

**Plant opens for electric air conditioning compressors:
MAHLE strengthens its systems competence in electric
vehicles**

- First MAHLE production line for e-compressors
- Electric compressors remove the link between air conditioning systems and combustion engines
- Several customer projects have already been won

Stuttgart, October 31, 2018 – MAHLE has opened its first production plant for electric compressors. MAHLE will manufacture e-compressors for international automobile manufacturers at the production location in Balassagyarmat/Hungary and has already obtained several customer projects. Series production will start in 2019.

Compressors are the heart of air conditioning systems—and the e-compressor will remove the link between air conditioning systems and combustion engines. Its role in the air conditioning of electric vehicles is therefore critical. “Electric compressors are of major strategic importance to MAHLE, because they enable us to build on our position as a complete systems provider in the field of air conditioning for electric vehicles too,” explains Dr. Jörg Stratmann, Chairman of the Management Board and CEO of the MAHLE Group. MAHLE also develops and produces the necessary electric drives as well as electronics and software.

The plant in Balassagyarmat will be particularly important when it comes to production rollout. “This location will help to further strengthen our existing market position,” adds Bernd Eckl, Member of the Management Board of the MAHLE Group and responsible for the Thermal Management business unit. At the same time, the opening of the production plant is a green light for the additional e-compressor production locations that will follow.

With the consistent implementation of its dual strategy—the further optimization of the internal combustion engine on the one hand and the simultaneous development of solutions for the widespread adoption of e-mobility on the other—MAHLE is instrumental in shaping the future of mobility as a key player in the automotive industry.

About MAHLE

MAHLE is a leading international development partner and supplier to the automotive industry as well as a pioneer for the mobility of the future. The MAHLE Group is committed to making transportation more efficient, more environmentally friendly, and more comfortable by continuously optimizing the combustion engine, driving forward the use of alternative fuels, and laying the foundation for the worldwide introduction of e-mobility. The group's product portfolio addresses all the crucial issues relating to the powertrain and air conditioning technology—both for drives with combustion engines and for e-mobility. MAHLE products are fitted in at least every second vehicle worldwide. Components and systems from MAHLE are also used off the road—in stationary applications, for mobile machinery, rail transport, as well as marine applications.

In 2017, the group generated sales of approximately EUR 12.8 billion with about 78,000 employees and is represented in more than 30 countries with 170 production locations. At 16 major research and development centers in Germany, Great Britain, Luxembourg, Spain, Slovenia, the USA, Brazil, Japan, China, and India, around 6,100 development engineers and technicians are working on innovative solutions for the mobility of the future.

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