



Press Release

Joint Award Ceremony Held by DVR, EVU and DEKRA

Dr. Stefan Guserle Receives the European Commercial Vehicle Safety Award

Dr. Stefan Guserle has received the European Commercial Vehicle Safety 2019 Award. The 52-year-old head of the Body & Crash Simulation department at MAN Truck & Bus SE was honored at the DEKRA Commercial Vehicle Outlook Conference in Berlin. This year, the award was presented for the 30th time by the European Association for Accident Research and Analysis (EVU), the German Road Safety Council (DVR) and DEKRA.

“By presenting Dr. Guserle with this award, we are once again honoring a person whose professional achievements have made a special contribution to the safety of commercial vehicles,” said EVU President **Jörg Ahlgrimm** in his congratulatory speech. “He is responsible for a whole series of projects, all of which are ultimately concerned with optimizing passive safety and occupant protection. His work in the field of simulation, testing and the definition of crash load cases goes far beyond the standard statutory requirements.”

Dr. Stefan Guserle studied mechanical engineering at the Technical University of Munich and earned his PhD in 2001. In 2000, he joined MAN as a calculation engineer specializing in strength calculations and crash simulations for truck cabins. In 2006, he was appointed head of department and so became responsible for passive safety and occupant protection at MAN.

His responsibilities include crash calculation and testing, strength calculations for trucks and buses as well as the development of virtual testing methods and homologation in virtual processes. The passive safety of commercial vehicles with electric drives is nowadays increasingly coming to the fore.

Dr. Guserle is also responsible for accident statistics and accident analysis for trucks and buses – an important basis for assessing risks in vehicle development.

His dedication to enhancing the safety of commercial vehicles can also be seen in his numerous scientific publications. In the Research Association of Automotive Technology (FAT), Dr. Guserle is chairman of the Safety of Commercial Vehicles working group.

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He also conducts research into how occupants of commercial vehicles can be rescued from severely deformed vehicles after accidents. "With great personal dedication, Dr. Guserle has established accident rescue as a key area of research at MAN. In numerous campaigns conducted with Daimler, fire departments, accident doctors and DEKRA, he has developed extensive expertise, which he has passed on to the emergency and rescue services so that it can be put into practice. For this, too, he deserves our thanks and recognition," said EVU President Ahlgrimm.

Jann Fehlauer, Managing Director of DEKRA Automobil GmbH, commented: "In the commercial vehicle sector in particular, enormous progress has been made in recent decades with regard to road safety, as the accident statistics impressively demonstrate. Thanks to his endeavors, Dr. Stefan Guserle has played a key role in ensuring that this positive development can continue into the future. The European Commercial Vehicle Safety Award is our way of acknowledging his contribution."

Welf Stankowitz, Head of Vehicle Technology at DVR, was also full of praise for the winner: "Together with its members, the DVR has been working tirelessly for 50 years to further reduce the number of accidents and mitigate their consequences. In doing so, we are guided by the 'VISION ZERO' safety strategy. The introduction of active and passive safety systems has already helped to significantly reduce the number of accidents and will continue to play a key role in enhancing safety on our roads in the future," said Stankowitz.

Picture Captions:

Guserle 1: Dr. Stefan Guserle (2nd from right) has been presented with the European Commercial Vehicle Safety Award. First congratulators were Jann Fehlauer (right), Managing Director of DEKRA Automobil GmbH, EVU President Jörg Ahlgrimm (left) and Welf Stankowitz (2nd from left), Head of Vehicle Technology at DVR.

Guserle 2: Dr. Stefan Guserle has been presented with the European Commercial Vehicle Safety Award. This year, the award was presented for the 30th time by the European Association for Accident Research and Analysis (EVU), the German Road Safety Council (DVR) and DEKRA.

The award winners:

- 1990 Professor Pal Strifler (Daimler), Hungary
- 1991 Professor Nikolaus Marx (University of Bremen), Germany
- 1992 Professor Ernst Göhring (Daimler), Germany
- 1993 Professor Klaus Langwieder (European Insurances Association), Germany
- 1994 Professor Egon-Christian von Glasner (Daimler), Germany
- 1995 Professor Gyula Köfalvi (Széchenyi István University), Győr, Hungary
- 1996 Siegfried Werber (DVR), Germany

- 1997 Professor Pál Michelberger (University of Budapest, President of FISITA), Hungary
- 1998 Eric Thoms (Scania), Sweden
- 1999 Toru Kajiyama (Isuzu), Japan
- 2000 Richard Hildebrandt (Allied Signal), USA
- 2001 Paul Oppenheimer MBE (Lucas-Girling), Great Britain
- 2002 Professor Jovan Todorovic (University of Belgrade), Serbia
- 2003 Bernard Tripier (Bosch), France
- 2004 Professor Sigmar Micke (Bosch), USA
- 2005 Friedrich-Wilhelm Matzner (Bendiberica), Spain
- 2006 Dr. Fujio Momiyama (Hino), Japan
- 2007 Dr. Jürgen Trost (Daimler), Germany
- 2008 Lennart Svenson (Volvo), Sweden
- 2009 Professor László Palkovics (Knorr), Hungary
- 2010 Professor Hartmut Marwitz (Daimler), Germany
- 2011 Hidehiko Enomoto (Hino), Japan
- 2012 Eberhard Hipp (MAN), Germany
- 2013 Christian Börner (BG Fahrzeuge), Germany
- 2014 Dr. Erwin Petersen (WABCO), Germany
- 2015 Professor Jörg Zürn (Daimler), Germany
- 2016 Dr. Christian Wiehen (WABCO), Germany
- 2017 Fredrich Claezon (Scania), Sweden
- 2018 Alexander Berg (DEKRA), Germany
- 2019 Dr. Stefan Guserle (MAN), Germany