

Volkswagen used weather cannons at a plant in Mexico to protect cars from hail. Farmers say the devices caused a drought.

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Photo by SASCHA STEINBACH/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock New Volkswagen Nutzfahrzeuge California camper models are on display at the camping trade fair "Caravan Salon" in Düsseldorf, Germany, Aug. 24, 2018. (SASCHA STEINBACH/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock/Sascha Steinbach/Epa-Efe/Rex/Shutterstock)

Volkswagen is curbing the use of hail cannons outside its factory in Puebla, Mexico, after the automaker was accused by local farmers of causing a drought in the region, leading to heavy losses of crops.

The automaker used the cannons to protect Volkswagen vehicles from hailstone damage. The devices emit...

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