

Establishing readiness for operation and driving off

- ✓ Ready for operation.
 - ✓ Vehicle plug removed from the charge port, charge port door closed and charging cable safely stowed.
1. Press the brake pedal.
 2. Select transmission range **D** or **R** with the selector lever.
The parking lock and the electric parking brake are deactivated automatically.
 3. To drive off, release the brake pedal and slowly press the accelerator pedal.

The range depends on, among other things, the driving style, the climatic conditions, the use of energy-intensive loads and the selected vehicle settings, e.g. driving mode.

Information

The readiness for operation is switched off in the following situations:

- with corresponding settings in the energy management system
- if the vehicle was locked from outside
- by opening the driver's door and the driver's seat belt in drive positions **D** or **R**
- by pressing the **P** button
- by other systems that, for example, automatically activate drive position **P** or request the activation of **P** if there is an error

Driving off at high acceleration (Launch Control)

WARNING

Driving off at high acceleration

When driving off at high acceleration, you may lose control of the vehicle or endanger other road users under certain circumstances (poor road conditions, lack of attention, etc.).

- ▶ Only drive off at high acceleration on public roads if the road and traffic conditions permit.
- ▶ Do not endanger other road users when driving off at high acceleration.

The vehicle already permits you to drive off at an extremely high rate of acceleration in normal driving mode. Maximum acceleration from a standstill is achieved using Launch Control, however.

Driving off with Launch Control

- ✓ Vehicle is at a standstill.
 - ✓ Readiness for operation established.
 - ✓ Steering wheel is not turned.
 - ✓ Drive position **D** selected.
 - ✓ Driving mode **SPORT** or **SPORT PLUS** activated.
1. Press the brake pedal with your left foot.
 2. Quickly press down the accelerator fully and hold it down.
A message appears on the instrument cluster.
 3. Release the brake pedal within a short space of time.

Vehicle accelerates to the maximum.

Information

Stress on components increases dramatically when starting with maximum acceleration in comparison with normal driving off.

Energy recovery (recuperation)

WARNING

Unsuitable use of recuperation

Recuperation is a system that is used only for energy recovery. It is not a driver assistance system and cannot take over any driver assistance system tasks.

- ▶ Do not use the deceleration effect of recuperation as a distance control system.
- ▶ Always be ready to brake and stay a safe distance away from the vehicle in front.
- ▶ For greater braking power or for braking the vehicle to a standstill, press the brake pedal as required.

WARNING

Automatic overrun recuperation limited or not available

The maximum overrun recuperation is limited.

The detection capability of the sensors can be impaired by soiling, bad weather conditions (rain, snow, ice, fog, spray) and unfavourable road conditions (stone chippings, reflective objects). Vehicles up ahead may not be adequately detected, or may not be detected at all.

If automatic overrun recuperation (**Auto** setting) is not available, e.g. if sensors are dirty, a message to this effect will appear in the instrument cluster.

- ▶ Do not use automatic overrun recuperation in conditions of poor visibility and bad road conditions.

Operating principle

During recuperation, the drive converts most of the kinetic energy into electrical energy, which is stored in the high-voltage battery. A distinction is made