



500 TGEs modified at MAN in Plauen

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Whether for passenger transportation, bringing fire-fighters and their rescue equipment to jobs, or providing breakdown assistance: with its vehicle conversions based on the MAN TGE, the MAN Bus Modification Center in Plauen, Germany, satisfies individual customer wishes. Not long ago, this is where the 500th converted TGE was handed over to a customer.

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On 11 December 2019, the Search and Rescue Dogs Unit from the “Johanniter-Unfall-Hilfe” (St. John Accident Assistance), from the regional association in Straubing-Bogen, southern part of Germany, received the TGE that had been converted to their specifications at the MAN site in Plauen. This TGE that left the MAN Bus Modification Center (BMC) in Plauen was number 500. The vehicle is a combi, which has space for a total of eight passengers (including the driver) and can also transport four dog boxes in the rear.

The Rescue Dogs Unit is always used in the event that people go missing. Their task is to find these people with the help of the dogs' keen noses. There is a generous amount of space for the dog boxes in the rear. This way, the animals can be transported in the Dogs Unit TGE in a manner that best befits them. The dog boxes are still fitted by the Johanniter-Unfall-Hilfe team themselves.

For the customers of the MAN TGE van, the BMC's offering has many advantages: they receive a conversion solution that meets their needs from one provider. The employees who work at the Plauen site in the Van Modification team are highly qualified, which means they can ensure that everything complies with the quality standards during the conversion process. An additional advantage is that the warranty and guarantee for the complete vehicle are also processed in accordance with MAN standards.

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The MAN TGE 3.180 4x4 that was handed over is powered by a 2.0-l turbo diesel engine with 177 hp. And in the version with a normal wheelbase (3,640 mm) and high roof (2,590 mm), it offers the ideal space conditions for use by the Johanniter-Unfall-Hilfe team. The customer selected an all-wheel drive, so that they are sure to get to where they need to go, even when driving over rough terrain.

Some of the highlights implemented by the BMC in terms of passenger transportation include the flexible floor system with airline rails, as well as individual seats – which can also be designed with arm rests and adjustable backrests if desired. Furthermore, the interior can be lined and fitted with additional heat insulation and soundproofing. Other options include boarding aids, such as a step that extends automatically and an electric sliding door.

When it comes to conversions for the fire service, the BMC can add an equipment area in the rear, or a fold-away table (for discussions) between the second and third row of seats. It is also possible to have raised running gear or a roof-mounted lighting column. And, of course, you can't forget the special signal system, with two LED light bars, front flashing lights and a siren.

The BMC did start working on the conversions based on the TGE in April 2017. Around 32 months later, it was already time to deliver the 500th vehicle. 70 percent of the vehicles went to Germany and the rest to countries within Europe. For Heinz Kiess, Head of Sales & Marketing for the MAN Bus Modification Center in Plauen, the key to their success is flexibility. "First of all, we've got a great basic vehicle. This is an excellent basis that we can use in the BMC to fulfil almost every customer wish. The customers like it." As does the Johanniter-Unfall-Hilfe team from Straubing-Bogen.

Captions:

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Handover of the 500th MAN TGE converted by the BMC (from left): Heinz Kiess, Head of Sales & Marketing for the MAN Bus Modification Center, Philipp Wess, Susanne Bernhard, Melanie Weinhold, all Dogs Unit leaders for the Johanniter-Unfall-Hilfe e.V., and Josef Fischer, Sales for Municipal Vehicles – MAN sales office in Regensburg

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TGE conversions from the Bus Modification Center in Plauen with the various specifications (from left): fire service, passenger transportation (here: combi) or camper van.

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Entering at the side of the MAN TGE combi with a step that extends automatically.

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In the spacious rear, you can see the flexible floor system with airline rails.