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New metro trains for Berlin

Stadler has developed two innovative vehicle types for the German capital's historically evolved metro railway system - tailor-made for the needs of Berlin's public transport operator BVG.

The JK series with 2.40 m wide cars for the lines with a small profile and the J series with a car width of 2.65 m for the newer lines with a large profile. The JK series consists of two- or four-car vehicles that can be combined to form six- or eight-car trains. The J series consists of a combination of end and centre cars that can be coupled to form two-, four- and six-car vehicles. Depending on requirements, the metro trains can be realised in different train lengths and configurations. This enables flexible use in railway operations.

All new metro cars offer spacious, barrier-free entrances for quick passenger changes and plenty of space in the passageways and multi-purpose areas for passengers with limited mobility. The bright and friendly interiors convey a good feeling of safety. A modern, real-time passenger information system is used to help passengers find their way around quickly.

BVG and Stadler have agreed a scope of delivery of up to 1,500 vehicles in the framework agreement. This is the largest vehicle procurement in the history of BVG. The first order currently comprises 376 cars. The large number of identical trains increases compatibility within the fleet as well as flexibility in operation and maintenance. In addition to supplying the trains, Stadler will also be responsible for supplying spare parts for a period of 32 years.

At InnoTrans in Berlin, Stadler is presenting a two-car JK vehicle with a length of 25.5 metres, which is accessible throughout and has 28 seats and 114 standing places. The drive power is 540 kW and the maximum speed is 70 km/h.

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About Stadler

Stadler has been building trains for over 80 years. The provider of mobility solutions in rail vehicle construction, service and signalling has its headquarters in Bussnang in eastern Switzerland. It has a workforce of around 14,500 based in various production and engineering locations as well as more than 80 service locations. The company is conscious of its social responsibility for sustainable mobility and therefore stands for innovative, sustainable and durable quality products. The product range in the field of mainline railways and city transport includes high-speed trains, intercity trains, regional and suburban trains, metros, tramways and trams. Stadler also manufactures main-line locomotives, shunting locomotives and passenger carriages. It is the world's leading manufacturer in the rack-and-pinion rail vehicle industry.

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