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Electrifying appearance: MAN eTruck wins Red Dot Design Award 2023

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The international jury of the Red Dot Design Award 2023, with its 43 internationally recognised and independent experts for design quality, is unanimous: the new MAN eTruck, which will be rolling to the first customers from 2024, already stands out with its exceptional product design on the way to CO2-free road haulage. The forward-looking electric lion, which is suitable for long-distance transport, is thus already setting a strong exclamation mark before its official market launch! The official award ceremony of the renowned competition with entries from over 60 countries took place on 19 June at a gala in Essen.

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- New large-series eTruck from MAN receives the Red Dot Design Award 2023 in the "Product Design" category
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Should any questions arise,

- Quality and details such as the polygonal exterior décor inspired by the panorama of the Bavarian Alps - convinced the jury
- Connected to tradition & progressive: the exterior of the MAN eTruck makes the combination of tradition and innovation visible

"This coveted design award for our new eTruck, which will electrify long-distance transport from 2024, gives our team an extra boost on the home stretch to market launch. The new MAN eTruck is a strong statement for our customers' shift to electromobility - technically, but also visually," says Friedrich Baumann, Executive Board Member for Sales & Customer Solutions at MAN Truck & Bus.

"Companies and design studios from all over the world faced the professional judgement of the Red Dot jury, international experts who scrutinised a considerable number of products during the competition. The fact that you emerged as the winner from such a strong field of participants is testimony to the exceptional quality of your product," emphasised Professor Dr. Peter Zec, founder and CEO of Red Dot, at the award ceremony. This year, the approximately 20,000 products submitted each year came from 60 countries and were judged in 51 competition categories.

MAN Truck & Bus is one of Europe's leading commercial vehicle manufacturers and transport solution providers, with an annual revenue of about 11 billion euros (2022). The company's product portfolio includes vans, trucks, buses/coaches and 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.

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"In times of a rapidly changing world and new technologies, it is important to remain true and authentic. We also followed this motto in our work on the design of the MAN eTruck and focused on our DNA and origins: Where do we come from? What does our brand stand for? How do our customers perceive us? Together with many colleagues from other departments, we incorporated the answers to these questions into the design development of the MAN eTruck," reports Carolin Schütt, who is responsible for colour and material design in the MAN Truck & Bus design department.

For example, the design experts at MAN Truck & Bus have abstracted the landscape at MAN's headquarters and visualised the mountain foothills between the Zugspitze and Munich in a polygonal pattern that adorns the driver's cab. At the same time, the surface with geometric decoration is an analogy for a sculptor's work in progress - so the design also has strong symbolic power for the development dynamics of the MAN eTruck.

The neutral, matt grey paintwork is deliberately chosen as a contrast to the "high-voltage" red in the radiator grille and, together with the indirectly illuminated windscreen, fits harmoniously into the overall concept: the result is an imposing impression, as if the vehicle were breathing in the energy that powers it. A combination that also convinced the jury of the Red Dot Award 2023.

About the Red Dot Design Award:

Every year, the jury of the Red Dot Design Award receives around 20,000 submissions - making it one of the world's largest design competitions, which is divided into the three disciplines Red Dot Award: Product Design, Red Dot Award: Brands & Communication Design and Red Dot Award: Design Concept due to the diversity in this field. In 1955, a jury met for the first time to evaluate the best designs of the time. In the 1990s, Red Dot CEO Professor Dr. Peter Zec developed the name and the brand of the award. Since then, the coveted "Red Dot" award has been the internationally respected seal of design excellence. The award winners are presented in the yearbooks, museums and online. More information is available at Red Dot Design Award (red-dot.org).