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MAN Truck & Bus puts new assembly line in Salzgitter into operation

- **30 years of axle production at the Salzgitter plant**
- **200 new jobs and investments of €30 million**
- **Production of MAN and Scania axles on a single assembly line**

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Plant manager Thomas Rennemann is delighted: "The new direction that the MAN Salzgitter site is taking within the context of our PACE2017 program for the future is continuing to take shape through this. We have invested €30 million in a new, state-of-the-art assembly line. Around 200 new jobs are set to be created in connection with this, which is good news for Salzgitter and the region. Our plant plays a key role in Volkswagen's commercial vehicle holding group Volkswagen Truck & Bus.

Chairman of the Works Council Hilmar Pawel adds: "We are pleased that we finally have a unique selling point within the Group and we will do everything to keep axle production future-proof."

Workforce and Management joined in celebrations to mark the ramp-up of the new axle assembly line and 30 years of axle assembly in Salzgitter.

MAN Truck & Bus is one of Europe's leading manufacturers of commercial vehicles and supplier of transport solutions, with revenues of approximately €9 billion a year (2016). The product portfolio includes trucks, buses and diesel engines, as well as services related to passenger and cargo transport. A subsidiary of Volkswagen Truck & Bus GmbH, MAN Truck & Bus employs more than 35,000 people worldwide.



30 years of axle assembly in Salzgitter – Milestones

Summer 1986: Assembly of the first axle in Salzgitter

- The new assembly line in Salzgitter was primarily taken over 1:1 from Braunschweig for cost reasons.
- Production of around 100 front axles in the early shift alone on the front axle line
- First paint robot in axle assembly
- Type label printer the first “computer”
- Production of the LT-40 axles (front and rear axles) for Volkswagen (extended workbench) right up to the 1990s
- Approximately 90 workers employed in axle production
- Exclusive assembly of drum brakes (brake pads with asbestos, loud impact wrenches, solvent-based paint)

Around the turn of the century

- Setup of A1 and A2 lines
- Up to three shifts
- Production of MAN hydrodrive axles since 2006
- Over 100,000 axles for the first time in 2006

2008 through 2009

- Restructuring of axle assembly
Dismantling of the old A3 line and setup of the current A0 and A3 lines
- Material made available pre-commissioned on the line thanks to a driverless transportation system
- Annual capacity of 141,000 axles in two shifts

2012 and 2013

- Awarded the “MNPS-Award Achse” for the flow of materials
- Axle the beacon area for “end-to-end business health management”

Still to come

- The A5 line, which will make the cooperation with Scania visible
- Around 200 new jobs are set to be created in order to provide the Volkswagen Truck & Bus Group with non-driven axles
- Investments in the region of €30 million
- 940 axles to be assembled per day in two shifts in the future
- New technologies in the field of painting to be used for the first time at MAN (CO₂ washer, dry filter for paint residues)
- 16 robots to ensure correct corrosion protection in the future
- 76 driverless transportation vehicles are to be used for assembly and logistics tasks