Pandemic Reinforces Desire for Vacations on Four Wheels



With its product portfolio and innovations, Continental delivers tailored solutions for the changing demands placed on mobility. The technology and system components that Continental is supplying for the new Volkswagen ID. Buzz are one example. The latest addition to VW's famous line of microbuses sets new standards for an increasingly conscious lifestyle and mobility that is geared toward freedom while also focusing on sustainability.

As a close cooperation and development partner of Volkswagen for many years, Continental played a significant role in the design and development of the ID. Buzz. The technology company made important technological contributions in virtually all areas of the cult van – from the software and central computer architecture to the brakes and the sophisticated thermal management system for cooling the batteries, for example.

Continental supplies a variety of high-performance components developed in-house for the ID. Buzz, including the In-Car Application Server 1 (ICAS 1). As a fully connected server, the ICAS 1 forms the central data hub in the vehicle and acts as an interface between the ID. Buzz and the digital world. Developed by Continental in close collaboration with its subsidiary Elekrobit, the central high-performance computer, which also supplies the operating system, allows new software functions and security updates to be installed in the vehicle at any time via a wireless connection. At the same time, the ICAS 1 offers range-optimized route planning and locates charging stations for the electric microbus, rendering "electric" traveling easier and more convenient.

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