



Kodiak Selects Roush as Manufacturing Partner to Upfit Kodiak Driver-Equipped Trucks

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Kodiak expects its collaboration with Roush will enable it to scale the deployment of Kodiak Driver-equipped trucks beginning in the second half of 2025

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. and LIVONIA, Mich., June 18, 2025 /PRNewswire/ -- Kodiak Robotics, Inc. ("Kodiak"), a leading provider of AI-powered autonomous vehicle technology, and Roush Industries, Inc. ("Roush"), a leading product development supplier serving the mobility, aerospace, defense, and theme park industries, today announced that the companies will work together to scale upfitting of autonomous trucks equipped with the Kodiak Driver, Kodiak's advanced AI-powered autonomous solution. Starting in the second half of 2025, Roush will upfit these trucks in its facility in Livonia, Michigan. The first trucks Roush will upfit are expected to be for Kodiak's customer, Atlas Energy Solutions (NYSE: [AESI](#)), as Kodiak and Atlas work to expand the driverless operations they began in December 2024.



In collaboration with Kodiak, Roush has committed to open a production line for scaled upfitting of trucks equipped with the Kodiak Driver's modular and vehicle-agnostic hardware. This hardware includes Kodiak's proprietary SensorPods, AI compute, Actuation Control Engine safety compute, and redundant actuation elements. Roush has also committed to design, develop and implement a flexible manufacturing process that can rapidly scale as Kodiak increases its upfit of Kodiak Driver-powered trucks to meet customer demand.

"Kodiak's autonomous trucking technology is an exciting advancement in the mobility industry," said Brad Rzetelny, VP Contract Manufacturing, Roush. "Together we're working to build a robust and repeatable manufacturing process that supports Kodiak's transition from limited production to full-scale deployment. Kodiak's technology and engineering rigor set a high bar, and we believe we are uniquely positioned to meet that bar at scale."

For nearly 50 years Roush has been a trusted name in mobility. Today, the company is recognized as a highly-regarded provider of product development services which includes systems integration, manufacturing, and modification services. Roush has developed deep expertise in upfitting and delivering complex vehicles, including autonomous vehicles for multiple developers. The company's demonstrated track record of bringing innovative products to market establishes a strong foundation for Kodiak to scale the deployment of the Kodiak Driver.

"Roush's deep experience upfitting autonomous vehicles makes them an ideal production partner for Kodiak," said Don Burnette, Founder and CEO, Kodiak. "We believe that Roush's strong quality management processes will ensure our customers' Kodiak Driver-powered trucks will be built to exacting standards, while giving us the manufacturing flexibility to support a wide range of

vehicle configurations, including different vehicle and cab types, axle setups, and heavy-duty applications to meet the diverse demands of the trucking industry. Unlike traditional factory-line integration, which is limited to a single configuration, we believe that working with Roush will allow us to move faster and customize vehicles to meet customer needs."

In December 2024, Kodiak became the first publicly announced company to deliver driverless semi-trucks to a customer. In April, Kodiak announced it is seeking to go public through a business combination with Ares Acquisition Corporation II (NYSE: [AACT](#)). The proposed business combination is expected to close in the second half of 2025, subject to approval by AACT and Kodiak stockholders and the satisfaction or waiver of customary closing conditions. Upon the closing of the proposed business combination, the combined company is expected to be listed on a national stock exchange. By partnering with AACT and accessing the public markets, Kodiak intends to accelerate its go-to-market strategy, meet growing customer demand, tackle critical industry challenges and unlock the trucking industry's estimated \$4+ trillion global market opportunity.

About Kodiak Robotics, Inc.

Kodiak Robotics, Inc. was founded in 2018 and is a leading provider of AI-powered autonomous vehicle technology that is designed to help tackle some of the toughest driving jobs. Kodiak's driverless solution can help address the critical problem of safely transporting goods in the face of unprecedented supply chain challenges. Kodiak's vision is to become the trusted world leader in autonomous ground transportation. Kodiak is committed to a safer and more efficient future for all through the commercialization of driverless trucking at scale. To that end, Kodiak developed the Kodiak Driver, a virtual driver that combines advanced AI-powered software with modular and vehicle-agnostic hardware designed to help address Kodiak's customers' needs. The Kodiak Driver is not just an idea—it is operating without a human driver today. Kodiak serves customers in both commercial trucking and the public sector. In 2024, Kodiak believes it achieved a historic milestone by becoming the first company to deploy customer-owned and -operated driverless trucks in commercial service. The Kodiak Driver is also being utilized in the public sector, where Kodiak believes it can support national security initiatives and critical government applications.

About Roush

For close to 50 years, Roush has boldly imagined and created remarkable solutions for some of the world's greatest organizations. We dream, design, engineer, test, and deliver extraordinary products for customers in the advanced mobility, aerospace, defense, and theme park industries. Roush is unique in its ability to leverage services across the complete product development cycle, solving customers' most complex challenges and accelerating critical product launch targets.