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Swiss one-metre-gauge record: The new Stadler train travels at 133.49 kph for the RBS

With a top speed of 133.49 kph, the new low-floor express train NExT ordered by the Bern-Solothurn RBS regional transport company and manufactured by Stadler Rail has established a new speed record for Swiss metre-gauge transport.

The speed record run took place within the context of the test phase for the new NExT on the RBS line between Lohn-Lüterkofen and Bätterkinden. The new train was built by Stadler Rail in Altenrhein, and was presented to the general public for the first time by the RBS on the 5th of June. It has been through an intensive test phase during the last few weeks, and now only needs to be approved by the Swiss Federal Office for Transport. The RBS plans to start regular services with the NExT at the end of July – although it will “only” be travelling at a top speed of 120 kph in the future.

The RBS has ordered a total of six new trains from Stadler Rail: The second NExT was accepted in Altenrhein last week, and will arrive in Worblaufen tomorrow, Wednesday the 15th of July. From December 2009, all six new trains will be in operation with the RBS on the Solothurn-Bern line, and will transport about 10,000 passengers a day.

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