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Schaeffler receives Sustainability Award in the Automotive sector with E-Axle Repair Tool

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- Award from ATZ/MTZ Group and Arthur D. Little in the category "Mobility Concepts: Business Models"
- Repair instead of replace: Sustainable and economical electric motor repair
- Combination of sustainability, cost-effectiveness, and technical precision
- Tangible contribution to climate protection and circular economy

Schaeffler is the winner of the Sustainability Award in Automotive 2026, which will be presented for the sixth time on May 19, 2026. The ATZ/MTZ Group and the management consultancy Arthur D. Little honor companies for their outstanding contribution to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with sustainable solutions. The Schaeffler Group is distinguished in the category "Mobility Concepts: Business Models" for its Schaeffler E-Axle Repair Tool. The tool can be used to professionally repair electric motors – instead of replacing them completely. The solution combines sustainability, cost-effectiveness and technical precision, thus creating new opportunities for repair shops and vehicle owners.

Schaeffler CEO Klaus Rosenfeld says: "We are very pleased to receive this important award. It is confirmation of our efforts to shape motion sustainably with climate-friendly products and innovative repair solutions. I would like to express my gratitude to Jens Schöler and his team at Vehicle Lifetime Solutions, which is one of the pioneers in the circular economy."

The Schaeffler E-Axle Repair Tool, a new special tool, enables safe, controlled, and low-damage disassembly and assembly of electric motors, while being universally adaptable for different types of electric motors. Thanks to the high rigidity and mechanical precision, strongly adhering seals can be loosened and bearings can be pressed in without affecting sensitive components. Press forces of up to 10,000 Newtons support even demanding repair steps. The Schaeffler E-Axle Repair Tool thus makes e-mobility more sustainable, economical, and repairable.

A key advantage of the solution is the conservation of resources: The reconditioning of electric motors can significantly reduce the carbon footprint compared to the volume production solution. This innovative solution thus makes a tangible contribution to climate protection and the circular economy.

“We do not see sustainability as an add on, but as an integral part of future proof business models. The E Axle Repair Tool illustrates our ambition to combine technological innovation with measurable environmental benefits and clear economic value, strengthening repair, circularity, and long term viability in e mobility”, says Jens Schöler, CEO Vehicle Lifetime Solutions at Schaeffler AG.

As part of Schaeffler’s Vehicle Lifetime Solutions portfolio, the E Axle Repair Tool supports a repair focused aftermarket business model that combines circularity with economic viability.

In addition, the Schaeffler E-Axle Repair Tool opens up new business opportunities for repair shops in the growing e-mobility market. It helps repairers specialize in electric motor refurbishment, while creating an economically attractive approach for vehicle owners looking for a cost-effective alternative to complete replacement.

With a view to the UN Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations (UN), which address key global challenges in the areas of ecology, society, and governance, the Schaeffler E-Axle Repair Tool pays particular attention to the Sustainable Development Goals SDG 8, 9, 12, and 13: Decent work and economic growth, industry, innovation and infrastructure, sustainable consumption and production, and climate protection measures. Schaeffler is thus underscoring its commitment to combining technological innovation with measurable ecological benefits.

The award ceremony will take place as part of the 20th International MTZ Symposium on Future Powertrains "Electric Drives and Energy Systems" on May 19, 2026 in Frankfurt am Main.

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The Schaeffler E-Axle Repair Tool enables precise, contact-free disassembly and assembly of the rotor and stator. (Photo: Schaeffler)

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