

Volkswagen Sachsen GmbH

Zwickau Plant



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Area: 1,800,000 m²

March 2018

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

Models: Volkswagen Golf, Golf Variant, Golf Alltrack, Golf R Variant¹⁾, Golf GTD Variant²⁾, Passat Variant, bodies for Bentley Bentayga³⁾ and Lamborghini Urus⁴⁾

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 Variant, Golf Alltrack, Golf R Variant, Golf GTD Variant and the Passat Variant 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

With effect from April 5, 2018 Thomas Ulbrich is the Managing Director of Volkswagen Sachsen GmbH and holds the position of Spokesman. In addition to this function he is Member of the Board of Management of the Volkswagen Brand responsible for the new Board of Management division for E-Mobility.

Thomas Ulbrich was born on April 12, 1966. He is married and has two sons. After school and qualification as an automotive mechanic in 1986, he studied automotive engineering at Hamburg University of Applied Sciences.

¹⁾**Golf R Variant** - fuel consumption in l/100 km: urban 9.0 - 8.8 / extra-urban 6.3 - 6.1/ combined 7.3 - 7.1; CO2 emissions combined in g/km: 166 - 161; efficiency class: D - C.

²⁾**Golf GTD Variant** - fuel consumption in l/100km: urban 5.5 - 5.3 / extra-urban 4.5 - 4.3 / combined 4.8 - 4.7; CO2 emissions combined in g/km: 125 - 124; efficiency class: B.

³⁾**Bentley Bentayga** - fuel consumption in l/100km: urban 19.0 / extra-urban 9.6 / combined 13.1; CO2 emissions combined in g/km: 296; efficiency class: F.

⁴⁾**Lamborghini Urus** - fuel consumption in l/100km: urban 16.7 / extra-urban 9.7 / combined 12.3; CO2 emissions combined in g/km: 279.

In 1992, the engineering graduate started his career in plant logistics at Wolfsburg, where he assumed a management role in 1995. In 1996, he became head of logistics at FAW-Volkswagen in Changchun, China. Two years later he assumed responsibility for assembly segment II at the Wolfsburg plant before becoming head of plant logistics at Emden in 1999.

At AUTO 5000 GmbH in Wolfsburg he was technical managing director and speaker of the management board from 2001 to 2008. He became Board of Management member for Production at Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles in Hanover in 2008. After two years in Hanover, Ulbrich moved to Shanghai-Volkswagen Automotive Co., China, as Technical Executive Vice President in 2010, taking charge of production and logistics at a total of five locations. From April 2014 until January 2018 Ulbrich was responsible for Production and Logistics as Member of the Board of Management of the Volkswagen brand.

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..