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## **Good things come in threes: BMW Group Plant Leipzig produces its 3,333,333<sup>rd</sup> vehicle**

+++ Milestone vehicle is a BMW 128ti +++ Next milestone could be a MINI +++

**Leipzig.** In numerology the number three is said to have a special significance: it's often associated with luck, success, diversity and creativity. So BMW Group Plant Leipzig's latest accomplishment – which involves not one but seven threes – must be a seven-fold success! Leipzig has now produced its 3,333,333<sup>rd</sup> customer car since going on stream in 2005.

Of the three models currently rolling off the Leipzig production lines – the BMW 1 Series, BMW 2 Series Gran Coupe and BMW 2 Series Active Tourer – it was a BMW 1 Series that was to mark this quirky milestone. The BMW 128ti\* was in Melbourne Red metallic with black accents. With its striking interior and exterior features, this sporty model has been in production since last November and is manufactured exclusively at Plant Leipzig. Under the bonnet nestles a 2.0-litre engine with BMW TwinPower Turbo technology and delivering 195 kW (265hp). The powerpack of a car marks the revival of an old BMW tradition: since the 1960s the abbreviation "TI" – later "ti" – has stood for "Turismo Internazionale" and is a hallmark of especially sporty models. Examples include the iconic BMW 1800 TI and BMW 2002 TI, and the BMW 323ti Compact and BMW 325ti Compact of the late 1990s.

The red BMW 128ti compact sports car is the latest in a string of special milestone vehicles made at BMW Plant Leipzig. The first was a BMW 320i in March 2005, the inaugural "BMW made in Leipzig". Six years later, in December 2011, came a BMW 116d in Alpine White, Leipzig's one-millionth car. In October 2016 came the two-millionth, a BMW i3 in Protonic Blue. And in 2021 a BMW M240i Convertible in Sunset Orange was celebrated as the three-millionth car to roll off the lines at BMW Plant Leipzig.

The next milestone vehicle will be Leipzig's 4,000,000<sup>th</sup> and either a BMW or a MINI, as the Leipzig vehicle family welcomes new addition this year: the new MINI Countryman. The arrival of the newcomer will make it the first BMW Group plant worldwide to manufacture BMW as well as MINI vehicles.



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The integration of the MINI Countryman is proof yet again of the sheer flexibility of BMW Group Plant Leipzig, whose product portfolio will soon number four different models: the BMW 1 Series, BMW 2 Series Gran Coupe, BMW 2 Series Active Tourer and the MINI Countryman. All of them will be made on a single production line – with a choice of three different types of drive: combustion engine, plug-in hybrid and fully electric.

To make this possible, production capacity at Leipzig has steadily increased since the plant went on stream 18 years ago. It now can now produce up to 350,000 cars a year – compared with approx. 54,000 in its first year of production.

**\*Electricity consumption and range:**

BMW 128ti: Fuel consumption combined: 7,4 – 6,8 l/100 km as per WLTP; CO2 emissions combined: 170 – 156 g/km as per WLTP.

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**At a glance: All BMW Models made by BMW Group Plant Leipzig**

<b>Model</b>	<b>Production period</b>	<b>Quantity</b>
<b>BMW 3 Series Sedan E90</b>	2005 - 2009	333.427
<b>BMW 1Series three door E81</b>	2007 - 2011	187.263
<b>BMW 1 Series Coupé E82</b>	2007 - 2013	130.205
<b>BMW 1Series Convertible E88</b>	2007 - 2013	131.664
<b>BMW X1 E84</b>	2009 - 2015	635.194
<b>BMW 1Series M Coupé E82</b>	2011 - 2012	6.342
<b>BMW 1Series five door F20</b>	2012 - 2019	424.111
<b>BMW 2 Series Coupé F22</b>	2013 - 2021	165.224
<b>BMW i3 i01</b>	2013 - 2022	250.271
<b>BMW i8 i12</b>	2014 - 2020	16.581
<b>BMW i8 Roadster i15</b>	2018 - 2020	3.884
<b>BMW 2 Series Active Tourer F45</b>	2014 - 2021	368.503
<b>BMW 2 Series Convertible F23</b>	2014 - 2021	119.092
<b>BMW M2 F87</b>	2015 - 2021	61.856
<b>BMW 1 Series five door F40</b>	2019 - *	305.467
<b>BMW 2 Series Gran Coupé F44</b>	2019 - *	160.578
<b>BMW 2 Series Active Tourer U06</b>	2021 - *	33.671

\* As of 02/2023



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## **The BMW Group Plant Leipzig**

The BMW Group plant in Leipzig is one of the most modern and sustainable car factories in the world. Series production began in March 2005. Today, around 1,000 vehicles roll off the production line here every day, currently the BMW 1 Series, the BMW 2 Series Gran Coupé and the BMW 2 Series Active Tourer. The BMW Group has already invested a total of more than four billion euros in the Leipzig location. The core workforce currently comprises around 5,600 employees.

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## **The BMW Group**

With its four brands BMW, MINI, Rolls-Royce and BMW Motorrad, the BMW Group is the world's leading premium manufacturer of automobiles and motorcycles and also provides premium financial and mobility services. The BMW Group production network comprises over 30 production sites worldwide; the company has a global sales network in more than 140 countries.

In 2022, the BMW Group sold nearly 2.4 million passenger vehicles and more than 202,000 motorcycles worldwide. The profit before tax in the financial year 2021 was € 16.1 billion on revenues amounting to € 111.2 billion. As of 31 December 2021, the BMW Group had a workforce of 118,909 employees.

The success of the BMW Group has always been based on long-term thinking and responsible action. The company set the course for the future at an early stage and consistently makes sustainability and efficient resource management central to its strategic direction, from the supply chain through production to the end of the use phase of all products.

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