

Press Release

DEKRA Battery Test Center officially opened



Millions of Euros invested in tomorrow's safe mobility

- ▶ Rigorous testing of batteries, including those for electric vehicles
- ▶ New facility expands to service portfolio for automotive industry
- ▶ DEKRA Lausitzring location continues to grow

The international expert organization DEKRA has officially opened its new Battery Test Center at the DEKRA Lausitzring in Brandenburg. The facility is now complete, just under 15 months after construction began. Dietmar Woidke, Minister-President of the German state of Brandenburg, and Guido Kutschera, Head of DEKRA Germany, officially inaugurated the center by symbolically flipping the switch at the opening ceremony today.

"Safe and reliable battery technologies are an industry of the future and strengthen the value chains of e-mobility in Brandenburg. DEKRA's decision to make this investment here in Klettwitz underscores Brandenburg's importance as an attractive, future-oriented business location and the appeal of Lusatia as an innovative energy region," said Minister-President Woidke.

For Guido Kutschera, Executive Vice President of the DEKRA Group responsible for business in Germany, Switzerland, and Austria, the new Battery Test Center is another important building block in DEKRA's strategy for inspection and testing services supporting the mobility of the future: "The site here in Klettwitz, like no other in the DEKRA Group, represents comprehensive vehicle testing before they go on the road – ensuring that everyone involved knows that the technology is safe. The fact that our customers from the automotive and supplier industries can find such a comprehensive range of services from a single source and in one place here is an important success factor, and that is precisely why we are opening the Battery Test Center not just anywhere in the world, but right here."

As a result, the DEKRA Lausitzring site is continuing its steady growth. "When we took over the racetrack almost eight years ago, we had a total of 70 employees here at DEKRA. Today, we are a team of 290. In the Battery Test Center alone, we will

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ultimately have up to 40 skilled jobs,” said Erik Pellmann, Head of the Automotive Test Center at DEKRA Automobil GmbH.

Following the opening ceremony, Thomas Hucke, head of the new DEKRA Battery Test Center, gave politicians, guests, and media representatives a tour of the various sections of the facility. The state-of-the-art test center will offer a comprehensive spectrum of battery tests under one roof. In addition to mechanical tests, performance and environmental tests, there will also be abuse tests in which batteries are subjected to stresses far beyond their normal use. The safety standards at the new facility are correspondingly high. All services are offered both during development and in the context of homologation, certification, quality assurance, and market surveillance.

DEKRA operates a large number of highly specialized testing laboratories that specialize in automotive testing scenarios. With this network, DEKRA supports its customers worldwide in the most important target regions and invests significantly in expanding its service portfolio around future automotive trends, such as V2X (Vehicle-to-Everything) communication, charging stations, driver assistance systems (ADAS), and open road services. The Battery Test Center ensures the highest standards of safety, efficiency, and performance for next-generation batteries. At the same time, it promotes innovation across the entire spectrum of the automotive industry and underscores DEKRA's commitment to advancing sustainable mobility and smarter energy solutions worldwide.

Captions:

DEKRA BTC 1: Symbolic opening of the DEKRA Battery Test Center in Klettwitz, Germany – from left: Dietmar Woidke, Minister-President of the State of Brandenburg; Guido Kutschera, Head of DEKRA Germany; Siegurd Heinze, District Administrator of the Oberspreewald-Lausitz district.

DEKRA BTC 2: energy storage devices will be put through their paces at the DEKRA Battery Test Center – here in the shaker building, where vibrations are generated while the batteries are charged or discharged under a wide variety of climatic conditions.

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About DEKRA

For 100 years, DEKRA has been a trusted name in safety. Founded in 1925 with the original goal of improving road safety through vehicle inspections, DEKRA has grown to become the world's largest independent, non-listed expert organization in the field of testing, inspection, and

certification. Today, as a global partner, the company supports its customers with comprehensive services and solutions to drive safety and sustainability forward—fully aligned with DEKRA's anniversary motto, "Securing the Future." In 2024, DEKRA generated revenue of 4.3 billion euros. Around 48,000 employees are providing qualified and independent expert services in approximately 60 countries across five continents. DEKRA holds a Platinum rating from EcoVadis, placing it among the top 1% of the world's most sustainable companies.