

Trains, Locomotives and People

Behind the grand entrance arch of the former Anhalter Bahnhof station begins the world of rail transport. In former times Berlin was Germany's railway capital with numerous main-line stations and locomotive works, and it is from this that the exhibition derives its inspiration.

Our presentation of Germany's railway history starts with the steam engine "Beuth", moving on to the first ever electric railway (invented by Werner Siemens), express locomotives of various classes, rubble trains and railcars, and ending with diesel engines and the precursors of the ICE high-speed train.

We show how, in their time, these technical innovations were bound up with social developments. Souvenirs of journeys past are placed fittingly beside the models of old passenger carriages, just as a soldier's parcel from the front finds its place near the war locomotives. You can look at some of the engines from underneath, or step onto the footplate yourself and explore the cab.

33 Milestones of Railway History

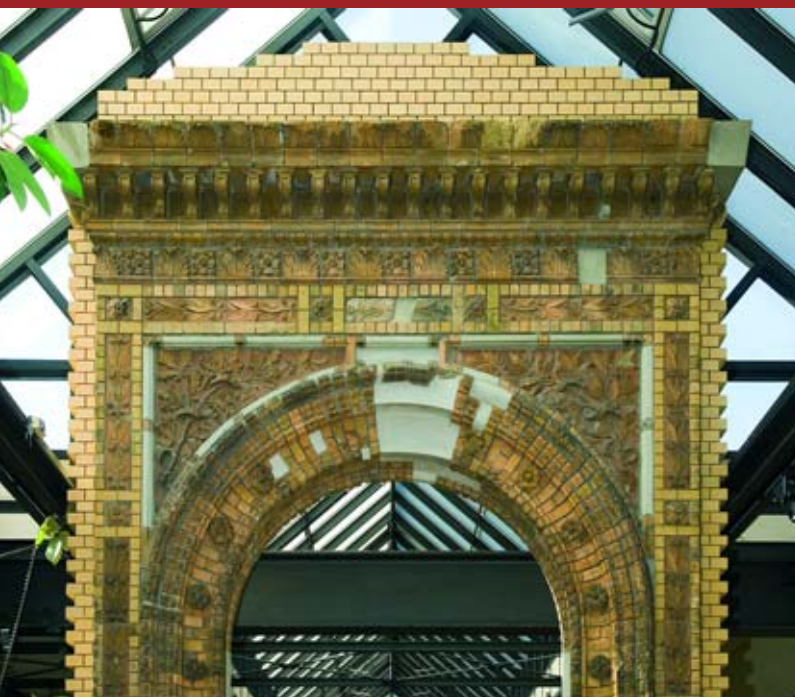
OBJECTS

- A** The grand entrance arch of Anhalter Bahnhof station 1880
- 21** Express locomotive "Beuth" 1842
- 20** Passenger carriage of the Breslau-Freiburg Railway 1843
- 19** Goods engine of the Austrian Southern Railways 1860
- 18** Tank engine "Kiel" 1872
- 17** First electric locomotive 1879
- 13** Driver's cab of express locomotive S 5.2 1905
- 12** Prussian tank engine T 9.3 1900
- 11** Industrial engine (Prussian T 3) 1901
- 10** Electric local railway train 1898
- 9** "Kittel" tank engine 1911
- 8** Express locomotive S 10 1911
- 7** Passenger engine P 8 1914
- 6** Half of an AC electric locomotive 1902
- 5** Electric locomotive of the Rhaetian Railway 1913
- 4** Saloon carriage for Kaiser Wilhelm II 1914
- 1** Electric goods engine E 71 1922
- 2** Rack engine 97 504 1925
- 3** Articulated locomotive NGG 13 1928
- 4** Mixed traffic locomotive E 44 131 1932
- 5** "S-Bahn" City railcar 1928
- 6** Open-cast mine locomotive 1950
- 7** Express carriage with dining room 1953
- 8** Goods engine 50 001 1939
- 9** Express locomotive 01 1082 1939/1956
- 10** Express locomotive E 19 01 1938
- 11** Austerity locomotive 52 4966 1942
- 12** Goods wagon used for deporting Jews 1943
- 13** Works locomotive with rubble train 1948
- 14** Diesel railcar 1954
- 15** Diesel locomotive V 200 018, West German Railways DB 1957
- 16** Diesel locomotive V 180 075, East German Railways DR 1965
- 17** Experimental Diesel locomotive DE 2500 1971

"Dining on Rails"
in the Beamtenhaus

TOPICS

- A** Wheel and track before the railways 1800
- B** The first steam horse in Berlin 1816
- C** "Der Adler" from England 1835
- 21** Borsig and his locomotives 1841
- 20** Berlin's first railway stations 1848
- 19** Strousberg the railway king 1866
- 18** Bismarck and the railways 1871
- 17** The first electric railway 1879
- 13** Railway Centre Berlin 1880
- 12** Prussia's locomotives 1890
- 11** Minor railways and local railways 1892
- 10** Travelling by train 1895
- 9** German Colonial Railways 1899
- 8** The modern superheated steam locomotive 1906
- 7** Half a million railway workers 1908
- 6** Speed records – and Utopia on the rails 1909
- 4** To war by train 1914
- 1** The end of the monarchy 1918
- 2** From the provincial railways to the German Reichsbahn 1920
- 3** Thirty German locomotive works 1927
- 4** Electric locomotives 1932
- 5** Internal combustion engines and the railway 1933
- 6** Electric rail power from lignite 1935
- 8** Reich Transport Minister Julius Dorpmüller 1937
- 9** Streamlined steam engines 1938
- 10** Railways and the swastika 1940
- 11** Armaments, war and the railways 1942
- 12** By train to the death-camps 1943
- 13** "Rubble trains" and "rubble women" 1948
- 14** Restoration and rail-buses 1952
- 15** Diesel locomotives in the economic miracle 1960
- 16** A locomotive for Europe 1967
- 17** The railway of the future 1980



Signalling rod 1950



Electric locomotive 1879



Model 1905



Water bottles 1913



Mitropa cups 1920



Express locomotive 1939/60



Turntable



Railway

Exhibits with a Past

FROM THE MINE CART TO THE S10

Signs of Use

VISIBLE HISTORY

Engine Shed in the Park

A PLACE WITH A PAST

Until 1944 the mine cart and the S 10 express engine were both exhibits in Berlin's Museum of Transport and Construction, which had been set up in 1906 by the State Railway Administration to explain railway engineering in detail to railway apprentices and the general public. Many exhibits from that collection are today on show in the German Museum of Technology in Berlin. By the way, the S 10 steam engine runs several times a day, and you can push the mine cart along yourself.

The exhibited objects tell stories of technical and social advances. For example, beside the newly painted imperial carriage you will find an oily, cut-away Prussian P 8-class steam engine challenging established ways of seeing – not painted over but cleaned up and protected from further decay. Worn wooden steps provide a reminder of the daily routine of the railways, while broken glass speaks of the passing of old technologies.

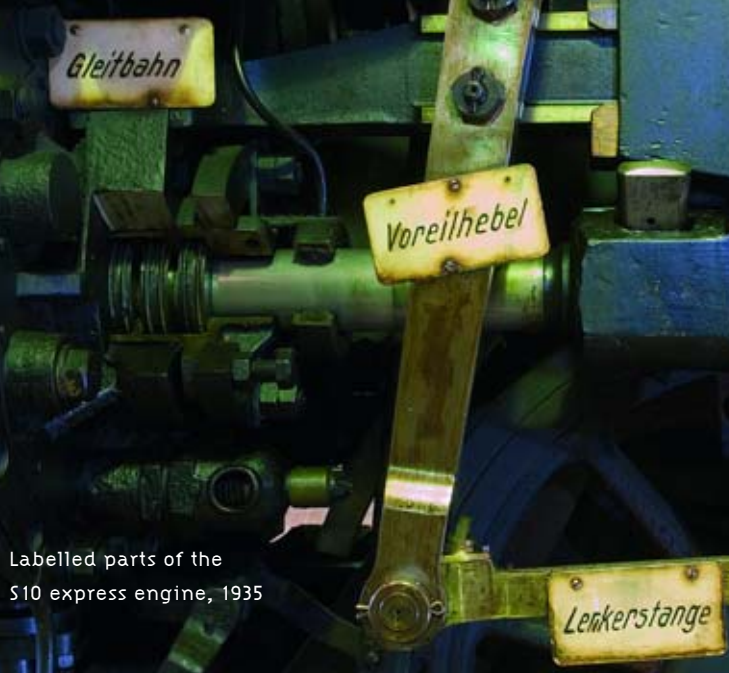
You will find the exhibition on 33 tracks in the former engineering works of the Berlin-Anhalt Railway Company, which was built in 1874, damaged by bombs in the Second World War and closed in 1952. A group of three overgrown tracks in the first engine shed provide a reminder that the site lay abandoned for thirty years. The plants growing here include the Mahaleb cherry (normally a Mediterranean plant), giant knotweed (a native of Siberia) and the medicinal herbs evening primrose and lady's mantle. The museum began using the site in 1987.

DEMONSTRATIONS

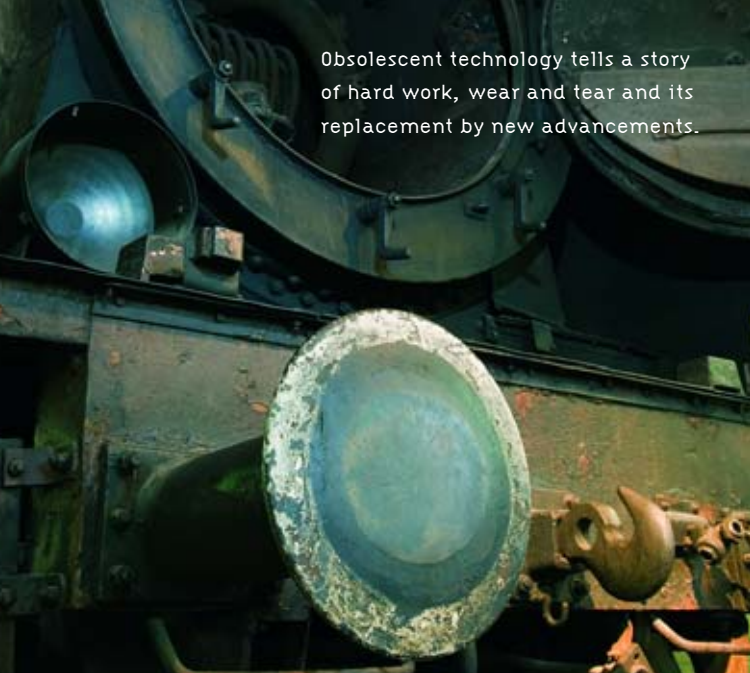
For the times of demonstrations of the steam engine and the S10 express engine please see the visitor information system.

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Labelled parts of the S10 express engine, 1935



Obsolent technology tells a story of hard work, wear and tear and its replacement by new advancements.



The figures "day" and "night" from the Anhalter Bahnhof station symbolise the passing of time.



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