

Carl Friederichs GmbH – a rich tradition, a strong future

- 1840** Heinrich Ludwig Friederichs establishes an upholstery and body shop at Große Bockenheimer Straße in Frankfurt
- 1876** The company is handed over to the son Carl Friederichs; motorized vehicles are beginning to replace horse carriages
- 1900** The sons Heinrich und Rudolf Friederichs take over the company. Design of automobile bodies, patent for a convertible body, regular supply of vehicles to the Grand Duke of Luxemburg, transition to the production of commercial vehicles
- 1945** Commencement of business activities at the new premises in Gutleutstraße, Frankfurt
- 1953** Relocation to Hardenbergstraße
- 1964** Opening of a second plant in Schlitzer Straße for the production of commercial vehicles of all kinds for Europe, the Orient and Africa
- 1980** Takeover of special-body manufacturer "Hartmann Spezialkarosserien" in Alsfeld, Hessen
- 1991** Establishment of the non-profit foundation „Heinz und Gisela Friederichs Stiftung“
- 2003** Installation of a state-of-the-art test-bench for brake systems and a calibrated vehicle weighing system
- 2004** Opening of the new large paint shop
- 2006** Opening of additional halls for the production of armored off-road vehicles



Henrik Schepler – Managing Director



Always up-to-date

Since the establishment of the company more than 165 years ago, we have been supplying our customers with the most advanced bodies based on the newest technical developments of the time. Today, we look back at a company with a long tradition: from the beginnings with coach building, the first motorized vehicles, up to the conversions and bodies of today. These are individually crafted to match the needs of our clients in Germany and worldwide, for the most diverse operating conditions and on the basis of almost all commercially available chassis. We create special-purpose vehicles which are perfectly matched to their specific tasks. In addition, our repair shop offers repair and paint services for cars and trucks of all makes.

A customer-focused company policy, a dedicated and ambitious management team, and a highly motivated and qualified staff of 100 employees make Carl Friederichs GmbH a sound and successful enterprise. Investments made from our own resources ensure that the success story will be continued in the future. We demand the highest quality of our products and services; compliance is ensured by a proprietary quality-control system which is certified in accordance with DIN ISO 9001:2000, a fact well appreciated by our customers around the world.

The „Heinz und Gisela Friederichs Stiftung“, a non-profit foundation, is the partner of the Carl Friederichs GmbH.



Off-road and escort vehicles – the „rolling fortresses“

Our armored off-road and escort vehicles are designed to effectively protect endangered persons against terrorist or criminal attacks, but are just as suitable for the transport of valuables such as money, precious metals, diamonds and sensitive medical and nuclear materials. The vehicles provide the highest level of armoring and withstand the highest loads. To test their resistance, all materials such as glass, steel and plastics are subject to comprehensive ballistic and detonation tests, which are also applied to welded joints, canted edges and other joints. Additionally, scale samples and complete armored vehicles are put through comprehensive tests to verify the „body effect“.

All tests are performed by the State Firearms Safety Authorities of Germany. A wide variety of options such as explosion-proof fuel tanks or run-flat tires are available upon request.



Surveillance containers as „modern fortifications“

In times of growing potential threat, object security becomes an issue of increasing importance. Whether commercial, public or private installation: we have developed armored surveillance containers in various sizes and models to provide effective protection for endangered areas and buildings. As with our armored vehicles, these containers must pass the full range of ballistic and explosive tests by a State Firearms Safety Authority (up to the European protection class VR7 and higher). The containers are CE-certified and EMC-compliant. Depending on the specified task, the containers are often equipped with options such as gas-attack protection system, self-contained generators for the supply of the life-support and digital radio-communication systems. A wide range of further security equipment is available to suit the individual needs of our customers.



Armored valuables and passenger vans – “mobile vaults”

Special vehicles providing maximum protection are required whenever larger quantities of valuables must be safely transported from A to B. Such valuables can be tons of coins or bank notes worth millions; other precious items such as printing blocks or plates for bank-note printing, pieces of art, jewelry and precious metals; or sensitive items such as firearms, ammunition or highly toxic substances. For all these highly demanding tasks we develop and manufacture protected and armored special vehicles which can be used variably for unlimited purposes.

Our experience gained in more than 40 years of building armored vehicles is of course also applied to our high-security armored passenger vehicles. These facilitate the transportation of political leaders and their staff, guests, interpreters, etc. at the highest possible protection level and, most importantly, in an inconspicuous manner – just like sitting in a „mobile vault“.



Infomobiles and laboratory vehicles – flexibility and mobility

Even in the era of online-shopping, products are best sold when clients are offered a touch-and-feel experience. For such purposes, we develop and manufacture state-of-the-art mobile presentation centers, known as “Infomobiles”. These are used to provide an impressive surrounding for the presentation of products such as bathroom appliances, heating systems, solar panels, just to name a few. In the Infomobiles, potential end-customers can listen to sales presentations and even participate in training programs on site without the need to rent additional space and staff. This means the mobile information centers are highly flexible and economically effective.

The same applies to our mobile laboratory vehicles, which can be used for chemical or technical analyses or for forensic applications. Here, the complex and costly installations, measuring devices and special equipments can easily double the price of the vehicle.



Service, repair and fire vehicles – all on board

Anybody who has ever attempted a roadside repair, only to find they don't have the right tools along, knows the problem. To save our customers from this experience, we manufacture fully equipped service and workshop vehicles for all trades. Our mobile workshops are made of a base vehicle, our special body and a multitude of equipment, such as generators, air-compressors, battery chargers, welding systems, drills and grinders as well as tire-mounting machines and lubrication systems. Qualified repair of vehicles, machines or other devices can hence be performed even in the world's most remote locations. A fully equipped special vehicle can hence ensure the provision of services within a wide area, saving our customers the operation of local service points.

Our fire-fighting vehicles are also custom-built to meet the requirements of the rough conditions at fire or accident sites.



Mini-busses and police vehicles – comfortable and safe



Initially, there was a request for comfortable passenger transport using reliable commercially available vans, which however were available with up to nine seats only. Our special conversions offer up to 27 seats – without any modifications to the body. The seats are covered with high-quality materials, including genuine leather, and can be equipped with lap belts or integrated inertia belts. Of course, matching headrests and other options such as fold-away tables, net pockets or shelves are available. A powerful low-noise roof-mounted air-conditioning system can also be provided.

Our mini-busses can of course also be used for other purposes. We offer a multitude of conversions for staff and patrol vehicles for the police, which can be equipped with concealed or visible signaling devices, secure storage compartments for firearms and equipment, and in-car computers with internet-access. Matching paint schemes or adhesive films are also available.

