

Volkswagen Sachsen GmbH

Zwickau Plant



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Area: 1,800,000 m²

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Production: 290,000 vehicles, 9,900 luxury bodies (2017)

Models: Volkswagen Golf, Golf Variant, Golf Alltrack, Golf R Estate, Golf Estate GTD, Passat Estate, bodies for Bentley Bentayga and Lamborghini Urus

Employees: About 7,700 (12/2017)

Location

The Zwickau plant has an area of 1,800,000 m², with 1,400,000 m² covered by buildings.

Production

The Zwickau plant manufactures left- and right-hand-drive versions of the Golf, the Golf Estate and the Passat Estate with front-wheel and 4Motion drive. In 2017, a total of 290,000 vehicles were produced. More than 5.5 million vehicles have left the production facilities since the foundation of the Zwickau plant. The plant also has centers for the production of special-order vehicles and aluminum parts. In addition, Zwickau manufactures and paints body shells for the Bentley Bentayga and Lamborghini Urus. Up to 30 million pressed parts per year from the Zwickau press shop are delivered to VW plants worldwide.

Management

Plant manager Prof. Dr. Siegfried Fiebig has been the Speaker of the Management Board of Volkswagen Sachsen GmbH since April 1, 2014. He is also a General Representative of Volkswagen AG. Prof. Dr. Fiebig holds a doctorate in mechanical engineering and is professor of production technology and logistics at Ostfalia University of Applied Sciences in Wolfsburg. He began his career with Volkswagen in Wolfsburg in 1978. After holding a number of different positions at the Salzgitter, Emden and Wolfsburg plants, he was appointed head of the logistics planning department at Volkswagen Brand Logistics in 1989, becoming head of logistics at the Emden plant in 1994. He became head of production at the plant in 1996 and acting plant manager in 1997. Fiebig was appointed to the post of technical director and plant management spokesperson at the Volkswagen plant in Brussels in 1998, and was named head of the Emden production plant in 2003. He was placed in charge of site management and became head of Golf production at Wolfsburg in 2007, before taking up the post as plant manager and head of vehicle production in Wolfsburg in 2008.

Environment

The integration of environmental protection in all business and decision-making processes is a key element of strategic decisions at Volkswagen Sachsen GmbH. Production processes at the plants are continually optimized to ensure that production is as environmentally compatible as possible and to conserve natural resources. Efforts focus on the reduction of energy consumption and carbon dioxide emissions at the plants. Other key elements are the reduction of production waste and industrial drinking water consumption.

Spacious environmental compensation areas and orchards have been established on and around the site of the Zwickau vehicle plant. Two streams near the plant have been restored to a near-natural condition over a length of 3.3 km and now offer ideal habitats for a wide variety of fauna. With its own compact cogeneration plant, a photovoltaic system and a dedicated energy park including a charging station for electric vehicles, energy systems at the Zwickau plant are in line with the principles of the Think Blue. Factory. program, The vehicle plant is a member of Umweltallianz Sachsen (the Saxon Environmental Alliance). It has validated environmental, energy and quality management systems and is certified. It is included in the EMAS register and publishes an environmental declaration.

About Volkswagen Sachsen GmbH

The founding of Volkswagen Sachsen GmbH in December 1990 marked the launch of a project by Volkswagen AG to establish a competitive production facility for Volkswagen vehicles and engines in one of the most traditional regions of the German automotive industry. In addition to the temporary utilization of existing facilities at Zwickau and Chemnitz, which Volkswagen fully modernized, two new manufacturing facilities were built for vehicle and engine production.

The Transparent Factory in Dresden was built especially for the production of the Phaeton and was inaugurated in 2001. The Transparent Factory was merged with Volkswagen Sachsen GmbH in 2014.

Volkswagen Sachsen GmbH now includes the Zwickau vehicle plant, the Chemnitz engine plant and the Transparent Factory in Dresden. Volkswagen Sachsen GmbH now has about 9,850 employees (including Volkswagen Bildungsinstitut), thereof about 7.700 at the Zwickau plant. About 98 percent of the workforce are qualified and skilled workers or hold a qualification as master craftspeople or a university degree. The average age is about 43 and the share of women is about 11 percent..

Prof. Dr. Siegfried Fiebig is Speaker of the Management Board of Volkswagen Sachsen GmbH. The Management Board also includes Dirk Coers, responsible for human resources and organization, and Kai Siedlatzek, responsible for finance and controlling.