ONE PLANT ONE CITY TWO WHEELS.







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Since **1969**

we have been building BMW motorcycles and scooters in Spandau, and we will continue to do so in the future.

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BERLIN AIR **GUARANTEED IN** EVERY TYRE.

1980

BMW Motorrad is the first manufacturer to put a avel enduro bike on the market – the BMW R 80 G/S. This machine wins the Paris-Dakar Rally four times in the space of five years. The model series becomes the top-selling motorcycle series in the world.

> The Berlin success story reaches yet another high point: the one-millionth BMW motorcycle to be produced in Spandau comes off the assembly line and is sold by auction to raise money for UNICEF.

1988

2001

BMW presents the world's first motorcycle ABS: the company emains the leading exponent of this vital safety technology to this day. ABS is fitted in the new innovation platform – the sports touring bike K1 with a revolutionary design.

over 500 cc slumps in the wake of the global financial and economic crisis. But BMW still launches new models in the sports and luxury segment. This bold step pays off: the company manages to double its market share.

1939

BMW acquires Bramo (Brandenburgische Motorenwerke engl. Brandenburg Engine Works) and with it the plant in Spandau, where BMW continues to produce aircraft engines.

BMW launches its first ever motorcycle at the Berlin Motor Show: the R 32, produced in Munich.

1923



1949

Manufacture of BMW motorcycle parts for the parent plant in Munich begins. Expanding car manufacture means that space is limited, so BMW gradually shifts its motorcycle production operations to Berlin

1975 The 100,000th BMW motorcycle made in Berlin comes off the assembly



The first motorcycle to be manu-

1969

factured entirely in Berlin leaves the ssembly hall – a BMW R 60/5. Some 400 staff build 30 motorcycles per day, entirely by hand.

line, a BMW R 90 S.



2009

The market for motorcycles

Thanks to the new BMW C evolution, the first fully electrically powered scooter, BMW Motorrad embarks on a new era of urban mobility.

2014

The two-millionth BMW motorcycle comes off the assembly line in Berlin. The plant also receives the German Quality Award from Joachim

Gauck.

2011



Today

Plant Berlin has a workforce of some 2,000 employees, all of whom embody the passion of innovation and a belief in first-class quality. Projects such as start of operation of the all-new 30.000 m² centre of logistics set benchmarks in the motorcycle production industry. In future, the company will strive towards further boosting its revenue thanks to the introduction of new engine capacity segments as well as an expansion of its urban mobility campaign.

BERLIN. A PLACE WITH A **HISTORY AND A** FUTURE.

Capital city, global hub, epitome of the modern age: Berlin is synonymous with individual style and reflects a commitment to motorcycling.

No other city more authentically embodies dynamic performance, pioneering ideas and an eventful history than Berlin. The BMW plant in Berlin is one of the BMW Group's most tradition-steeped production sites. This is where the acceleration, banking capacity and sound of a BMW motorcycle are born - it is a place that produces legends.

MECHANICAL PRODUCTION

ON FIRE FOR PRECISION.

This is where the core engine parts are made such as the casing, cylinder heads, crankshafts and rods. We also produce frames and fuel tanks in the plant's own welding shop.

Even the finest saw is too rough for us, so we use lasers to cut our rods. This enables us to create forged crankshafts from a single piece of solid material, which is how we achieve the running smoothness and reliability that is so characteristic of BMW motorcycles. We "nitrify" the crankshafts - in other words we harden them using nitrogen at 600 degrees.

Aluminium fuel tanks are extremely beneficial in terms of weight. We are the only motorcycle manufacturer to master the art of hand-welding 1.5 mm sheets of metal in serial production.







We produce

parts per day for motorcycle production and assembly, timed to the nearest minute.





ENGINE PRODUCTION

OPEN-HEART SPECIALISTS.

An athlete has to have power and stamina – and that requires a strong, healthy heart. The same applies to our motorcycles. This is why nothing about the way we produce our engines is left to chance.

Perfectly prepared and fitted like a surgeon's operating table, parts carriages follow the engines during assembly. There are a total of up to 600 parts specific to particular countries and customers. It takes about two hours to finish building an engine, after which it undergoes cold testing and a leak test.









Every day we assemble up to



high-performance boxer, 4-cylinder and 6-cylinder engines.



BRILLIANT HARMONY BETWEEN MAN AND TECHNOLOGY.

The paintshop brings together innovative technologies and traditional craftsmanship. Seven computer-controlled robots are in operation at one of the world's most state-of-the-art facilities.

The robots are capable of painting components of varying sizes and geometry in more than 50 colours and in no fixed sequence. They do so using nothing but environment-friendly, water-based paints.

The skills of experienced painting specialists are still required for many tasks, however. A calm hand is often crucial, especially when applying tape applications. On special occasions we still have our experts draw traditional decorative lines on the fuel tank, giving a BMW motorcycle its unique style and individual flair.



Every day we produce up to

7,000

parts in more than 50 different colours. With its perfect finish, each BMW motorcycle is an individual masterpiece.







PAINTSHOP

AS INDIVIDUAL AS THE RIDER.

The manufacture of every motorcycle starts with the so-called 'marriage': the frame is connected to the engine. This is followed by other components, from the drive shaft to the fuel tank.

A motorcycle can comprise up to 2,000 parts – and we produce every single machine according to individual customer wishes. For Norwegians we add heated grips, for instance, and for Australians we mount studded tyres. We check each individual motorcycle against over 1,000 parameters, as well as putting it on the roller bench for a riding test.

During peak periods, as many as **8000** two-wheelers come off the assembly line every day.





FACTS AND FIGURES.

Our staff come from



Our motorcycles come off the assembly line at a rate of one every



seconds.

The total size of the factory premises is equivalent to



years is the average length of service of our employees. At Plant Berlin we build about



different motorcycle models at the same time.



of the plant every year.



litres is the average volume of a motorcycle tyre. This makes us the biggest exporter of Berlin air.









In our highly modern logistics centre, including a high rack warehouse, more than parts are moved a day.

MATERIAL FLOW AND SHIPPING. **OFF AND AWAY.**

We export about 80 per cent of our motorcycles to more than 130 countries. For transportation inside Europe we deploy reusable steel boxes, thereby saving some 1,000 tons of material per year. Machines destined for overseas are packed in sturdy boxes made of wood and cardboard and are loaded onto trucks right away. This ensures our customers receive their motorcycles securely packaged and as quickly as possible.

LOGISTICS

In order to ensure production runs smoothly, we make sure the right material goes to the right place at the right time. Transportation to our customers all over the world has to be well planned, too.

Everything starts in the supply centre, which offers a direct connection to all production areas. From here, tugger trains are delivering parts to numerous stops throughout the plant. So-called providers ensure that there is always a sufficient number of parts available. Like that, more than one million parts are moved a day.

OUR EMPLOYEES

HEALTHY AND CHEERFUL. FOR THEIR ENTIRE WORKING LIFE.

Year by year we offer sound a training program for committed youngsters. And we provide opportunities for longstanding, experienced colleagues to keep in shape both mentally and physically, too.

There are a total of 80 young women and men following our three-year training program, which prepares them to take up an industrial, technical profession in the motorcycle sector. Job profiles on offer include industrial mechanic, mechatronics assistant and process mechanic for coating technology.

To ensure all colleagues stay dynamic and healthy throughout their working lives, we provide not just ergonomic workspaces but also a fitness centre and rooms for both active and passive pursuits: the former include punching bags and table football, while daybeds and relaxing music are available in the latter. We also attach great importance to professional development.







From 1 July to

young people can apply to join our training program, which starts the following year.

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SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

THE PLANT AND ITS LOCAL AREA. A MATTER OF GIVE AND TAKE.

Our local area gives us incredible benefits: space for our production, water and energy, motivated employees and an attractive neighbourhood. This is why it's so important to us to give a lot back.

Whether financial support, personal assistance or donations in kind: our social responsibility is reflected in our support for various charitable projects and organisations.

Furthermore, we are very proud of our certified environmental management. Stateof-the-art technologies and waste processing set high standards. In spring 2018, the operation of a CHP unit started. Besides the main goal, which is to produce power, the CHP unit also provides the basic load of thermal energy needed for our production.

The plant premises are also a home to many animals: For example, the channel that flows right through it is where ducks, herons or even raccoons are living. Since May 2018, up to 150,000 bees are living here, too. With the support of a professional beekeeper they are pollinating the blossoms within a radius of three kilometers and producing delicious honey.









About

150,000

bees are producing delicious honey on the plant premises.





NON-STOP FASCINATION.

If you want to explore the fascination of our motorcycle production, there's nothing like being at the heart of the action. Our specialized tour guides are all passionate motorcyclists themselves.

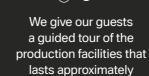
We gear our guided tours individually towards the specific group in question: whether technology enthusiasts interested in production processes, school groups keen to find out about training opportunities or motorcycle fans who want to see how The Ultimate Riding Machine comes into existence. All guests get a close-up view of the assembly-line action and can literally take a look over our shoulder. For this reason they have to be at least 14 years of age and sign up in advance.

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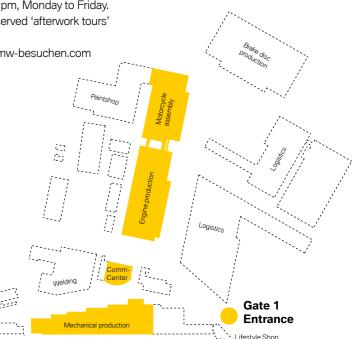
Guided plant tours are held from 9 am to 8 pm, Monday to Friday. In addition to our regular guided tours, pre-reserved 'afterwork tours' are also available starting at 7.30 pm. Tel.: +49 (0)89 - 382 15750 · e-mail: info@bmw-besuchen.com www.bmw-werk-berlin.de











INTERNATIONAL PRODUCTION

FROM BERLIN TO THE WHOLE WORLD.

Our international production facilities are the backbone of our success: with sites in Brazil, Thailand, India and China, we build our motorcycles where demand is growing so we are able to respond to local customer needs.

In Thailand and Brazil we operate our own production facilities, in India and China our motorcycles are built by partners. The main plant in Berlin supports them and ensures they meet our high quality standards. Production continues to be primarily focused at our tradition-steeped site in Berlin Spandau.



Plant Berlin produced

assembly-kits for its partner plants abroad.





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