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When Norway did not want to have its own automotive industry...

The Troll 700 Sportcupé was the failed attempt to found an automobile company in Norway in the 1950s. The driving force was the engineer Per Kohl-Larsen, who called his company Plastik & Bilindustri.

He and two other technicians, Bruno Falck and Erling Fjugstad, constructed their own small vehicle and called it Troll. They started in November 1955 with the completion of the first model. The plans were showing that the vehicle should be offered as a coupe. Plastik & Bilindustri was using fiberglass for the car body, which was allowed for a curb weight of only 700 kg.

The Scandinavian saw a great future in the use of the composite plastic. The company was purchasing, at that time, a modern 700 cc straight-twin two-stroke engine with Bosch direct fuel injection and a performance of 26 hp from the bankrupt estate of the German Gutbrod-Werke. They also bought the chassis, together with the engines, from the former Gutbrod-type Superior. The Superior

had a 15cm longer wheel base than the Troll, but this was acceptable. This additional length was used to give the Troll a back seat, whereby the original two-seater was now replaced by a four-seater.

The first mass-produced vehicle was delivered on the 1st of May in 1957 in this version. Now the series production could be started but an official permit was necessary in Norway, and this document was never granted to the company Plastik & Bilindustri. Therefore the Norwegian car factory could not start production, and the total quantity of assembled Troll 700 Sportcupés remained at only 5 examples.

In 1958 the company closed its doors forever.

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