



A real winner: MAN Lion's City 12 E LE receives busplaner Innovation Award 2025

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- **MAN Lion's City 12 E LE receives “busplaner Innovation Award 2025” in the “Electric buses 12m” category**
- **Low-entry bus impresses with flexible usability on urban and intercity routes, sustainability and high performance**
- **Award-winning: all-electric city bus is already “Sustainable Bus of the Year 2025”**

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As a true all-rounder and thanks to its sustainability, the MAN Lion's City 12 E LE is extremely popular - in the city as well as in the country and now also at the “busplaner Innovation Award 2025”. It took first place in the “12 m electric buses” category, winning one of the coveted prizes. The award is presented by the German trade magazine busplaner (Huss-Verlag). The magazine's readers were able to choose from 66 innovative and practical solutions nominated by the editorial team in 13 categories - from electric models, hybrid and coaches, assistance systems and fleet management to pioneering bus tourism services.

"We are delighted that our MAN Lion's City 12 E LE won the readers' poll. The result proves that our bus impresses customers with its flexibility and comfort, but also with its performance and sustainability," says Darko Simeunovic, Head of Bus Sales at MAN Truck & Bus Germany. After all, the all-electric city bus is powered by a powerful central electric motor with a peak output of 240 kW. Thanks to MAN's modular battery concept, operators of city and intercity routes can flexibly adapt the number of battery packs to their needs in terms of charging time, number of passengers and range. They can choose between four to six battery packs with a capacity of up to 480 kWh.

MAN Truck & Bus is one of Europe's leading commercial vehicle manufacturers and providers of transport solutions with an annual sales revenue of around 13.7 billion euros (2024). The company's product portfolio includes trucks and buses/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 approx. 33,000 people worldwide.



The MAN Lion's City 12 E LE, which is based on the electric 12-metre solo bus, also demonstrates flexibility in terms of its areas of application. The model is designed so that it can be used in both urban and interurban transport. With the floor landscape adapted to customer feedback, it ensures a particularly high level of seating comfort. The bus has 41 passenger seats plus a special area for wheelchairs and baby carriages as well as an engine tower-free rear landscape in a low-entry design, making it ideal for suburban routes with Class 1 approval. The low-entry bus also marks MAN's all-electric entry into the growing intercity bus segment. Class 2 approval for use on intercity routes will soon be possible for the eBus, for which the stricter body rigidity requirements of UN ECE R 66.02 also apply.

The Lion's City 12 E LE celebrated its premiere at Busworld Europe in autumn 2023. "A year later, it received the 'Sustainable Bus of the Year 2025' award in the intercity bus category and now it has been awarded the 'busplaner Innovation Award 2025' - that's a great success for us. The awards show that our commitment to sustainability, innovative technologies and practical and adaptable solutions for the requirements of modern public transport in the city and also on the intercity market are being well received," says Heinz Kiess, Head of Product Marketing Bus at MAN Truck & Bus.