

Alternative Drive Systems At Daimler AG For The Mobility Of The Future

{mosgoogle right}The internal combustion engine seems the perfect drive system for passenger cars and commercial vehicles. Since the invention of the gasoline-powered automobile in 1886 by Karl Benz and Gottlieb Daimler, each working independently of the other, and the subsequent introduction of the diesel engine, it has become the global standard. This has been helped by the many advantages it offers: today's engines are powerful and refined, relatively compact, durable, and require little maintenance. Energy supplies in the form of fuel can easily be transported and replenished as and when required. The range of distances that can be traveled is large, and there is a dense network of gas stations. The vehicles are easy to operate and offer great flexibility of use. Additionally, over the years, the drive systems have managed to keep pace with ever more stringent environmental regulations. Daimler AG and its predecessor companies have played major roles in this development.

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