

# Volkswagen AG

## Salzgitter Plant



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**Area:** 2,800,000 m<sup>2</sup>

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**Production:** 1.544.000 engines (2017)

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**Models:** engines and engine components

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**Components:** engines

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**Employees:** about 7.200 (2017)

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### Plant

The Volkswagen plant in Salzgitter occupies a total area of 2,800,000 square meters, with buildings covering about 897,000 square meters. Every day, more than 730 suppliers provide the Salzgitter plant with parts for engine and engine component production. About 250 trucks and 40 railcars arrive at and leave the plant each day.

### Production

Every day, the main engine plant at Salzgitter produces up to 7,000 gasoline and diesel engines of more than 200 types, ranging from 3-cylinder to 16-cylinder units. Since the plant was founded in 1970, more than 58 million engines have been produced here; production in 2017 was 1.54 million units. These engines are used in many different Volkswagen Group models and brands. Engines from Salzgitter are fitted to the Volkswagen models Golf and Tiguan as well as to the Crafter and T6 from Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles. The Audi A3, ŠKODA Yeti, SEAT Ibiza and Bugatti Chiron also feature engines produced at the plant. In addition, the Salzgitter plant produces engine components for use at other Group facilities as well as industrial engines. Within the framework of the pact for the future, the plant is also gradually building up competence in the development and production of battery cells and modules.

### Plant management

Christian Bleiel is the manager of the Salzgitter plant and the engines business area. Bleiel, who holds a degree in engineering and economics, joined the Volkswagen Group in 1990. Following various positions and management functions in car production with Volkswagen in Wolfsburg, Bleiel transferred to the Volkswagen plant at Salzgitter in 1999. Initially, he managed the engine components department, before becoming head of production at the plant in 2004. From the beginning of 2009 to April 2014, he was Managing Director of Volkswagen Motor Polska in Polkowice.

## **Environment**

With its "Think Blue. Factory." initiative, the Volkswagen brand has set itself clear targets for the environmentally sustainable positioning of all its plants. By 2018, the aim is to reduce the environmental impact of all Volkswagen plants by 25 percent. Specifically, this means 25 percent lower energy and water consumption, waste volumes and emissions at all plants.

## **History**

The Salzgitter plant, established in 1970, initially produced the Volkswagen K70. Engine production started the same year and the plant concentrated on engine and component production from 1975. More than 58 million engines had been produced by the end of 2017.