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- The Ifa P-9 type sedan went into production as the VEB Ifa Automobil-Fabrik (EMW) in Eisenach during early January 1953. While plans called for a daily production of 40 cars, only 125 cars had left the plant prior to 27 February 1953. Of these, the Volkspolizei received 25, either as sedan or jeep type with folding top. The engines for this type of car were shipped to Eisenach from the Ifa-Werke in Chemnitz. Prior to March 1953, production was hampered by a lack of sheet. 1/
- The production of a jeep-type car with a four-wheel drive for the Volkspolizei, of which 160 had been completed by late 1952, had not yet been resumed prior to March 1953. The car was allegedly equipped with an EMW 340 engine. The frames for the cars were shipped by truck to Halle on the Saale River where bodies were added by an unidentified plant. The cars were then hauled back to Eisenach and completed there. In early February, preparations were made to execute all assembling operations in Eisenach. For this purpose, a four-story assembling shed was scheduled to be completed by March 1953. 2/
- Cars of the EMW-340 type, which included sedans, ambulances and delivery vans with wooden bodies, were produced at the rate of 10 to 20 per day. In late February 1953, a Belgian order for chassis and engines for cars of this type was under execution. The production of this type was scheduled to end in March 1953. While the numbering of vehicles of this type began with No 25000, No 44850 was completed on 27 February 1953. [REDACTED] 50X1-HUM
unlike other export deliveries, vehicles scheduled to be shipped to the USSR had to be packed in large boxes. It was rumored that EMW was planning shortly to start producing a new EMW type 342 sedan. 3/
- Prior to late February 1953, the daily production of 350 cubic centimeters EMW motorcycles was estimated to be about 35 to 45 motorcycles.
- Prior to late February 1953, the production was generally hampered by lack of sheets with the result that production was sometimes halted for one or two days. Soldering tin was also very scarce; substitutes in form of powder

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or solid bars proved unsuccessful. Other bottlenecks caused by lack of materials occurred in the varnishing shop, which occasionally had to stop working for two to four days per week.

6. [redacted] in January 1953 EMW had a labor force of about 7,300 workers including about 2,400 women. The number of apprentices which generally amounted to about 1,200 during 1952 was increased to about 2,000 in late 1952.
7. The production of runway plates which was stopped in July 1952 had not restarted prior to late February 1953.
8. In early 1953, the VEB Ifa Automobil-Fabrik (EMW) in Eisenach reported to DHZ Gummi/Asbest in East Berlin a demand for 13,100 tires of 5.00 - 16 type; 7,800 tires of 3.50 - 19 type; and 4,400 tires of 4.50 - 16 R-75 type for sidecar motorcycles with driven sidecar, for the third quarter of 1953; and 13,900 tires of 5.00 - 16 type; 3,200 tires of 3.50 - 19 type; and 8,800 tires of 4.50 - 16 R-75 type for the fourth quarter of 1953. 50X1-HUM
9. [redacted] in compliance with a government directive the EMW-340 type sedan was no longer to be produced in 1953, as it proved unsatisfactory for export purposes. It was to be replaced by the Ifa F-9 type whose production was to be considerably increased in 1954, especially for export. 50X1-HUM
1. Comment. [redacted] from early January to 14 March 1953, a total of 220 Ifa F-9 type sedans had been completed and [redacted] the average production was five cars per day during this period. [redacted] in early March 1953, different kinds of sheet were delivered by the USSR and that, therefore, the deficiency of sheet was made good. The sheet which was used for the construction of bodies is said to have Russian inscriptions and to be of better quality than the German-made sheet used so far. 50X1-HUM
2. Comment. The Halle works mentioned probably are the Ifa-Karosseriewerk Halle VEB. 50X1-HUM
3. Comment. [redacted] the EMW-342 type sedan is a vehicle under development which is scheduled to be manufactured as a five-seater like the type-340 car, but with considerable improvements, a new type body and a newly-designed engine. 50X1-HUM

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