

# Press release

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## **MAHLE becomes innovation partner for Future Workshop 4.0 in Esslingen**

- Project aims to prepare independent workshops for the technological transformation process in the automotive sector
- MAHLE Aftermarket to provide workshop equipment worth around EUR 30,000
- Access to MAHLE products intended to help open up new opportunities for value creation

**MAHLE is supporting Future Workshop 4.0 (Zukunftswerkstatt 4.0) in Esslingen, near Stuttgart/Germany, as an innovation partner. The project launched by the German federal state of Baden-Württemberg and the automotive industry aims to help companies in the motor vehicle trade to prepare for the technological transformation process and to safeguard future employment in the automobile sector. In support of these efforts, MAHLE Aftermarket is providing workshop equipment worth around EUR 30,000—such as its TechPRO® diagnostic tool, Digital ADAS calibration solution for driver assistance systems, EmissionPRO 180 exhaust gas particle counter, and OzonePRO device for hygienically cleaning vehicle cabins. By contributing in this way, the Stuttgart-based technology group aims to give the project participants the means to tap into new opportunities for value creation in their workshops and thereby secure their future.**



The OzonePRO is one of the products provided by MAHLE for the future workshop.

“MAHLE is supporting the Workshop project because excellent professional training and further education as well as state-of-the-art workshop equipment are key factors in meeting the challenges faced by vehicle workshops today,” says Olaf Henning, Corporate Executive Vice President and General Manager MAHLE Aftermarket. “The Future Workshop will function as both an

innovation showcase and a competence center. Our workshop systems are successful products that are established on the market and will deliver real added value for the project participants.”

The actual structures and processes of a workshop will be reproduced in a realistic and practicable way in the Future Workshop 4.0. With the support of the project’s network of partners, it will be possible to trial and test new technologies and systems along the entire value chain in the workshop. At the same time, the Future Workshop is intended to serve as a forum for knowledge sharing and communication. It is targeted at educational establishments of all kinds, chambers of trade, and training institutions in the motor vehicle trade and automotive industry as well as start-ups, businesses, associations, and partners in the industry and related sectors.

The project was launched by the steering committee of the Baden-Württemberg Transformationsrat Automobilwirtschaft, a body set up to support the transformation of the region’s automotive industry and chaired by Dr. Nicole Hoffmeister-Kraut, Minister of Economic Affairs, Labor, and Housing for the state. The Institute for the Automotive Industry (IfA) in Nürtingen/Germany is in charge of the project.

Further information on the Future Workshop 4.0 is available in German at <https://www.ifa-info.de/zukunftswerkstatt>.

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## About MAHLE

MAHLE is a leading international development partner and supplier to the automotive industry. The technology group is now broadly positioned in the areas of powertrain technology and thermal management with a clear focus on future topics relating to mobility. As part of its dual strategy, MAHLE is working both on the intelligent combustion engine for the use of hydrogen and other nonfossil fuels and on technologies that will help the fuel cell and e-mobility achieve broad acceptance in the markets. The product portfolio of the company, which was founded in 1920, addresses all the crucial aspects of the powertrain and air conditioning technology. Half of all vehicles in the world now contain MAHLE components. #weshapefuturemobility

In 2020, MAHLE generated sales of approximately EUR 9.8 billion and is represented in over 30 countries with more than 72,000 employees in 160 production locations and 12 major research and development centers. (Last revised: 2020-12-31)

## About MAHLE Aftermarket

MAHLE Aftermarket, the business unit specializing in spare parts, uses the expertise from the series production of original equipment in its product range and supplies trade, workshop, and engine repair partners. The portfolio also includes products developed by MAHLE Service Solutions for workshop equipment as well as comprehensive services and customized training programs.

MAHLE Aftermarket is represented at 25 locations and other sales offices worldwide, with around 1,700 employees. In 2019, the business unit achieved a global sales volume of about EUR 950 million.