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Just arrived and already under way! Berlin's new S-Bahn now testing in the network

Test runs to every corner of the city's network – extensive tests – driver training

(Berlin, September 11, 2019) Did you spot it?! Berlin's "newcomer" made its debut last night on the S-Bahn network, running for two hours and getting to know its future home ground.

At 1:45 in the morning, the gate of the S-Bahn's depot in Grünau (Köpenick District) swung open and the city welcomed the first train of the new 483/484 class. Night for night, the train will be out testing every last corner of the 327-kilometer network to see if everything is running smoothly.

Among other things, the tests will include:

- Checking if the train control system is working properly in the network
- Analyzing the train's handling
- Testing ride comfort in the train's future home ground.

At the same time, six trainers of future locomotive drivers for this new class also began their own training course. After all, the newcomer is full of much more advanced technology than in the older trains, and the drivers must master them.

The first train arrived at the Schöneweide S-Bahn depot in June and underwent extensive functional tests of its various components, including brakes, car doors, heating and air conditioning systems, windscreen wipers, lights, train control system, general handling and much more.

Previously, the train had to pass numerous rigorous tests at the Siemens Test and Validation Center in Wegberg-Wildenrath, in the state of North-Rhine Westphalia, such as type tests for derailment safety and brake tests for measuring braking distances. All ten of the pre-series trains must complete a total of 160,000 test kilometers before they enter passenger service on January 1, 2021.

Incidentally: A second train will also begin its test runs in the Berlin network this September.

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