



Strong presence: FC Bayern Munich boost squad with new MAN team bus

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The record German title-winners will travel to home and away fixtures on an exclusively-equipped MAN Lion's Coach.

- **MAN Lion's Coach with comprehensive range of features handed over to Bayern Munich**
- **Special emphasis on comfort and safety**
- **Team bus provides important private space pre- and post-match**

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Right on time before their Bundesliga home game against Fortuna Düsseldorf, FC Bayern Munich can look forward to a talented new arrival. The reigning German champions' Executive Board Chairman, Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, symbolically received the keys to the new team bus – a MAN Lion's Coach L – on 22 November. The bus' considerable 500 hp (368 kW) will power the team's trip to their domestic tie against their visitors from the Rhineland, along with all other games in the 2018-19 season.

“We are delighted to continue our long-standing partnership with FC Bayern Munich and keep helping the team make their way to future games. The new team bus combines dynamic performance, comfort and efficiency. In addition to its technical attributes, it makes a strong impression thanks to its distinctive design and wide range of custom fixtures and fittings,” said MAN Truck & Bus CEO Joachim Drees during the bus' presentation at the Odeonsplatz in Munich.

The three-axle coach is driven by the efficient and reliable D2676 LOH 6-cylinder diesel engine, which meets the Euro 6 emission standard. The MAN TipMatic 12-speed automated gearbox, including an integrated retarder, will

MAN Truck & Bus is one of Europe's leading manufacturers of commercial vehicles and suppliers of transport solutions, with an annual revenue of approximately €10 billion (2017). The company's product portfolio includes vans, trucks, buses/coaches, diesel and gas engines along with services related to passenger and cargo transport. MAN Truck & Bus is a company of TRATON AG and employs more than 36,000 people worldwide.



guarantee a smooth and quiet driving style. In addition, the MAN Easy Start moving-off aid will ensure that it is possible to set off in total comfort, even on uphill gradients.

“The new Bayern Munich team bus is without a doubt among the finest available in this category in European football. Like Bayern Munich as a club, the team bus has gone from strength to strength in recent years. We are looking forward to hopefully making as many international trips as possible in the bus this season and we are happy that MAN is once again providing such a reliable, top-class product,” says Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, Executive Board Chairman of FC Bayern München AG.

The extensive range of comfort-boosting features will make the new team bus a feel-good environment and a key private space for the players. Along with built-in table and leg support systems in the front row, all 32 leather passenger seats are equipped with adjustable headrests. The four height-adjustable tables with seats facing each other offer space to engage in conversation with the coaching and support staff. And the exclusive kitchen at the rear of the vehicle boasts a number of impressive extras. The players’ physical well-being is sure to be well catered to, thanks to the kitchen’s microwave and steam ovens, three refrigerators, sink facilities, a fully automatic coffee machine, and ample room to prepare and store food and beverages.

And high-tech multimedia equipment will ensure top-notch entertainment before and after the match, leaving nothing to be desired with satellite TV, a media server, five monitors in the passenger area, a sound system with additional speakers and subwoofers, HDMI ports, premium Wi-Fi with LTE reception and USB ports. The almost 14-metre-long MAN Lion’s Coach L was upgraded for FC Bayern Munich by the MAN Bus Modification Center in Plauen.

“The team bus is an extremely important place for the team these days. This season, FC Bayern have a few weeks of English-style fixture congestion to come, with a game to be played every three days. The players’ recuperation will play a very important role in that context – a consideration that has been



factored into the bus' interior design accordingly," states Andreas Jung, Executive Board Member at FC Bayern München AG.

And as far as the bus being home to FC Bayern, there will be no room for doubt. Custom seat covers with a Bayern Munich design, ambient LED lighting in the club's colours, a starlight headliner to help the stars relax and two logo projectors on the vehicle doors provide an atmosphere closely reflecting the club's motto of "Mia san Mia".

Alongside comfort and efficiency, club officials placed particular emphasis on questions of safety. Specifically, the MAN Lion's Coach is equipped with six cameras that scan the vehicle's surroundings, along with a number of assistance systems. These include advanced emergency braking, the Lane Guard System, the electronic stability programme (ESP), rain-light sensor, the MAN AttentionGuard alertness assistant and Adaptive Cruise Control.

Munich drives MAN: MAN has been an official partner of FC Bayern Munich since 2008. As the record German title-holders' partner for commercial vehicles, MAN Truck & Bus provides their official team bus. FC Bayern's basketball team also rides a MAN Lion's Coach to its games.

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Caption:

Joachim Drees, CEO of MAN Truck & Bus AG, handed over the symbolic key to the new Bayern Munich team bus to Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, Executive Board Chairman of FC Bayern München AG.

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The MAN Bus Modification Center in Plauen was responsible for upgrading the MAN Lion's Coach L with comfort-enhancing features for FC Bayern Munich.

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The exclusive kitchen at the rear of the vehicle can cater to every need.