



Press release

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Trabant nT receives broad acceptance in survey

Electric-powered Trabi already roadworthy.

At this year's IAA, the presentation of the new Trabant nT with an electric engine definitely fired up interest in the program. The prototype manufacturer IndiKar presented the concept car featuring modern design and a trend-setting electric engine. Analysis of the visitor's survey of approx. 7,000 comprehensive questionnaires turned up an overwhelmingly positive response: 98% of the questioned visitors wanted a modernized Trabant to return to the market. Meanwhile, the overall design averaged a "B" for its trendy reinterpretation of the classic original, and over two thirds of those questioned approved of the electric version newTrabi and would consider buying an electric vehicle.

Immediately after the IAA, the Trabant nT concept car was made roadworthy for presentations, potential partners and investors. Since electric cars usually roll around silently, in city mode, the Trabant nT generates an artificial engine noise, selectable by the customer, for reasons of safety.

The project team, to date consisting of the prototype manufacturer IndiKar, the designer Nils Poschwatta and the miniature model manufacturer Herpa, is currently forming a project corporation, which will streamline activities and flesh out the business plan. Ronald Gerschewski, spokesman of the trabant project, points to negotiations with potential domestic and international investors, especially from countries in Northern and Eastern Europe and Asia. "For the initiator's desired solution, serial production in Germany, no substantial starting point has emerged so far", Gerschewski admits. But the option should remain open "against the background of the under-utilized German economy", adds Klaus Schindler, managing director and creative mind of the newTrabi. His vision involves making the new Trabant – made in Germany – a trendsetter for electric mobility. "The nT should become a fun electric car, which is handy and has a historic background at that", claims designer Nils Poschwatta, who already has further plans to expand the Trabant product line.