



straight into an old factory where the first vampires appear in the sky via video projections. The cleverly staged dusk scene, which even moves to complete darkness in a tunnel, suggests a far higher speed to passengers than the actual top speed of 40 km/h.

The coaster's convincing thematization and above all its sophisticated layout combine to make this ride a real success. Despite the low ceiling height confining the lifts to a level just short of eight meters, the engineers at Gerstlauer have demonstrated that exciting rollercoasters don't have to be large and long. Movie Park also benefited from Gerstlauer's previous experience with its "Mystery Mine" coaster in Dollywood and "The Curse of Novgorod" at Hansa-Park, EuroFighter coasters that move slowly through specific scenery or even stop briefly altogether. The EuroFighter carriages and Bobsled carriages are ideal for rollercoasters with thematic sections, since the short carriages mean all of the passengers pass through such scenes almost simultaneously.

Gerstlauer built the carriages in accordance with the stylish design drafts from Dutch company, Imagic.

On opening day it was already clear that Movie Park's new rollercoaster is destined to be a big hit with guests.

Gerstlauer began construction ahead of schedule on the coaster's first segments back in March. As with all Gerstlauer rollercoasters, the matt black rails are filled with sand. Other technical features such as the plastic shielding for the gears of the lift's chain keep the ride's noise level below 30 decibels.

The coaster was manufactured at Gerstlauer headquarters in the tradition-rich facilities of the former Schwarzkopf company in Münsterhausen, Germany, which Gerstlauer bought back in 1992 and where company founder Hubert Gerstlauer began his own career in 1963. Gerstlauer Amusement Rides GmbH was founded in 1982 and concentrated in its first years on manufacturing components such as lighting,

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electronic controls and pneumatics for rides. In 1997 the company delivered its first Ferris wheel. A year later Gerstlauer delivered its first rollercoaster, the "G'sengte Sau" Bobsled Coaster, to Tripsdrill where it remains one of the park's most popular attractions today.

In addition to its Bobsled Coasters, Gerstlauer is also known primarily for its "EuroFighter". 2003 saw the opening in Denmark's Bonbonland of "Vild-Svinet", the first dive rollercoaster with a 97° slope on the first drop. There are now ten EuroFighters in a broad range of layouts operating throughout the world, and three more will be added this year. "Takabisha" is the latest EuroFighter creation, Gerstlauer's largest rollercoaster ever. Japanese amusement park Fuji-Q Highland in Fujiyoshida, Yamanashi ordered a EuroFighter designed to be approximately 1,000 meters long and up to 43 meters high with no less than seven roll-overs. As with "The Curse of Novgorod", "Takabisha" will also feature a launch section along with a 90° lift. But the Japanese coaster will outdo the breathtaking 97° slope with a virtually straight drop of 121°.

Now run by Hubert Gerstlauer's nephew Siegfried Gerstlauer, this German company and its well-oiled international sales team have sold eight new rollercoasters in 2011, making it the most successful year in the company's history.

Unzählige kleine und große Ausstellungsstücke wurden zusammengetragen und großartig inszeniert.

