

BILSTER BERG – Awards and Accolades

BILSTER BERG officially opened in 2013. In its short history, the racetrack located in Teutoburg Forest has already won a number of awards.

The German Motor Sport Federation's 2015 Environment Award

In December 2015, BILSTER BERG won the German Motor Sport Federation's 2015 Environment Award.

With this award, the German Motor Sport Federation (DMSB) recognized the transformation of a former military base into an environmentally compatible racetrack. The jury, made up of DMSB experts, mainly based their decision on the professional planning and implementation of the project. The award acknowledged BILSTER BERG's comprehensive sustainability concept, which is based on the three pillars of environmental management, ecological compensation, and noise monitoring.

"BILSTER BERG did more than simply wait for requests to come down from the authorities – they made concrete offers. They weren't interested in quibbling over details; they were looking at the bigger picture. And they were successful," said Dr. Karl-Friedrich Ziegahn, Chairman of the DMSB Environmental Committee, discussing their decision to present the award to BILSTER BERG.

BILSTER BERG donated the EUR 5,000 prize money to a number of charitable projects in the region, such as the Steinheim crater, the com.Aktiv youth center, Stiftung Natur (a nature conservation foundation), and the town of Nieheim.

Motorsport Facility of the Year 2013

In November 2012, BILSTER BERG was named Motorsport Facility of the Year 2013 during the Professional MotorSport World Expo, the motorsport exhibition held annually in Cologne.

The jury was comprised of renowned experts from the automotive and motorsport sectors, including Jonas Näfver, Automotive R&D Manager at Öhlins.

DIN EN ISO 14001 Environmental Management System Certification

In December 2013, BILSTER BERG's environmental management system was certified in accordance with DIN EN ISO 14001:2009-11. The certificate remained in effect until the end of 2016.

In January 2017, BILSTER BERG's received a DIN EN ISO 14001:2015 certificate. BILSTER BERG was recertified in 2019; as a result, the certificate will remain in effect until the end of 2022.

The international standard defines the requirements that an environmental management system must meet so that organizations can improve their environmental performance, comply with legal and other obligations, and achieve their environmental goals.

The overall objective of an ISO 14001 certification is to encourage environmental protection, reduce environmental impacts, and achieve environmental goals in the right way – by finding a balance between economic, social and political demands.

"We want to continually improve our active environmental management and set new goals for ourselves so that we can move forward in compliance with the relevant standards." – Michael Retzmann, Head of Technology, Safety and Environment at BILSTER BERG.