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MAN wins Automotive Lean Production Award 2026

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- **AI-based solution at the Krakow site reduces parametrization time by 40 percent and lowers the error rate**
- **Application combines artificial intelligence with production expertise and offers potential for use across the entire MAN production network**

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Munich/Krakow. MAN has received the Automotive Lean Production Award 2026 in the “Digital Use Case” category. The award recognizes the project “AI BOOST for New Parts Parametrization”, which involves entering parts into the system with the correct settings and values, such as logistics master data. Developed at the Krakow production site, the project uses artificial intelligence to make the parametrization of new and modified part numbers faster, more efficient and less error-prone. The starting point was a process that had previously been highly manual and time-consuming. Employees had to switch between different systems and repeatedly enter interdependent parameters, requiring a high level of experience and expertise. The team in Krakow therefore worked together with the Digital Production Lab, the MAN AI Centre of Enablement in Lisbon and the change control team in Munich to develop an AI-based solution that combines machine learning with specific production expertise. A web application integrates the solution directly into the parametrization process, while ensuring that employees remain fully informed and in control at all times.

Plant Manager Thorsten Campehl: “I am particularly proud that this project originated here in Krakow from a very specific challenge in our daily work. Our colleagues did not simply digitalize the existing process. Together with our partners, they completely rethought it and created a solution that is now successfully used in our day-to-day operations.”

The result exceeds the original target: The aim was to reduce parametrization time by 30 percent. A reduction of 40 percent was achieved. At the same time, the solution has helped reduce errors, relieve employees of repetitive manual tasks and establish a robust standard for use across different sites. In addition, the solution supports all five

MAN Truck & Bus is one of Europe's leading commercial vehicle manufacturers and providers of transport solutions with an annual sales revenue of around 14.1 billion euros (2025). The company’s product portfolio includes trucks, buses and coaches with diesel and zero-emission drives, vans, diesel and gas engines along with services related to passenger and cargo transport. MAN Truck & Bus is a company of TRATON GROUP and employs some 32,000 people worldwide.

building blocks of the MAN Production System (MNPS) and offers potential for further scaling across the MAN production network.

Michael Kobriger, Executive Board Member for Production and Logistics at MAN Truck & Bus SE: “The Automotive Lean Production Award demonstrates how we can put artificial intelligence to very practical use in our production. What matters to us is that digitalization and AI are not ends in themselves, but create measurable added value for our processes and our employees. The next step is to learn from solutions like this and scale them across our production network wherever it makes sense.”

The Automotive Lean Production Award is presented by Agamus Consult and the trade magazine AUTOMOBIL PRODUKTION. In 2026, the competition is being held for the 20th time and is regarded as an established benchmark for lean management in automotive production. Over the past almost two decades, around 300 assessments have been conducted, with more than 1,400 plants from 19 countries participating. To date, a total of 98 plants have received an award.

With this project, MAN demonstrates how artificial intelligence can be directly combined with lean production. When AI is applied to clearly defined operational challenges and combined with production and process expertise, it can help improve speed, quality and process stability at the same time.