



## **MAN new partner for VfL Wolfsburg**

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### **Team bus to be named at the IAA / New bus for women's team**

The MAN Group and the VfL Wolfsburg have just agreed on a partnership for the next years. In addition to the soccer league's champion team, FC Bayern München, and the league's founding member, Hamburger SV, the previous year's champion, VfL Wolfsburg, is the third top team in Germany that MAN will be supporting during the 2010/2011 First Division season. The "Wolves" have ridden an exclusively equipped MAN team bus for years. For the beginning of the new season, the Munich DAX 30 company will deliver a second bus to Wolfsburg, to be used for the women's First Division team and the men's Second Division team. "The VfL Wolfsburg is one of the best teams in the First Division. This new comprehensive partnership now expands our proven cooperation so that MAN will be accompanying the future success of the Wolves," says Jörg Schwitalla, MAN SE Chief Human Resources Officer.

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Thomas Röttgermann, the VfL Wolfsburg's Managing Director for Marketing and Organization continues, "The MAN team bus links us with the 2009 German championship and thus, the greatest success in our team's history. We're looking forward to this large-scale partnership with MAN. It ensures that our pros will reach their destinations safely and relaxed in upcoming years."

The partnership between MAN and the VfL Wolfsburg also includes numerous joint fan campaigns because a team bus is simultaneously mythic as well as fascinating. Wolves fans can get into the act right from the start of this season by turning in their suggestions for the bus's new name. From today, they can go to the VfL website, [www.vfl-wolfsburg.de](http://www.vfl-wolfsburg.de), and enter these suggestions on the contact form provided. The best ones will be published on the VfL's site for final voting. The participant whose suggestion gets the most votes – in the form of clicks – wins. The prize for this fan will be his or her presence as a "godparent" at the naming ceremony of the Wolfsburg team bus at the IAA in Hanover in late September.

The MAN Group is one of Europe's leading industrial players in transport-related engineering, with revenue of approximately €12 billion in 2009. As a supplier of trucks, buses, diesel engines, turbo machinery, and special gear units, MAN employs approximately 47,700 people worldwide. Its business areas hold leading positions in their respective markets. MAN SE, Munich, is listed in the DAX (German Stock Index), which comprises Germany's thirty leading stock corporations.



Another first-time attraction: 30 VfL fans will have the chance during the coming season to ride along in the MAN team bus of their favorite team to a game away from home. MAN is offering this exclusive trip in the course of this season, and fans will be able to compete for it.

During the 2010/2011 season, Munich's commercial vehicle and engine manufacturer already concluded partnerships with the FC Bayern München and the Hamburger SV. MAN and NEOPLAN-brand buses already transport many top soccer teams throughout Europe and Latin America to their games. In England, the international top teams FC Chelsea and Manchester City use MAN buses. In Germany, nine of 18 First League teams ride in MAN team buses.

### **Wolves go with MAN: The MAN Lions Coach used by VfL Wolfsburg**

Team buses have become an important part of pro soccer. They are the place where the players spend their last quiet moments; where they can concentrate before a game. After the games, they can either celebrate their victories or come to terms with their defeats in these buses. The VfL team bus is exclusively equipped to fulfill all demands of modern travel. The MAN Lions Coach, with 480 hp, offers a total of 30 seats over a length of 13.8 m, which means that players have complete room for their legs. 18 seats are furnished with electrically adjustable tables and legrests for the greatest possible comfort. Two club tables are available for discussions. These are also electrically adjustable and thus, can be flexibly used. The kitchen is complete and includes all modern kitchen equipment.

Four flat-screen monitors allow the players either to follow the route taken via navigation system or to look at one of the television programs received via the digital satellite system. An eight-channel module system is installed between the seats so that each team member can select his or her individual choice of music and listen to it over headphones.