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## **Three million BMWs made in Leipzig.** The next milestone in the history of the plant - Landmark vehicle is a BMW 2 Series Convertible.

**Leipzig.** Associates at BMW Group Plant Leipzig can now consider themselves multi-millionaires. Sixteen years after the plant went on stream, the 3,000,000th BMW “made in Saxony” has just rolled off the production lines: a BMW M240i Convertible in Sunset Orange. (Fuel consumption combined: 8.3 – 3.8 l/100 km; CO2 emissions combined: 189 – 101 g/km).

“The fact that we’ve manufactured 3,000,000 cars in sixteen years is all down to the hard work and commitment of our highly motivated employees. The team here in Leipzig are fantastic and deliver high-quality vehicles that are in strong demand across the globe,” said Plant Director Hans-Peter Kemser honouring the work of the employees. He is particularly proud of electromobility in Leipzig: “The 3,000,000 we are celebrating today include more than 200,000 BMW i3 vehicles, and production of all-electric cars continues to develop. The next time we celebrate an anniversary, it will be with a new family member, the MINI Countryman from Leipzig, which will come with a choice of a combustion engine or an electric drive.”

Works Council Chairman Jens Köhler emphasised the contribution and achievements of employees as well: “3,000,000 vehicles made right here are an impressive testimony to the fact that Plant Leipzig is an integral part of the global BMW production network. BMW has placed their trust in our plant and also in our employees, who deliver peak performance every day.”

The latest milestone vehicle was duly dispatched to its new owner – a customer in Bavaria, the home of BMW – with the Lord Mayor of Leipzig, Burkhard Jung, BMW Group Leipzig Plant Director Hans-Peter Kemser and the Works Council Chairman at Plant Leipzig, Jens Köhler, in attendance.

The Lord Mayor of Leipzig, Burkhard Jung, was visibly impressed by the growth of the BMW plant in his city. “In 2016 I came here to celebrate Plant Leipzig’s 2,000,000th vehicle. I’m now looking forward to coming back for the 4,000,000th! Judging by the way BMW is constantly investing in the development of this facility, that will be within the next five years. Also, I’m particularly pleased that, after the BMW i3, Plant Leipzig is due to manufacture another electric car, the MINI.”

Lined up end to end, the 3,000,000 vehicles made by Plant Leipzig would stretch about 13,000 kilometres – roughly the flight distance from Leipzig to Australia’s northernmost city, Darwin.

The first BMW “made in Leipzig” rolled off the production line in March 2005, a BMW 320i. Six years later the 1,000,000th car was made, in December 2011, an Alpine White BMW 116d that was presented to the non-profit organisation Joblinge. The 2,000,000th car came even faster, in October 2016, a BMW i3 (fuel consumption combined: 0.0 l/100 km; electricity consumption combined: 13.1 kWh/100 km; CO2 emissions combined: 0 g/km) in Protonic Blue for a customer

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in the USA.

BMW AG Board Member for Production, Milan Nedeljković, is also thrilled by the anniversary: “As a pioneer in electromobility, Plant Leipzig is of particular importance in the BMW Group production network. When we start making the successor to the current MINI Countryman, Leipzig will be the first BMW facility to make both BMWs and MINIs.” Nedeljković was Head of Assembly and Plant Director at Leipzig between 2010 and 2015.

Along with the BMW i3, Plant Leipzig currently makes the BMW 1 Series, BMW 2 Series and its most powerful model, the BMW M2 Competition (fuel consumption combined: 10.0 – 9.9 l/100 km; CO2 emissions combined: 228 – 225 g/km). Output totals more than 1,000 vehicles a day and reached a good 200,000 units last year.

After 3,000,000 vehicles, the plant and team are not about to rest on their laurels. Instead they are busy preparing for the forthcoming MINI crossover. The successor to the current MINI Countryman, it will be manufactured from 2023.

Since going on stream in 2005, production capacity at Plant Leipzig has gradually increased. The facility is currently capable of delivering up to 350,000 vehicles a year, compared with some 54,000 in the first year of operations. It now has its sights set firmly on the next million and is also undertaking the next steps towards greater sustainability and becoming a “green plant”. Milan Nedeljković: “The next stage of development will see the BMW Group strengthen Plant Leipzig’s role as an important and reliable factor in the economy of the Leipzig/Halle region.”

At BMW Group Plant Leipzig, the sparing and efficient use of energy has always been a top priority, with regenerative sources used wherever possible. Since 2013 production of the BMW i3 has been powered by green energy from four wind turbines on the plant premises, meaning the BMW Group’s first fully electric model has been made with locally sourced green energy since day one. But now the plant is aiming even higher: “By 2030 we intend to reduce CO2 emissions from production by 80 percent compared with 2006. Our vision is to fully decarbonise production by replacing fossil fuels with hydrogen,” said Plant Director Hans-Peter Kemser looking to the future of BMW Group Plant Leipzig.

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**At a glance: All BMW Models made by BMW Group Plant Leipzig**

<b>Model</b>	<b>Production period</b>	<b>Quantity</b>
<b>BMW 3 Series Sedan</b> E90	2005 - 2007	333,427
<b>BMW 1 Series three-door</b> E81	2007 - 2011	187,263
<b>BMW 1 Series Coupé</b> E82	2007 - 2013	130,205
<b>BMW 1 Series Convertible</b> E88	2008 - 2011	131,664
<b>BMW X1</b> E84	2009 - 2015	635,194
<b>BMW 1 Series M Coupé</b> E82	2011 - 2012	6,342
<b>BMW 1 Series five-door</b> F20	2012 - 2015	424,111
<b>BMW 2 Series Coupé</b> F22	2015 - *	163,697
<b>BMW i3</b> i01	2013 - *	211,743
<b>BMW i8</b> i12	2013 - 2020	16,581
<b>BMW i8 Roadster</b> i15	2018 - 2020	3,884
<b>BMW 2 Series Active Tourer</b> F45	2014 - *	362,758
<b>BMW 2 Series Convertible</b> F23	2014 - *	114,072
<b>BMW M2</b> F87	2015 - 2018	60,701
<b>BMW 1 Series five-door</b> F40	2019 - *	151,801
<b>BMW 2 Series Gran Coupé</b> F44	2020 - *	66,557

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### **BMW Group Plant Leipzig**

BMW Group Plant Leipzig is one of the most cutting-edge and sustainable car plants in the world. Series production was launched in 2005, and today some 1,100 vehicles a day roll off the production lines. The current product portfolio comprises the BMW 1 Series, BMW 2 Series Gran Coupe, BMW 2 Series Active Tourer, BMW 2 Series Coupe and Convertible, the BMW M2 Competition and the BMW i3.

The BMW Group has already invested a total of more than 3 billion euros in its site at Leipzig, which has a regular workforce of around 5,400 people.

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### **The BMW Group**

With its four brands BMW, MINI, Rolls-Royce and BMW Motorrad, the BMW Group is the world's leading premium manufacturer of automobiles and motorcycles and also provides premium financial and mobility services. The BMW Group production network comprises 31 production and assembly facilities in 15 countries; the company has a global sales network in more than 140 countries.

In 2020, the BMW Group sold over 2.3 million passenger vehicles and more than 169,000 motorcycles worldwide. The profit before tax in the financial year 2020 was € 5.222 billion on revenues amounting to € 98.990 billion. As of 31 December 2020, the BMW Group had a workforce of 120,726 employees.

The success of the BMW Group has always been based on long-term thinking and responsible action. The company set the course for the future at an early stage and consistently makes sustainability and efficient resource management central to its strategic direction, from the supply chain through production to the end of the use phase of all products.

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