BMW Group – a Portrait.





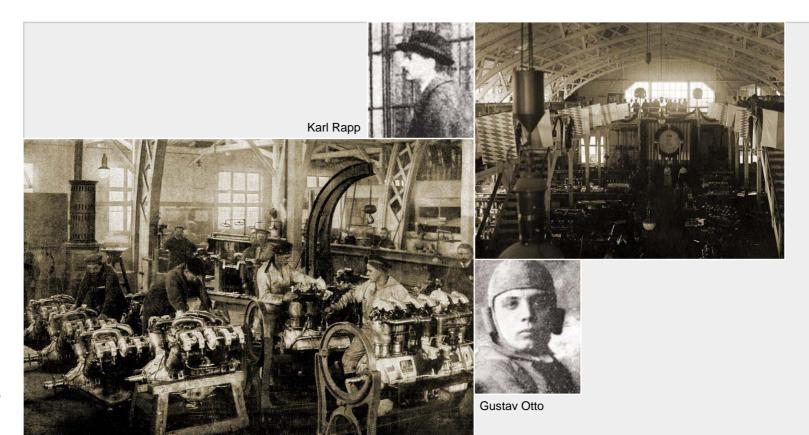






The Founding Fathers – Aviation Pioneers.

The Munich plants run by Munich aviation pioneers Karl Rapp and Gustav Otto form the starting point for Bayerische Motorenwerke.

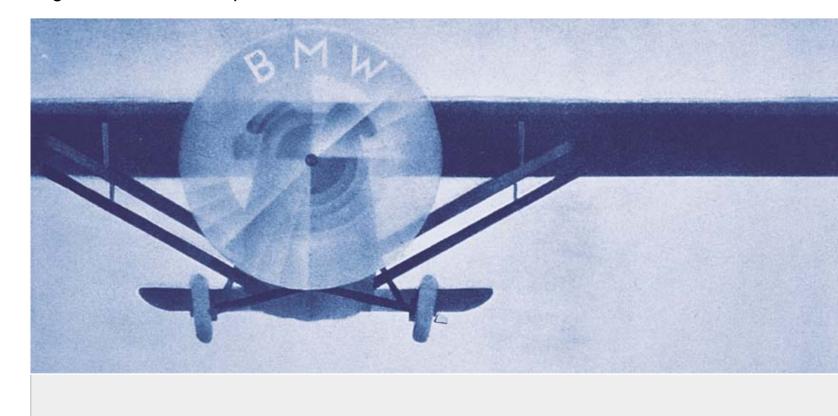


1911₁₀ 1913



BMW Takes Off.

Foundation of BMW GmbH as a limited company. Registration of the white-and-blue logo as the Company's official trademark. Production of the first aircraft engine – the BMW IIIa power unit.



1917



The First BMW Motorcycle.

Developed by Max Friz within just a few weeks, the R 32 motorcycle hails the advent of BMW's great tradition in the two-wheeler market.





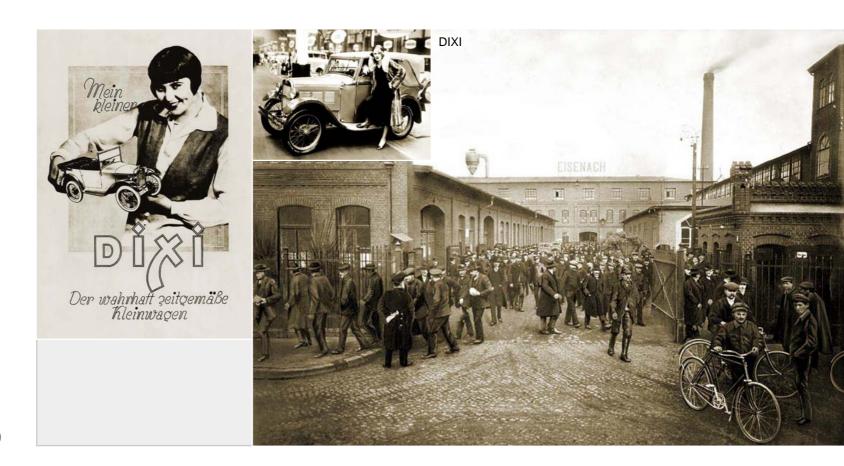
1923

R 32



BMW Now Also on Four Wheels.

Taking over Fahrzeugfabrik Eisenach, BMW enters the car business.



1928



Cars from Munich.

Large saloons, coupés, convertibles and roadsters in the 501 – 507 model range continue BMW car production after the war, now for the first time at the Munich Plant.







1952... 1955



The Tower.

The new Group Headquarters designed by Professor Karl Schwanzer is completed for the 1972 Olympic Games. To this day the Four-Cylinder Building characterises the Munich skyline.



1972



CleanEnergy.

Hydrogen is the fuel of the future. BMW has been testing hydrogen drive since 1978 and is now developing this technology for series production.

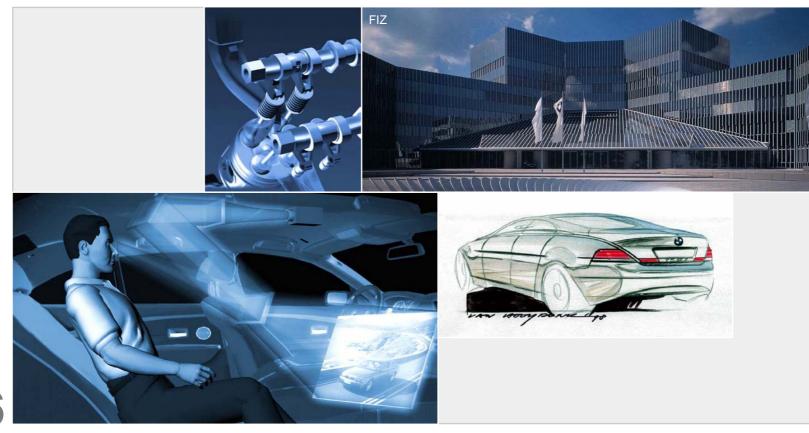


from 1978



A New "Think Tank".

BMW's new Research and Innovation Centre (the FIZ Centre) accommodating some 6,000 engineers and researchers is built near the Group Headquarters and the Munich Plant.



from 1986

The BMW Group Re-Aligns.

The BMW Group concentrates on premium segments with the BMW, MINI and Rolls-Royce brands.





Rolls-Royce

Starting in 2003, the BMW Group assumes responsibility for the Rolls-Royce brand, building the worldwide Head Office and Manufacturing Plant in Goodwood, Great Britain.

BMW

The BMW brand model line-up is enlarged by the 1 Series in the premium lower midrange segment, the 6 Series in the large coupé and convertible market segments as well as the X3 im sports activity verhicle segment.

MINI

MINI enters production in April 2001, initially being launched in Europe in summer of the same year, then entering the world markets step-by-step. Currently MINIs are sold in more than 70 countries the world over.

2000 from 2000

BMW's Current Range of Cars.

BMW's car range comprises 7 model series. Here you see the BMW 3, 5, 6, and 7 Series.



Today

The BMW Car Range.

Seven model series make up the BMW car range. Here are the BMW X5, X3, and Z4







Today

The BMW Motorcycle Range.

The BMW motorcycle range is made up of three model series (F Series, R Series, K Series) split up into the Tourer, Sports Tourer and Sportsman, Cruiser, Enduro, Roadster, and Scarver segments.



Today

The MINI Family.

Currently three models (MINI One, MINI Cooper, and MINI Cooper S) are in production.



Today

Rolls-Royce.

The Rolls-Royce Phantom was developed completely from the ground up within just four years, benefitting from the most advanced technology. And clearly, the Phantom sets new standards in both design and equipment.



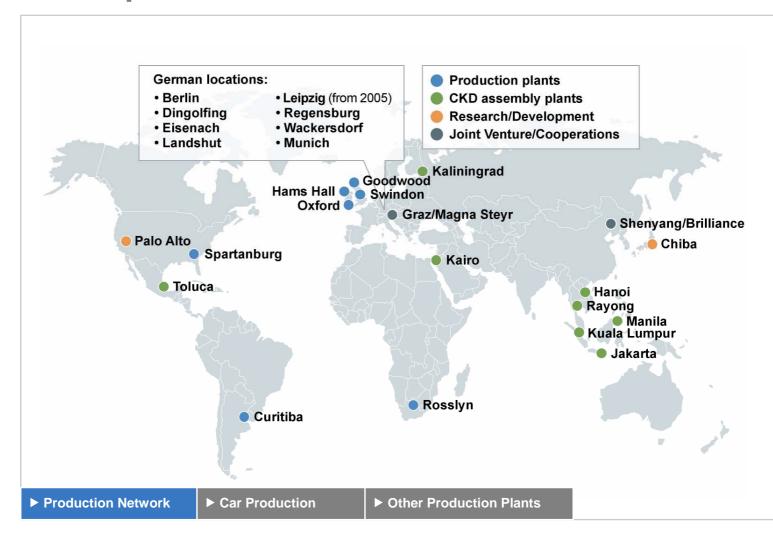
Today

Sustainability. It can be done.

The BMW Group is expanding its "classic" concept of environmental management by adding social and economic values, and is setting the standard in the practical implementation of sustainability.



Development and Production Network



BMW Group - An Annual Comparison.



