

Production Locations Mercedes-Benz Cars

Affalterbach, Germany



AMG Engine Production Facility, AMG Performance Studio Mercedes-AMG GmbH

- Mercedes-AMG is the performance and sports car brand of Mercedes-Benz Cars. Since 2005 Mercedes-AMG GmbH has been a **wholly-owned subsidiary** of Daimler AG.
- Founded in 1967 by Hans-Werner Aufrecht and Erhard Melcher, the company began its cooperation with Mercedes-Benz in 1990.
- The location in Affalterbach near Stuttgart houses the development and design of AMG vehicles, as well as the engine production facility, alongside management, administration and sales.
- Affalterbach is the production location for the V8 engines, and from spring 2019 the 4-cylinder performance engines (M139) will be produced there. Mannheim is a further engine production plant (V12 engine). At these locations the engines are assembled according to the philosophy of “One Man, One Engine”, with one fitter putting together each engine by hand.
- The AMG vehicles are produced as part of series production in the international Mercedes-Benz plants.
- “**Driving Performance**” is the motto of the AMG brand, and it is expressed by tangible, innovative excellence in every vehicle.
- The SLS AMG, the Mercedes-AMG GT and the 4-door AMG GT are milestones in the company’s history: the three sports cars were developed entirely in-house.
- In 2018 Mercedes-AMG delivered more than 118,000 vehicles.



Year of foundation: 1976



Number of employees: > 1.700

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Berlin, Germany



CAMTRONIC, engines, components

- The Mercedes-Benz plant in Berlin is an important part of the powertrain production network, and one of the major **industrial employers** in the Berlin-Brandenburg region.
- The Berlin location is expanding its product portfolio with the assembly of an electric drive module for future models under the EQ product and technology brand.
- The plant is a **high-tech location** for **component production**, with technologies for the **reduction of CO₂ emissions**.
- These technologies also include the **innovative CAMTRONIC engine timing**. The location is the **centre of excellence** for this variable valve adjustment system in the worldwide powertrain production network.
- Founded in 1902, the Berlin plant is Daimler's **oldest producing location**.



Foundation year: 1902



Number of employees: > 2,500

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Bremen, Deutschland



Foundation year: 1938



Number of employees: around 12,500



Annual production figure: > 410,000

Mercedes-Benz C-Class (Saloon, Estate, Coupé, Cabriolet), E-Class (Coupé and Cabriolet), GLC, GLC Coupé, GLC F-CELL, SL, SLC, EQC¹

- The Mercedes-Benz plant in Bremen is the region's largest private employer, and the lead plant for the C-Class. Under the leadership of Bremen, the highest-volume model in the Mercedes-Benz portfolio is also produced in East London (South Africa), Tuscaloosa (United States) and by the BBAC joint venture plant in Beijing (China).
- Bremen is also the lead plant for production of the GLC in the global production network.
- The location produces twelve models – the most variants within the production network of Mercedes-Benz Cars.
- From 2019, the location will produce the EQC¹, the first electric vehicle under the new product and technology brand EQ.
- In future, production in Bremen will cover the entire bandwidth of intelligent drive technologies.
- Also part of the location is the “gateway to the plant”, the Mercedes-Benz Customer Centre Bremen, where up to 150 vehicles are handed over each day. The Customer Centre is a popular venue for events in the region, and offers guided tours with various formats. One particular highlight is the off-road circuit “The Rock!”.
- In 2018, the Bremen plant celebrated its 40th anniversary and looked back on an eventful year. To mark the anniversary, 40,000 visitors attended the sold-out open-air concert on the Bremen site.

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 Power consumption and range depend on the vehicle configuration.

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East London, South Africa



Mercedes-Benz C-Class Saloon

- The Mercedes-Benz plant in East London is part of the global **production network for the C-Class**, with its lead plant in Bremen. The network also includes the Mercedes-Benz plant in Tuscaloosa (USA) and the joint venture plant BBAC in Beijing (China).
- The plant on the eastern cape of South Africa produces the C-Class Saloon for export to left and right-hand drive markets.
- Since the production start of the current **C-Class** in May 2014, this is already the **fourth vehicle generation** of the highest-volume Mercedes-Benz model series.
- It was in 1958 that Car Distributors Assembly Ltd. started to produce Mercedes-Benz vehicles on a contractor basis. In 1984 the then Daimler-Benz AG acquired 50.1 percent of United Cars and Diesel Distributors UCDD. Since then the company has been registered as Mercedes-Benz of South Africa (MBSA).
- In 2018 Mercedes-Benz Cars announced an investment of 600 million euros in expansion of the plant to make it fit for the future.



Foundation year: 1948



Number of employees: > 3,300



Annual production figure: > 100,000

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Hambach, France



smart fortwo coupé, smart fortwo cabrio, smart EQ fortwo coupé¹, smart EQ fortwo cabrio²

- The plant in Hambach, Lorraine, is around 25 kilometres from Saarbrücken, and concentrates on production of the smart fortwo.
- Since 2018 the Hambach plant has been part of the **worldwide production network for compact cars**, with the Mercedes-Benz plant in Rastatt as the lead plant. The network also includes the Hungarian plant in Kecskemét, the Chinese production location BBAC in Beijing and the contractor Valmet Automotive in Uusikaupunki, Finland. In 2018, they were joined by the joint-venture production plant COMPAS in Mexico.
- “smartville”: **the assembly line in the form of a plus-sign** ideally meets the logistical and production requirements, and ensures efficient production procedures of the highest quality.
- Since the production start of the **new smart fortwo** in June 2014, this is already the **third generation** of the model series to be produced at the Hambach assembly line. Since 2007 the Hambach plant has also produced the electric variants.
- The electric smart EQ fortwo coupé¹ and smart EQ fortwo cabrio², which were incorporated into the product and technology brand EQ in March 2018, are produced on the same assembly line as the variants with a combustion engine.
- In the future smart will only produce vehicles with electric drive. This makes smart the **first automobile brand in the world** to change over completely **from combustion engines to electric drive systems**.
- A compact Mercedes-Benz EQ model is to be produced at the plant in the future. This is a continuation of the electric initiative by Mercedes-Benz. The investment volume amounting to 500 million euros will go into new production shops and into the product itself.
- The four-seater smart forfour is produced by the cooperation partner Renault in its plant in Novo Mesto.



Foundation year: 1997



Number of employees: around 800



Annual production figure: > 90,000

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¹smart EQ fortwo coupé:

Combined power consumption: 15.7 – 13.9 kWh/100 km; combined CO₂ emissions: 0 g/km

²smart EQ fortwo cabrio:

Combined power consumption: 15.8 – 13.9 kWh/100km; combined CO₂ emissions: 0 g/km

*Electric energy consumption has been determined on the basis of Regulation (EC) No. 692/2008. Electric energy consumption depends on the vehicle configuration.

Production Locations Mercedes-Benz Cars

Hamburg, Germany



Axles and axle components, components for e-mobility, steering columns, exhaust components, lightweight structural parts

- The Mercedes-Benz plant in Hamburg is an **important part** of the powertrain production network, and a **high-tech location** for **e-mobility drive components**. It will supply electrified axles for the EQC¹ to the Mercedes-Benz plant in Bremen, for example.
- There are also the traditional product areas ranging from **axles and axle components** to **steering columns** and **lightweight structural parts**, right up to components for **exhaust technology**.
- At **least one product** from the Hamburg plant can be found in **every** Mercedes-Benz car.
- Aspects of **environmental management** have been firmly established at the Mercedes-Benz plant in Hamburg for many years, and are given great importance.
- Founded in 1935 as Vidal & Sohn Tempowerk GmbH, the Hamburg plant became a **Daimler-Benz AG** location in **1978**.



Foundation year: 1935



Number of employees: > 2,500

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Kamenz, Germany



Drive batteries based on lithium-ion technology

- Deutsche Accumotive was founded in 2009, and as a wholly-owned Daimler subsidiary it has produced drive batteries for hybrid and electric vehicles in Kamenz since 2012.
- The Kamenz location is part of the global battery production network of Mercedes-Benz Cars, which has locations on three continents.
- In 2017, the foundation stone was laid for a second battery plant at the location. This battery plant went into operation in 2018, and will commence series production of new batteries in 2019.
- With the new plant, Kamenz has one of the largest and most cutting-edge battery production operations in the worldwide automobile industry.
- Batteries for cars and commercial vehicles are produced here. These also include the all-electric models under the product and technology brand EQ. Large-scale production will start in 2019.
- The extension has resulted in a four-fold increase in the production and logistical area in Kamenz, to a total of around 80,000 sq. m.
- The second battery plant is designed as a CO₂-neutral plant: in conjunction with geothermal energy, a block heating power plant and a photovoltaic system supply the production facilities with energy.
- With its state-of-the-art systems and technologies, the new battery plant sets standards with respect to Industry 4.0.



Foundation year: 2009



Number of employees: around 1,000

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Kecskemét, Hungary



Mercedes-Benz B-Class (to 2018), A-Class (from 2018), CLA Coupé, CLA Shooting Brake

- The Mercedes-Benz plant in Kecskemét is an important **part of the worldwide compact car production network**. The network also includes the lead plant in Rastatt, Germany, the Chinese production location BBAC in Beijing and the contractor Valmet Automotive in Uusikaupunki, Finland. In 2018, these were joined by the joint venture production plant COMPAS in Mexico and the Hambach plant in France.
- The location was opened in March 2012 **as the first European Mercedes-Benz car plant outside Germany**.
- The production programme in 2018 included the **B-Class plus the CLA and the CLA Shooting Brake** – both of which are exclusively produced there for the world market. Production of the **new A-Class** commenced in 2018.
- The plant is the largest industrial employer in the region.



Foundation year: 2008



Number of employees: around 4,700



Annual production figure: > 190,000

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Kölleda und Arnstadt, Deutschland



Engines

- The Thuringian subsidiaries of Daimler AG in Kölleda and Arnstadt are **important parts** of the worldwide powertrain production network, whose lead plant is in Stuttgart-Untertürkheim.
- The **engine plant** of MDC Power GmbH in Kölleda has assembled **four-cylinder petrol and four/six-cylinder diesel engines** for Mercedes-Benz vehicles since 2003.
- In 2013, the engine plant started **production of an AMG engine** for the first time.
- The **component plant** MDC Technology GmbH in Arnstadt processes crankcases for Mercedes-Benz engines with the **NANOSLIDE® process**. In this process the cylinder liners are coated and finely honed. Processing the crankcases helps to reduce weight and fuel consumption, and makes a major contribution to CO₂ reduction.



Foundation year: 2002



Number of employees: > 1,400

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Beijing, China



Production start: 2006



Number of employees: > 11,500



Annual production figure: > 480,000

For the Chinese market: C-Class (standard and long version), E-Class (long version), A-Class (long version), GLA, GLC (long version), engines

- Beijing Benz Automotive Co., Ltd (BBAC), a joint venture between Daimler and the Chinese partner BAIC, produces vehicles with **front- and rear-wheel-drive** and **engines**.
- BBAC is an important **part of the global production network** of Mercedes-Benz Cars.
- In 2016, BBAC celebrated its one millionth locally produced vehicle. Just two years later, in 2018, the milestone of **two million vehicles “Made in China, for China”** was reached.
- The current production portfolio comprises the C-Class, E-Class, A-Class, GLA, GLC and engines for Mercedes-Benz cars and vans.
- In the future the location will produce **electric vehicles under the product and technology brand EQ and batteries** for the local market.
- The EQC¹ will be the first all-electric Mercedes-Benz EQ model, with production commencing in Beijing in 2019.

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Rastatt, Germany



Foundation year: 1992



Number of employees: > 6,500



Annual production figure: around 300,000

Mercedes-Benz A and B-Class, GLA

- The Mercedes-Benz plant in Rastatt is the **lead plant in the worldwide production network for compact vehicles**. This also includes the Hungarian plant in Kecskemét, the Chinese production location BBAC in Beijing and the contractor Valmet Automotive in Uusikaupunki, Finland. In 2018, these were joined by the joint venture production plant COMPAS in Mexico and the Hambach plant in France.
- In 2018, the location produced the **A- and B-Class plus the GLA**.
- The first Mercedes-Benz A-Class left the production line there in 1997, starting the success story of compact cars from Mercedes-Benz.
- In 2018, production of the new A- and B-Class commenced in Rastatt.
- The plant is the **largest industrial employer in the region**.
- In the future the location is also to produce **compact electric vehicles** under the EQ product and technology brand.
- The Mercedes-Benz **Customer Centre Rastatt** directly adjoins the plant. Around 200 vehicles are collected there each day.
- Customers are able to test the off-road capabilities and assistance systems of their Mercedes-Benz car on the **“A-Rock” driving circuit with an event area** directly next to the plant. The site also has space for open-air events with up to 7,000 visitors.

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Sebeş and Cugir, Romania*



Transmissions, engine and transmission parts

- The Sebeş and Cugir locations in Romania, Star Transmission based in Cugir and Star Assembly in Sebeş, are wholly-owned Daimler subsidiaries and important pillars in the worldwide powertrain production network of Mercedes-Benz Cars.
- **Sebeş** assembles automatic transmissions for Mercedes-Benz.
- The plant in **Cugir** produces gears, shafts, high-pressure lines and machined components for engines, transmissions and steering systems, and has a technology centre for the production of test assemblies and prototypes, plus training facilities.
- With the support of the Romanian government, Star Transmission is one of the first Romanian companies to offer a **dual training system** as used in Baden-Württemberg, Germany.



Foundation year: 2001



Number of employees: > 3,000

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Production Locations Mercedes-Benz Cars

Sindelfingen, Germany



Mercedes-Benz E-Class (Saloon and Estate), S-Class (Saloon, Coupé, Cabriolet), CLS, Mercedes-Maybach, Mercedes-AMG GT family, GLA

- The Mercedes-Benz plant in Sindelfingen has a history going back over one hundred years, and has the longest traditions of any Daimler AG plant. It is the **centre of excellence** for the production of vehicles, in future also electric vehicles, in the **executive and luxury class** within the worldwide production network.

- Sindelfingen is where the Mercedes-Benz flagship model, the **S-Class**, is produced. The successful **E-Class** Saloon, Estate and the off-road variant All Terrain as well as the Mercedes-AMG GT family are also produced here.

- The central functions of production planning, **TECFACTORY**, logistics and quality management for the production organisation of Mercedes-Benz Cars are also sited in the direct vicinity, as well as the headquarters of the MBC procurement organisation. This proximity to the central functions makes the Sindelfingen location unique.

- Sindelfingen is also the home of **group research and development**, and the Daimler AG **design** department. **“Factory 56”, one of the world’s most cutting-edge automobile production facilities, is under construction in Sindelfingen:** Under the motto “digital, flexible, green”, the facility is systematically and comprehensively dedicated to innovative technologies and processes in vehicle production. “Factory 56” is the blueprint for all future vehicle production operations at Mercedes-Benz Cars worldwide. This makes Sindelfingen one of the **world’s leading centres of excellence** for safety, innovation and design in automobile engineering. The location has a total workforce of around 25,000.

- In the future the location will also produce batteries for electric vehicles. This will make Sindelfingen part of the global battery production network of Mercedes-Benz Cars, which has locations on three continents.

- Direct adjoining the plant is the Mercedes-Benz Customer Centre Sindelfingen, where around 250 vehicles are handed over each day.

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Foundation year: 1915



Number of employees: > 25,000



Annual production figure: > 330,000



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Production Locations Mercedes-Benz Cars

Stuttgart-Untertürkheim, Germany



Engines, axles, transmissions, components

- The Untertürkheim location is home to the development, production and shipment of engines, transmissions and axles, as well as **the Daimler Group headquarters**.
- The Mercedes-Benz plant in Untertürkheim has **traditions extending back over more than 110 years** and is the lead plant in the worldwide powertrain production network and for electric powertrains.
- The plant is a **high-tech location** for the production of **highly efficient engines and alternative drive systems**.
- In the future the location will also produce **batteries for electric vehicles**. Two battery factories are under construction. This will make Untertürkheim part of the global battery production network of Mercedes-Benz Cars, which has locations on three continents.
- The plant has a total of **six annexes**. While Untertürkheim and Bad Cannstatt produce engines and also house the forge, the transmissions are produced in Hedelfingen. Axle production and the foundry are in Mettingen. Training is based in Brühl, and flexible production in Sirnau.
- Untertürkheim also has a research & development unit with a banked curve for **vehicle testing**.



Foundation year: 1904



Number of employees: rund 19,000

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Tuscaloosa, USA



Mercedes-Benz GLE, GLE Coupé, GLS, C-Class Saloon

- The Mercedes-Benz plant in Tuscaloosa is the **traditional location for SUV production**, and currently produces the GLE, GLE Coupé and GLS.
- Since June 2014 the plant has also produced the **C-Class** for the North American market. With Bremen as the lead plant, the highest-volume model in the Mercedes-Benz portfolio is also produced in East London (South Africa) and by the joint venture plant BBAC in Beijing (China).
- In the future the location will also produce **electric SUVs under the product and technology brand EQ**.
- A battery plant is also under construction near the existing car plant in Tuscaloosa. This will make Tuscaloosa part of the global battery production network of Mercedes-Benz Cars, which has locations on three continents.
- Logistical activities are also being expanded at the location. These include a Global Logistics Center for the export of CKD vehicle kits to Mercedes-Benz assembly plants overseas, and a new After-Sales hub for the export of replacement parts.
- The plant in Tuscaloosa, Alabama was the first large Mercedes-Benz production plant outside Germany.
- The plant was founded in **1995** and started production of the former M-Class (now GLE) in 1997.



Foundation year: 1995



Number of employees: > 3,800



Annual production figure: around 240,000

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