



BPW is powered by its people.

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## **Sustainability report from BPW: new benchmarks in electromobility, intelligent trailer technology and modern production processes**

- **BPW publishes fifth sustainability report in accordance with UN Global Compact criteria**
- **Securing and continuously expanding the strengths of the world of transport**
- **Innovative concepts and precise construction for more efficiency**

**Wiehl, 23.09.2021 --- Long-term, forward-looking and responsible thinking and acting is the basis of all business activities at BPW Bergische Achsen KG. This is why the company has committed itself to the UN Global Compact principles and has now published its fifth sustainability report.**

The family-owned company is taking responsibility – for environmental protection, for the people in the company, for young talents and for customers and partners. They all make it possible for BPW to develop solutions that secure and continuously expand the strengths of the world of transport. This means that BPW combines consistency with innovation. After all, the stakeholders in the industry need reliable vehicles, new technologies and fresh ideas in order to meet the market's growing list of requirements. 'The great challenges of our time, such as climate change, pollution and a lack of resources, require profound, reliable responses', says Achim Kotz, personally liable managing partner at BPW. 'Reliability, sustainability and corporate responsibility have always been a matter of course for our company. We have been bringing these values to life for generations, and we combine a down-to-earth approach with openness and continue to develop.'

Safe and efficient transport helps the climate and therefore the environment and people. The efficiency of vehicles is decisive, not only with regard to how environmentally friendly they are, but also how economical they are. A lighter vehicle weight means less CO<sub>2</sub> and more usable load – and every gram counts. BPW relies on innovative concepts and precise construction. Lightweight construction and intelligent trailer running gear save materials, tyres and fuel – and therefore costs, too. The scalable eTransport electric drive axle is setting new benchmarks for the electrification of commercial vehicles.

The production stage has a significant influence on a product's environmental footprint. The switch from butt welding to friction welding means BPW can actively save power. The company only uses green energy – with guarantee of origin. Not only is consumption reduced across the entire company, but valuable resources such as water are conserved and the use of paper is reduced. In addition, BPW is involved in the reforestation of regional forests.

BPW is powered by its people. Their health is supported with numerous measures. Apprentices gain specialist knowledge and can use modern garages and a training centre for robotics. BPW is involved with campaigns and organisations such as DocStop, #LogistikHilft and the PROFI association

(Pro Fahrer-Image e.V.) for the benefit of the men and women behind the wheel of the trucks.

The three-chapter 2021 sustainability report gives an overview of the action areas of employees and society, product responsibility and environment and energy, as well as other developments in the company. The report can be accessed at <https://nachhaltigkeitsbericht2021.bpw.de/>.

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### **About BPW Bergische Achsen Kommanditgesellschaft**

*BPW Bergische Achsen KG is the parent company of the BPW Group. With around 1,500 employees, including around 100 trainees, the family-run company has been developing and producing complete running gear systems for truck trailers and semi-trailers at its headquarters in Wiehl since 1898. BPW's technologies include axle systems, brake technology, suspension and bearings. BPW's trailer axles and running gear systems are in use in millions of vehicles around the world. An extensive range of services also provides vehicle manufacturers and vehicle operators with the opportunity to increase economic efficiency in their production and transport processes. [www.bpw.de/en](http://www.bpw.de/en)*

### **About the BPW Group**

*The BPW Group researches, develops and manufactures everything needed to ensure that transport keeps moving and is safe, illuminated, intelligent and digitally connected. With its brands [BPW](#), [Ermax](#), [HBN](#), [HESTAL](#) and [idem telematics](#), the company group is a preferred system partner of the commercial vehicle industry around the globe for running gear, brakes, lighting, fasteners and superstructure technology, telematics and other key components for trucks, trailers and buses. The BPW Group offers comprehensive mobility services for transport businesses, ranging from a global service network to spare parts supply and intelligent networking of vehicles, drivers and freight. The owner-operated company group currently employs 7,000 staff in more than 50 countries and achieved consolidated sales of 1.41 billion euros in 2019. [www.bpw.de/en](http://www.bpw.de/en)*

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