



## On expansion course: vehicle technology developer BFFT extends automotive expertise around the world

**Ingolstadt-based vehicle technology developer BFFT is evolving just as rapidly as the automotive industry. The company is expanding impressively at a national and international level: Within a year, BFFT opened offices in Regensburg, Wolfsburg, Neckarsulm and Neuburg, as well as in the USA, England and Italy.**

*Ingolstadt (27 February 2014)* - Founded in 1998 as a kind of "two-man show", BFFT today boasts approximately 700 employees at home and abroad, and the title "AUDI AG Strategic Development Partner". "Electric and electronic components for the automotive industry are a key focus in our range of services. For example, we work on the development of infotainment and driver assistance systems, and participate in various connectivity projects," says BFFT CEO Markus Fichtner. Clients and partners include the international automotive and aviation industries and their suppliers.

### Locations in Germany

In order to meet high customer expectations with regard to quality and function, the **Berlin** subsidiary was opened in 2009, with a similar range of responsibilities to the head office in **Gaimersheim** near Ingolstadt. In March 2013, BFFT also opened an office in **Regensburg**, which develops software for automotive control units. The **Wolfsburg** site was also added in the same year. At this district town in the east of Lower Saxony, BFFT is working on E-Sound development and test station maintenance, among other things. In February 2014, BFFT employees also assumed responsibility for various Audi projects at **Neckarsulm** in Württemberg. The most recent milestone of the national expansion strategy will be marked by the spring 2014 opening of the "Audi Driving Experience Center" in **Neuburg an der Donau**, where BFFT will be responsible for event management, customer care, technology and service.

### BFFT worldwide

Since 2012, BFFT staff has been handling various tasks for Audi customers in **Győr**, Hungary. 2013 saw the launch of "BFFT of America". In **Belmont** near San Francisco, BFFT develops mostly automotive software for the Electronics Research Laboratory (ERL) of the Volkswagen Group of America. In addition to the activities in the USA and Hungary, BFFT development engineers and specialists also work at other international locations of the Volkswagen Group. In England, for example, BFFT is involved in Bentley's test planning and management section in **Crewe**. In China, BFFT employees are working on several assignments for VW and Audi in the cities of **Changchun**, **Beijing** and **Foshan**. And since the beginning of 2014, BFFT has been supporting Lamborghini's test programming in **Sant'Agata Bolognese** in Italy.



## About BFFT

The *BFFT Gesellschaft für Fahrzeugtechnik mbH* is a vehicle technology developer focussing on electronics (BFFT= Behr Fichtner Fahrzeugtechnik). Established in 1998, the company has enjoyed continual growth and currently employs about 700 staff at its headquarters in Gaimersheim near Ingolstadt (Bavaria) and in other offices in Germany, China, England, Italy, Hungary and the USA. The range of products and services focussing on electronics extends from initial concepts, prototype and series-ready system developments to assuring and safeguarding these systems. Examples for development areas are infotainment, energy and driver assistance systems as well as connectivity. For the past few years, BFFT has also been involved in transferring automotive technologies to the aviation industry. Contractors and partners are international automotive and aviation industry companies and their suppliers.

Further information on BFFT can be found on the website [www.bfft.de](http://www.bfft.de) or gladly provided upon request from the following contact details.

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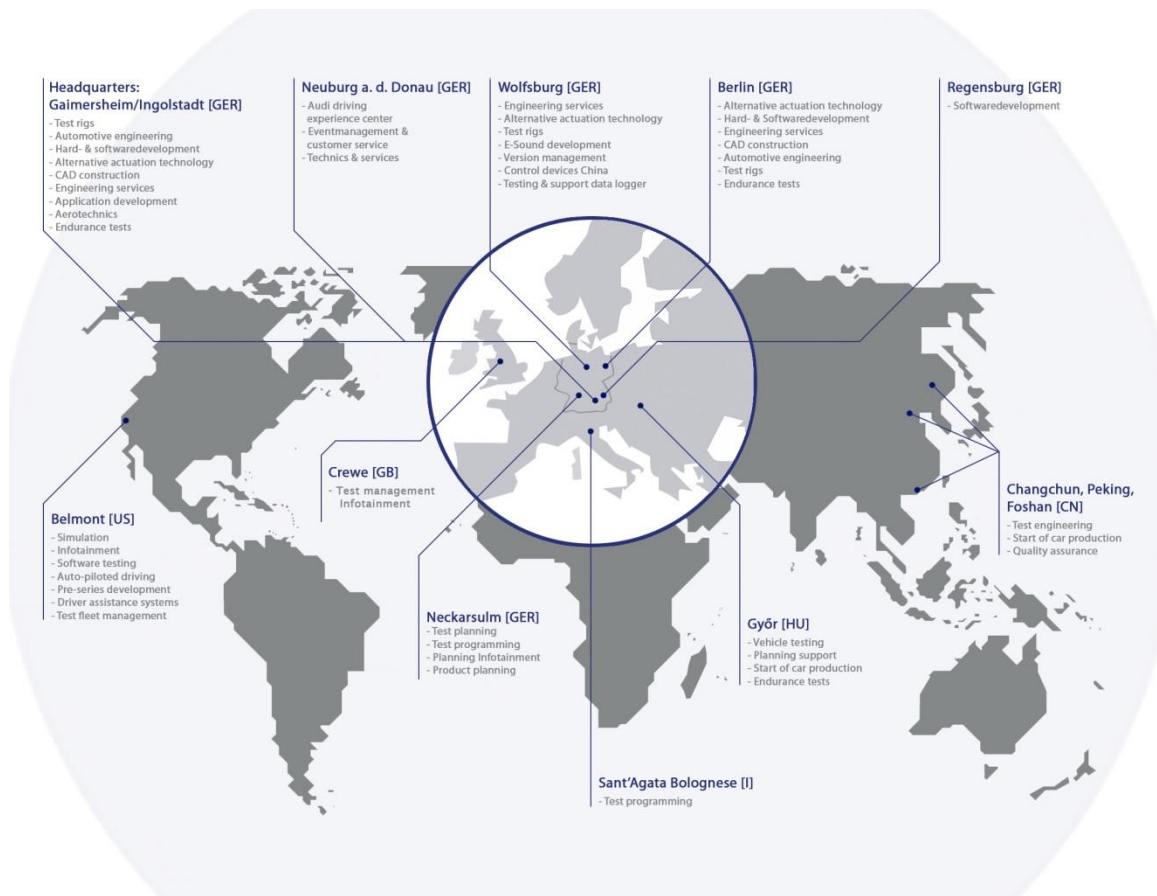
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BFFT-Headquarters in Gaimersheim near Ingolstadt.

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### Image 2



BFFT-locations and their main topics.

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