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Stadler to supply 56 innovative trams to HAVAG – deployment in regular services planned from 2025

Today, Stadler and the Hallesche Verkehrs-AG (HAVAG), part of Stadtwerke Halle-Gruppe, concluded a vehicle supply contract for 56 TINA trams. It is Stadler’s fourth order for the innovative vehicle concept. The first trams in this series are set to roll through Halle from 2025, further boosting the city’s transition to climate-friendly public transport.

Stadler first brought the newly developed TINA trams onto the market at the beginning of 2020 and have already had success with four orders after just two years. Following the first order in 2020 by the HEAG Mobilo GmbH from Darmstadt, and the next orders from Swiss Baselland Transport (BLT) and Rostocker Strassenbahn AG (RSAG), HAVAG are now following suit with their decision to order the TINA trams. These successes in such a short time frame confirm that the innovative vehicle concept meets the high expectations of both passengers and clients. TINA stands for “Total Integrated Low-Floor Drive” in German. Thanks to this drive, it was possible to design the 100% low-floor vehicles to be much more spacious, more accessible, and more comfortable for passengers.

Two bidirectional vehicles in two different lengths were ordered which will be used as required. 39 vehicles of the future model MGT-M will be approximately 30 metres long and have space for 166 passengers, 64 of which seated. The 45-metre-long vehicle type MGT-XL will be built 17 times and offers 267 passengers space, 96 of which seated.

“We want the citizens of Halle and their guests to be able to choose their mode of transportation freely. People opt for local public transport more often when the basic conditions are good, and the offer is attractive and comfortable. And that is exactly what the new tram vehicles guarantee here in Halle. This is why the state of Saxony-Anhalt generously funded this important step towards the mobility transition,” explained Saxony-Anhalt’s state transport minister Sven Haller at the contract signing.

“Today is a great day for the passengers of Halleschen Verkehrs AG – after many years of tender, decision and award processes we have signed a contract for the production and supply of 56 ultra-modern trams and

we are pleased to be able to offer our passengers even more service, comfort, space and safety as of 2025. An air-conditioned passenger space, which doesn't overheat in the warm months, quiet travel comfort, larger doorways, no steps in the entire vehicle, wider aisles, improved handholds, modern information systems and innovative driver assistance systems, including for collision warning, will be what characterise our new vehicles," says HAVAG chairman Vinzenz Schwarz.

"Today's contract signing sets a strong signal for climate-friendly mobility in Halle (Saale) and is an investment in the future. Halle (Saale) and HAVAG are once again trendsetters: We think of mobility, sustainability and climate protection as a unit. This investment clearly shows the citizens of Halle which modern and at the same time climate-friendly options are offered by the local public transport in our Saale city," says the mayor of Halle Egbert Geier.

More comfortable, quiet and climate-friendly travel with the new trams

Particular attention was paid to passenger comfort when developing the new vehicle generation. The completely step-free, accessible vehicles have a spacious, air-conditioned interior and spacious multi-purpose areas that facilitate the comfortable transport of pushchairs and wheelchairs. Maximum headroom and panorama windows create an open plan feeling, while modern monitors provide easily legible passenger information. All new trams will have modern, cash-free ticket machines, a video monitoring system and the BIOS system, a new technology – developed in Halle – for improved information and orientation for blind and visually impaired people on public transport.

"We're delighted that, with TINA, the newest tram generation from Stadler will be used in Halle (Saale)," says Ansgar Brockmeyer, Executive Vice President Marketing & Sales of Stadler. "Our fourth order now, this contract conclusion emphasises the success of the innovative TINA vehicle concept. The new vehicles set new standards in terms of comfort and user friendliness. And the same is also true in terms of safety. A new collision warning system will further increase the safety of tram services."

HAVAG currently has 102 trams on 14 lines in the Saale city of Halle. The new trams will be used in the entire transport network.

About Stadler

Stadler has been building trains for 80 years. The supplier of mobility solutions in rolling stock, service and signal technology is based in Bussnang in eastern Switzerland. 13,000 employees work at numerous production and engineering sites as well as over 70 service locations. The company is well aware of its responsibility to society in terms of future-proof mobility and therefore stands for innovative, sustainable and durable quality products. The product range in the area of mainline railways includes high-speed trains, intercity trains, regional and suburban railways, underground railways, tram-trains and trams. Stadler also produces mainline locomotives, switchers and railway carriages. Stadler is the world-leading producer of rack railway rolling stock.

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