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Modern and comfortable Stadler Trams are running in Milan

Comfortable, quiet and barrier-free new 74 Stadler Trams are running from today onwards in Milan. After the official presentation to the press of the Stadler TRAMLINK yesterday 19 February, Azienda Transporti Milanese S.p.A. (ATM) has started regular services today. For Milan the new Stadler trams represent a milestone of innovation in public transport.

Stadler supplies 74 trams that are replacing older vehicles from today onward over the next two years. The Stadler TRAMLINK is modernising and improving Milan's urban mobility by making it increasingly sustainable and efficient.

"We are particularly proud to supply Milan's new trams and to be able to offer its citizens high standards of travel comfort, safety and accessibility," said Iñigo Parra, CEO and President of Stadler Valencia. "The TRAMLINK incorporates Stadler's many years of experience in passenger vehicles and is a benchmark in terms of performance, reliability, safety, accessibility, comfort and state-of-the-art technology."

Milan: 160 kilometres tram lines

"This milestone marks a further step in the innovation path of our public transport system," said Arrigo Giana, CEO of ATM. "It is an investment that confirms Milan as the tram capital of Italy, which today has a tram network of almost 160 km and 17 lines. The new vehicles represent the future, but they will continue to stand alongside the icon of the historic trams among the symbols of Italy in the world".

The first vehicle, number 7701, was unveiled to the press at the Messina depot during an event attended by Arrigo Giana, CEO of ATM, and Iñigo Parra, CEO and President of Stadler Valencia, on 19 February. Today it has started running on the city's streets on lines 7 and 31.

Quiet, safe and barrier-free

These Stadler TRAMLINKs are characterised by the iconic Milan yellow livery, are 25 metres long and consist of three modules. They are the first bi-directional trams of Atm and have an attractive open interior provided with 66 vandal-resistant seats and specific areas for wheelchair users. They are fully accessible.

The barrier-free low floor interior and three doors per side allow easy boarding and alighting. In addition, the doors are equipped with ramps to facilitate the access of people with reduced mobility.

The innovative pivoting bogies enable trams to run smoothly in the very tight radius curves characteristic of the city centre. This significantly reduces noise to the benefit of passengers and residents.

Particular attention has been paid at the new Stadler tram to the safety of passengers, drivers, and pedestrians. Large windows in the front allow an extra-wide field of vision for the driver. No blind spot cameras guarantee the security throughout the whole vehicle.

The new hi-tech trams are fully air-conditioned and equipped with USB sockets for charging smartphones. They are also fitted with a modern passenger information system and large monitors indicating stops and routes, as well as general information.

The excellent dynamics of the TRAMLINK, as well as its high levels of safety and comfort, will enhance passengers' travel experience and modernize public transport in the Lombardy capital.

Image caption, from left to right: Arrigo Giana, CEO of ATM; Iñigo Parra, CEO and President of Stadler Valencia

About Stadler

Stadler has been building trains for 80 years. The provider of mobility solutions in rail vehicle construction, service and signalling has its headquarters in Bussnang in eastern Switzerland. It has a workforce of around 14,500 based in various production and engineering locations as well as more than 80 service locations. The company is conscious of its social responsibility for sustainable mobility and therefore stands for innovative, sustainable and durable quality products. The product range in the field of mainline railways and city transport includes high-speed trains, intercity trains, regional and suburban trains, metros, tramways and trams. Stadler also manufactures main-line locomotives, shunting locomotives and passenger carriages. It is the world's leading manufacturer in the rack-and-pinion rail vehicle industry.

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