



BPW is testing the electric drive axle eTransport in various application scenarios: In this hall the test vehicles like that from UPS are being prepared.

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VISION mobility readers name BPW 'Best supplier'

- Prize awarded at IAA alongside Deloitte and the German Association of the Automotive Industry
- BPW outdoes top supplies companies with electric truck drive axle 'eTransport'
- Hans Werner Kopplow: 'Alternative drive concepts are becoming a key factor in new mobility.'

Wiehl, 12 September 2019 --- BPW shines at the IAA in Frankfurt as ‘Best supplier’ – the medium-sized company that actually specialises in commercial vehicle and transport technologies. *VISION mobility*, Deloitte and the German Association of the Automotive Industry (VDA) honoured BPW for a drive axle that can be used in the conversion of trucks from diesel to electric drives. It isn’t just being well received among readers of *VISION mobility*.

With 7,200 employees worldwide and an annual turnover of 1.48 billion euros, the medium-sized BPW Group seems relatively small in comparison to the giants of global automotive supplies. Yet the family-owned company made a pretty big impact at the IAA in Frankfurt: readers of the trade magazine *VISION mobility* – mainly decision makers for fleets and experts in new mobility – named BPW ‘Best supplier’. They chose from products and services in the areas of mobility, connectivity and infrastructure – from electric cars to car-sharing providers.

BPW won the award in the category ‘Connectivity’ with the ‘eTransport’ drive axle: it enables the conversion of trucks with a permitted total weight of up to 7.5 tons from diesel to electric drives. The vehicle does not lose a significant amount of load capacity, as heavy components such as diesel, gears and power train can be completely removed. Conversion is a big issue in municipalities as it can give expensive specialist vehicles used in street cleaning, waste operations, police and fire services a second, zero-emission life. The drive axle is also intended for use as original equipment in new electric trucks. Various field tests have been under way for a year now in logistics companies, such as UPS, various hauliers, municipal operations and as part of university research projects.

What makes the BPW drive axle stand out is not just its compact design and suitability for conversion purposes. It also boasts impressive drive power, high climbing ability of over 20 per cent, and outstanding efficiency. The drive axle also makes the vehicle easier to manoeuvre.

Katja Boecker and Hans Werner Kopplow from the electromobility development team at BPW in Wiehl accepted the prize at a gala event at the IAA’s ‘New Mobility Forum’. ‘New mobility is a subject that is fascinating more and more people. Readers naming us ‘Best supplier’ shows the importance zero-emission transport now enjoys: the boom in online retail means electric city logistics are now becoming a hot topic.’

The BPW team took full advantage of the networking platform offered by the 'BEST OF mobility' gala event to speak to innovators and representatives from the worlds of politics and business who were among the guests. The new product and image award is presented every two years.

Production of the electric drive axle eTransport: The finished axle on the test bench is shown in front of the picture. Behind it, the recuperation brake is mounted. It recovers braking energy as electrical power.

About BPW Bergische Achsen Kommanditgesellschaft

BPW Bergische Achsen Kommanditgesellschaft is the parent company of the BPW Group. With over 1,600 employees, including around 120 trainees, the family-owned 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 offers vehicle manufacturers and operators the ability to increase the efficiency of their production and transport processes. www.bpw.de/en

About the BPW Group

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