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## All new S-Bahn trains for Berlin now in service

**106 new trains delivered on schedule and in passenger service · New trains offer a high level of comfort, state-of-the-art passenger information and cameras for greater security · Ceremonial delivery of last train of the new 483/484 series to enter service**

(Berlin, September 18, 2023) The new Berlin S-Bahn fleet has been completed today: all 106 trains of the new series are now in service. The trains, equipped with air conditioning, state-of-the-art passenger information systems and cameras for greater security, offer passengers a new level of comfort and convenience. The new fleet also increases the transport capacity in parts of the city's S-Bahn network, thus expanding services. In the course of replacing the older trains, the number of cars per train was also increased. For customers, this has specific benefits: longer trains operate on the Ring lines S41/S42 as well as the S8 line, and the S8 line is extended to Wildau during peak hours. The new S-Bahn fleet now offers a total of around 18,000 seats. The new trains have entered service successively since the beginning of 2021, and have been operating on lines S41, S42, S46, S47 and S8 since then.

Representatives from politics, business, the Berlin-Brandenburg Transport Association (VBB) and the Berlin S-Bahn gathered today at the Charlottenburg S-Bahn station for the ceremonial delivery of the last train in this tranche. The states of Berlin and Brandenburg are financing the purchase of the trains, which were manufactured by a consortium of Stadler and Siemens.

### **Manja Schreiner, Berlin Senator for Mobility, Transport, Climate Protection, and the Environment:**

*“Completion of the new fleet of trains on the Ring line marks a significant step forward for the S-Bahn service and the entire Berlin public transport system. This progress can be directly experienced by passengers every day: the longer trains offer more seats; air conditioning and the state-of-the-art passenger information system enhance comfort and convenience. The expanded and improved service can make switching to rail an interesting option for many. We will continue to pursue this course of offering attractive services to win over more and more people.”*

### **Guido Beermann, Minister for Infrastructure and State Planning of the State of Brandenburg:**

*“The S-Bahn is a vital link between Brandenburg and Berlin, especially for the many commuters. I am therefore delighted that the new fleet of trains is now complete. By providing significantly more space on board and many technical innovations, we are making climate-friendly public transport even more attractive. This is how the transport transition works.”*

### **S-Bahn CEO Peter Buchner:**

*“We have received very positive responses to the new air-conditioned, quiet and comfortable trains – from our passengers as well as our employees. The new trains have already covered around 17 million kilometers in service.”*

### **Ute Bonde, Managing Director of Verkehrsverbund Berlin-Brandenburg:**

*“We are especially pleased that the new trains have been delivered on time despite the difficult conditions and are now all in service. For passengers, this means benefiting from more space and*

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*greater comfort and convenience on the Ring line and on the S46, S47, and S8 lines. Looking to the tasks ahead, we welcome the fact that S-Bahn Berlin GmbH is strongly committed to continuing its longevity program for the older 481 series trains. It is important to keep this main part of the S-Bahn fleet fully upgraded for operations until it is replaced by further new trains.”*

**Jure Mikočič, CEO Stadler Germany:**

*“Our employees worked on the project in various phases for nearly ten years. The collaboration with our consortium partner Siemens and S-Bahn Berlin was very good throughout the entire project. We are especially proud that we were able to manufacture the new S-Bahn trains for Berlin at our location here in Berlin.”*

**Elmar Zeiler, Head of Commuter and Regional Trains, Siemens Mobility:**

*“As a company with Berlin roots, we are particularly proud to be contributing to a sustainable improvement in passenger experience and comfort on the Berlin S-Bahn. The trains of the new 483/484 series not only stand out with their reliability, greater seating capacity and air conditioning, but also with their modern, energy-efficient drive technology.”*

The 483/484 series trains are part of the transport contract for the Ring subnetwork and are financed by the regions of Berlin and Brandenburg. Parallel, S-Bahn Berlin is continuing to implement its “BR 481 longevity program”. More than 300 of the 500 trains in the 481 series (built between 1996 and 2004) have already been rebuilt.

Every day, around 1.4 million people use the S-Bahn Berlin trains, which operate on 16 lines in the capital and the state of Brandenburg.

## Note for journalists

Photos of the event will be available as of 3:00 p.m. today at:

and

<https://mediathek.deutschebahn.com/marsDB/ko/de/7372404>

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