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Personnel

1. The following are the leading personnel of the Tank Car Control Office (Kesselwagenleitstelle - KWL):

Chief	Wondra
Deputy Chief and Chief of Operations	Richard Neuhaus
Deputy Chief of Operations	Fred Specht
Commercial Chief	Engelmann
Chief Bookkeeper	Danneberg
Legal Adviser	Repp

Rolling Stock

1. Leased Car Park

There are 8,200 to 8,400 tank cars on lease to VEB firms. Of these, the following are permanently employed on the lines indicated:

	<u>Liquid</u>	<u>No. of cars</u>	<u>Axles per car</u>	<u>Routes</u>
	Jet fuel	150 - 180	4	Boehlen-Brest-Litovsk
	Methanol	250 - 280	2	Leuna-Brest-Litovsk
	Buna	200 - 220	4 & 2	Schkopau-Merseburg
	Crude oil	2020	4 & 2	Zistersdorf, Austria to Leuna or Luetzkendorf
	Crude oil	1000		Leuna or Zistersdorf- Krumpa

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Between 200 and 300 leased cars are on indefinite loan to other Soviet Bloc states.

2. Free Car Park

In addition to the tank cars on lease to firms, there exists a free car park under the direct control of the Ministry for Transport, which consists of:

1,400 tank cars for the transport of gasoline (VK-Wagen)

1,000 tank cars for the transport of diesel fuel (DK-Wagen)

Total 2,400

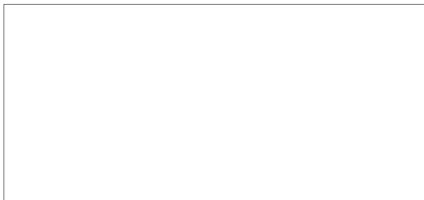
Of these, 73 are RU-Wagen, which are described as Russian built tank cars converted to standard guage.

3. SAG car park

Two thousand tank cars, which formerly belonged to the Russian-controlled SAG firms, were not returned with the firms to East German control in 1954. Their return to the Reichsbahn dates only from 1 January 1955.

4. Effective Quantity of Rolling Stock

The Tank Car Control office operates with an estimated permanent effective strength of usable tank cars varying around 12,000 cars. This figure does not include cars under repair or on loan to other Soviet Bloc states. No new tank cars have been built since the war, although some cannibalization of decrepit stock has taken place.



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