BMW Plant Munich Fact Sheet

➢ The BMW Plant Munich builds premium BMW brand vehicles comprising more than 10,000 individual parts and components.

➢ The BMW Plant Munich employs a workforce of roughly 9,000 people, including around 700 apprentices, from more than 50 countries around the world.

➢ More than 1,000 engines and up to 1,000 vehicles are built here per day in cooperation with the rest of the company's global production network.

➢ The BMW Plant Munich covers an area of 500,000 square metres, which houses all automotive production technologies.

➢ The BMW Plant Munich offers guided tours between 8.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m., Monday to Friday, for visitors over the age of seven. Guests can opt to take a private tour or join a group tour. Maximum group size is 30 people. Tours should be booked in advance by calling the BMW Welt Info Service on +49 (0)180 2118 822.

➢ Journalists wishing to join a plant tour are requested to contact the Press Department at BMW Plant Munich: +49 (0)89 3822 5885.

➢ The tour through the BMW plant offers exciting, up-close insights into each individual stage of automobile production that a BMW passes through on its way to completion.

➢ The press shop produces around 130,000 car body parts a day from approximately 600 tonnes of different types of steel. Every BMW car body is made up of hundreds of parts and components produced in the press shop from the most advanced new steel alloys and aluminium. This is also where the design vision behind every BMW is implemented and the foundation for optimum safety performance is laid.

➢ The body shop is where robots put individual parts and components together, using various optimised welding techniques to achieve an accuracy of one-tenth of a millimetre.

➢ In the paint shop, corrosion protection, paint and the final sheen are applied to all vehicles. The emphasis is on optimum resource conservation and environmental friendliness: for instance, by using water-based paint and cutting-edge methods of application.

➢ Assembly is where individual customer specifications are realised: customers may configure their brand-new BMW according to their own preferences, or change options up until six days prior to the start of assembly. Once assembly calls up the appropriate body from the central body rack and inscribes it with the chassis number, the vehicle is allocated to that specific customer. The final step in production starts with the "wedding", where the power train is joined to the body. Prior to delivery, every vehicle is placed on the dynamometer to test numerous systems under regular driving conditions.

➢ Engine production at the BMW Group's main plant in Munich works with parts and components from the company's own foundry in Landshut, built and machined with an accuracy of a thousandth of a millimetre. Before being shipped to locations throughout the global production network, every engine built in Munich goes through comprehensive functional testing.

➢ The BMW Plant Munich has been located in Munich's Milbertshofen district since 1922. It originally manufactured only aircraft engines and motorcycles; BMW's 100,000th motorcycle rolled off the production line here back in 1938.

➢ Automobile production did not begin at the Munich Plant until 1951. The legendary BMW Isetta was manufactured here four years later, followed by the four-door mid-range sedan, the BMW 1500, in 1962. The BMW 3 Series, to this day the brand's most successful model, entered production here in 1975.

➢ Each of the six generations of the BMW 3 Series has been built at the BMW Plant Munich.

Further information is available online at www.bmw-welt.com.

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