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Home game in Nuremberg: 21 new VAG eBuses run on batteries from the MAN plant

- **Ceremonial handover: 21 MAN Lion's City 18 E buses are handed over to VAG Nuremberg in the presence of Minister-President Dr Markus Söder**
- **Local value creation: the eBuses are equipped with batteries from MAN's Nuremberg plant**
- **eBus premiere: these are the first electric MAN articulated buses with eight MAN BatteryPacks, for ranges of up to 480 kilometres**
- **Tailor-made for VAG: a large multi-purpose area provides space for wheelchairs and prams**
- **Partnership: VAG has been an eBus customer of MAN for many years**

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At MAN in Nuremberg, things have come full circle: the batteries made here at the MAN plant will now power eBuses that keep the Franconian metropolis moving. Today, MAN Truck & Bus handed over 21 MAN Lion's City 18 E buses to VAG Verkehrs-Aktiengesellschaft. Those attending the ceremonial presentation included the Bavarian Minister-President Dr Markus Söder, Nuremberg's Mayor Marcus König, Magdalena Weigel, Member of the Board for Human Resources and IT and Labour Director at VAG, and MAN CEO Alexander Vlaskamp.

Full circle: MAN batteries from Nuremberg for mobility in Nuremberg

"Nowhere is MAN's transformation as tangible as here in Nuremberg. Step by step, we have realigned our long-established powertrain site towards the mobility of the future," said MAN CEO Alexander Vlaskamp, adding: "Today, another chapter is added: batteries made in Nuremberg will in future be on the road in MAN electric buses on Nuremberg's streets. The value creation

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.

stays local, which strengthens the city, Bavaria and Germany as an industrial location."

Nuremberg's Mayor Marcus König said: "MAN is of particular importance to Nuremberg. It is a sign that Nuremberg is an innovative high-tech and industrial location. This has a positive effect on the city's image and attractiveness, offers networking opportunities, for example for the universities, and provides our citizens with good, secure jobs. We are looking forward to the new VAG eBuses. Quiet, locally emission-free and powered by green electricity."

MAN is investing half a billion euros in the Nuremberg site

With the build-up of battery production, supported by the Free State of Bavaria, MAN has anchored a future technology at its Middle Franconian site. The company has pursued this path consistently in recent years. The decision to go for large-scale battery production was taken in 2022, and today the MAN BatteryPacks are coming off the line in series production. The capacity is up to 100,000 units per year. Since 2023, science and industry have also been joining forces at the Campus Future Driveline, researching the powertrains of the future together. Through integration into the Group-wide development work of TRATON R&D, the knowledge is networked internationally. In 2025, production also started in Nuremberg of the latest generation of MAN diesel engines, which are used in the new D30 PowerLion powertrain. In total, MAN is investing €500 million in the further development of the site, thereby safeguarding several hundred jobs.

For demanding routes: eBus with a range of up to 480 kilometres

The MAN Lion's City 18 E buses have an installed battery capacity of 712 kWh. The 18-metre vehicles can thus achieve ranges of up to 480 kilometres. On almost all rotations of typical city bus routes, this battery capacity can enable a full operating day without intermediate charging. This is shown by an analysis of around 6,500 routes carried out by the experts at MAN Transport Solutions as part of their eMobility consulting for local public transport operators. The MAN Lion's City E therefore presents itself as an ideal choice even for particularly demanding routes.

"For decades, our clear strategy has been to reduce emissions as far as possible. eMobility is the future for us. With the new MAN buses, almost 75 per cent of our buses will run electrically. Our goal is to electrify the entire bus fleet. When awarding contracts, topics such as innovative powertrains,

range and progress have always been the decisive factors for us," said Magdalena Weigel of VAG.

The transport company has been a MAN customer and eBus pioneer for many years. As early as 2021, VAG ordered almost 40 MAN eBuses, giving the manufacturer its largest eBus order up to that point. They are operated on 100 per cent green electricity. The vehicles handed over now were tailored specifically to the requirements of VAG Nuremberg. In addition to the eight MAN BatteryPacks for maximum range, there is a particularly large multi-purpose area opposite door 2 for wheelchairs and prams. "Alongside the generous amount of space, our passengers above all appreciate the comfort and quiet running of the electric buses. The latter also benefits residents, especially in densely built-up urban areas," said Weigel.

Comprehensive eMobility solutions from MAN Truck & Bus

Besides the vehicles themselves, MAN also relies on comprehensive 360-degree solutions to support transport companies such as VAG in the switch to electric mobility. Under the umbrella of MAN Transport Solutions, MAN offers all the services needed to electrify a fleet: from operational analysis and charging infrastructure planning to financing and maintenance concepts and driver training. The offering is complemented by the smart MAN DigitalServices. Real-time data on vehicle status, energy consumption and maintenance needs help operators manage their fleet as efficiently as possible, minimise downtime and optimise energy use. In this way, MAN is accompanying VAG with modern vehicles and comprehensive solutions on the path to a fully electric fleet, powered by batteries from Nuremberg.