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Milestone in Szolnok: Stadler manufactures its 6000th car body in Hungary

Stadler's car body factory in Szolnok has reached another important milestone: the 6000th car body was delivered in October. Operating since 2009, the factory has become the Stadler Group's largest car body manufacturing center in Central and Eastern Europe and plays a key role in the international manufacturing and supply network.

The development of the Szolnok factory is remarkable. The plant, originally designed to produce 200 car bodies per year and employ 200 people, has grown over the past 15 years to become one of the most modern railway vehicle manufacturing facilities in the Central and Eastern European region. Stadler has invested a total of €200 million in the Szolnok plant to date, where, thanks to the latest developments, the production of double-decker car bodies has started at the end of 2024, creating further jobs in the region.

In October 2025, employees at the plant celebrated the production and delivery of the 6000th car body. This milestone not only marks a peak in production, but also the beginning of a new chapter. The next 1000 car bodies manufactured in Szolnok will include components for the GYSEV FLIRT InterCity trains destined for the Hungarian market. The first trains are expected to be delivered in the last quarter of 2027, with the entire fleet entering service by early 2028. The five-car, dual-current vehicles will be able to operate not only in Hungary but also in Austria. The order is of particular significance: Hungary last purchased new InterCity trains 30 years ago.

Trains equipped with car bodies from the Szolnok plant currently operate in 14 countries, including the United States, Great Britain, Spain, Italy, Norway, Germany, and the Netherlands, further strengthening the international reputation of Hungarian-made products.

Stadler is not only present in Hungary as an employer, but also plays a key role in Hungarian rail transport with its vehicles. MÁV and GYSEV currently operate 143 FLIRT and 40 KISS multiple units, as well as 12 Citylink tram-trains. These vehicles travel around 35 million kilometers per year – one-third of MÁV's total annual mileage – meaning that half of Hungarian passengers now travel on modern trains manufactured by Stadler.

About Stadler

Stadler has been building trains for over 80 years. The provider of mobility solutions in rail vehicle construction, service and signalling technology has its headquarters in Bussnang in eastern Switzerland. Around 16,600 employees work at 8 production and 6 engineering locations as well as over 80 service locations, including over 5,600 employees in Switzerland.

The company is aware of its social responsibility for sustainable mobility and therefore stands for innovative, sustainable and durable quality products. The product range in the mainline and urban transport sector includes high-speed trains, intercity trains, regional and suburban trains, underground trains, tram-trains and trams. Stadler also manufactures mainline locomotives, shunting locomotives and passenger coaches. Stadler is the world's leading manufacturer of rack-and-pinion railway vehicles.

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