

ATP Automotive Testing Papenburg

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# Significant milestone

The German Federal Motor Transport Authority designates a new Technical Service provider, considerably expanding its scope of performance and noise emission tests



LEFT: Updates to the acoustic measurement track ensure it is ready for future test tasks

BELOW: The new designation strengthens ATP's test portfolio

the most recent state-of-the-art systems. In addition, there are new noise barriers that reduce background noise to help customers develop quieter vehicles that meet today's stringent NVH requirements. Furthermore, the scope of accreditation will soon be further extended to meet the new international requirements for EVs. More parking spaces have also been added at the acoustic track to accommodate more vehicles.

"Expanding the scope of accreditation and the scope of designation has prepared ATP for the future of vehicle testing," says Frank Heykes, head of engineering service and deputy head of the test laboratory/Technical Service. "Thus, ATP is participating in the rapid changes in the automotive industry – such as autonomous driving and the introduction of alternative drive technology – and will continue to actively follow this evolution in the future." ◀

▶ A designation as a Technical Service by the German Federal Motor Transport (KBA) is a key step for testing grounds, enabling them to support those all-important conformity product tests. German proving ground and test service provider ATP Automotive Testing Papenburg recently joined these rubber-stamped ranks as a designated Technical Service.

Since October 2017, ATP has housed a testing laboratory accredited by DAkkS according to DIN EN ISO/IEC 17025 (registration No. PL-20534-01-00). Acknowledging this accreditation and the company's adherence to the procedure described in Regulation (EU) 2018/858, the KBA has recognized

ATP as a Technical Service for noise emissions testing, in accordance with its designation rules (registration No. KBA-P 00117-21). In concrete terms, this means that ATP is now qualified to carry out test procedures according to Regulation (EU) 2018/858 for its customers for the first time in its 20-year history.

As a part of this, the company can prepare test reports for the type approval procedure, in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2018/858, and carry out conformity of production (COP) product checks for the approval holder. In addition, ATP can provide direct assistance to other Technical Services appointed by the same national authority.

As a Technical Service, the test facility has expanded its

scope and can immediately perform type approval tests for clients. The infrastructure of ATP's acoustic measurement track has been expanded for this purpose. Additionally, the company has installed a new vehicle weighing scale with a six-ton axle load at the acoustic track. The acoustic measurement technology on-site has been upgraded to



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