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Curriculum vitae

Dr. Frank Welsch

Member of the Board of Management of the Volkswagen Passenger Cars brand with responsibility for Technical Development

Frank Welsch was born on 8 July 1964 in Cologne, Germany. He studied Mechanical Engineering at RWTH Aachen University and then obtained his PhD at the Institute for Engineering Design at RWTH Aachen.

Dr. Welsch's professional career began in 1994 at Volkswagen Group Research in the field of vehicle concepts. After four years, Dr. Welsch moved to Technical Development at Volkswagen Passenger Cars, where he was a section manager responsible for the development of the body structure of the Golf and Phaeton models.

From the year 2000, he was in charge of the development department for body structure design, including the platform for all Volkswagen passenger car models. Three years later, Dr. Welsch became Head of Exterior Body Development for Volkswagen passenger car models. This meant that his responsibility extended to the departments for body and door development as well as add-on parts such as bumpers, windows and roof systems.

In 2006, Dr. Welsch took over the body development (exterior, interior and lighting) for the Volkswagen models Passat, CC, Eos, Sharan, Touareg and Phaeton. In 2009, he moved to Shanghai Volkswagen, where he managed Technical Development for a period of two years. Dr. Welsch then returned to Wolfsburg in 2011 and assumed overall responsibility for vehicle body development (exterior, interior, lighting and vehicle safety) for all model series of Volkswagen Passenger Cars.

In September 2012, Dr. Frank Welsch moved to Skoda Auto a.s., where, as a Member of the Board of Management, he was in charge of Technical Development in Mladá Boleslav, Czech Republic.

Since December 2015, Dr. Welsch has been a Member of the Board of Management with responsibility for Technical Development.



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