep gradient.

The engine cuts in automatically without intervention from the driver if …

• the vehicle starts to roll,
• the windscreen is being defrosted,
• there is a large difference between the temperature selected on the air conditioner and the actual temperature inside the vehicle,
• the brake pedal is pressed several times in succession,
• the battery charge is too low,
• the power consumption is too high.