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**PARAVAN donation for modern motor vehicle master craftsman training**

*Roland Arnold and Paravan GmbH are supporting modern automotive master craftsman training in the region with their donation of an all-electric VW ID.3 to the Metzingen Vocational School. Qualified young people are urgently needed in the automotive trade.*



*Handing over the keys at the anniversary celebration: from left: Heiner Dolmetsch, head of the motor vehicle department at the vocational school, PARAVAN managing director Roland Arnold, Susanne Lauffer-Dietborn, headmistress of the vocational school in Metzingen, school sponsor and district administrator Dr Ulrich Fiedler, Photo: PARAVAN*

PARAVAN GmbH from Pfronstetten Aichelau donated a VW ID.3 as part of the anniversary celebrations of "50 years of the motor vehicle master school at the Gewerbliche Schule Metzingen". The electric vehicle donated by the mobility tinkerers from the Swabian Alb will be used in future for the master car mechanic training and examination, for example as a "fault vehicle".

"The change in the automotive industry is perceptible and far-reaching everywhere," emphasised PARAVAN Managing Director Roland Arnold at the vehicle handover in Metzingen, who himself once attended school in Metzingen as a car mechanic apprentice, in the run-up to the anniversary celebrations. This applies to the entire vehicle architecture and software, the sensors, the braking and steering system and the drive train. Many vehicles delivered to customers today have complex assistance systems and sensor technology as well as an electric drive. "The requirements for the job profile are currently changing seriously and we urgently need well-trained specialists who are perfectly familiar with these new technologies and we would like to make a contribution to this with the vehicle."

When Roland Arnold heard that it was becoming increasingly difficult for the Metzingen vocational school to obtain modern vehicles for vocational training, it was a matter of course for the mobility pioneer to support the school. "I very much hope that more entrepreneurs from the region will follow this example," he says. "We urgently need well-trained skilled workers who are perfectly familiar with these new requirements and we all have to contribute to this."

"Such a vehicle is indispensable for training and we are very grateful that PARAVAN GmbH supports us with this donation. This is the only way we can offer up-to-date training," says Susanne Lauffer-Dietborn, headmistress of the Metzingen vocational school. And well-trained specialists are desperately needed everywhere, including at PARAVAN GmbH.

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In future, the vehicle will find its place in the workshop of the vocational school in Metzingen for the training of future master car mechanics. Whether it is to familiarise themselves with the technology or to locate and eliminate faults defined by the instructor. "The vehicle ideally complements the vehicle fleet of the workshops at the school," says Heiner Dolmetsch, head of the motor vehicle department at the vocational school. The VW ID3 will also be used for the final exams.



*A vehicle donated by PARAVAN GmbH for learning new technologies and not for driving, that is what the all-electric VW ID.3 is primarily intended for. Photo: PARAVAN*

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