



MAN developer Eberhard Hipp receives European Safety Award for Commercial Vehicles

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High honour for "outstanding engineering achievements" in the field of commercial-vehicle safety

Engineer Eberhard Hipp (63), who is responsible for the Central Research division at MAN Truck & Bus AG has been honoured with European Safety Award for Commercial Vehicles at the 8th International DEKRA Symposium on the "Safety of Commercial Vehicles".

"Eberhard Hipp receives this award in recognition of his excellent engineering work in the development of commercial vehicles, which has contributed to a significant improvement in their active and passive safety on the road," said Prof. Dr.Ing. habil. Dr. h.c. Egon-Christian von Glasner, President of the European Association for Accident Research and Accident Analysis in his congratulatory speech.

Under the direction of Eberhard Hipp, activities in the areas of driving dynamics, simulation, driver assistance and in particular, the active safety of heavy trucks and buses in order to prevent accidents have been intensively promoted.

This year sees the 22nd presentation of the award by the European Association for Accident Research and Accident Analysis (EVU), the German Road Safety Council (DVR) and DEKRA for outstanding technical innovation or to mark the lifetime achievements of persons who have distinguished themselves in the furtherance of commercial vehicle safety.

Clemens Klinke, Member of the Board of Management of DEKRA SE and Chairman of the Board of Managing Directors of DEKRA Automobil GmbH explained: "This year, the European Safety Award Commercial Vehicles once more goes to a proven expert who, with his outstanding development activities in the field of commercial vehicles technology, has been heavily involved in the generally very positive development of accident statistics concerning commercial vehicles."

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Christian Kellner, Managing Director of the DVR, paid tribute to the achievements of Eberhard Hipp with the words: "Together with its members, the DVR campaigns vehemently to reduce the number of accidents and lessen their consequences even further. Eberhard Hipp has made an important contribution to this aim."

After completing his studies in transport engineering, Hipp initially worked as a scientific assistant at Stuttgart University before joining the then MAN Nutzfahrzeuge AG in 1978. He spent many years researching issues concerning traffic and system technology. Since 2001, Hipp has headed the Central Research division at MAN Truck & Bus AG, with the focus on alternative drives and fuels, vehicle concepts, driving dynamics, simulation, driver assistance, active safety and prototype development.