

Locomobile

Steam Power at the Fair

Manufacturer: Heinrich Lanz, Mannheim

Year of construction: 1910

Owner: LVR-Freilichtmuseum Kommern

The earliest rides were driven by hand. In larger ones, horses were used. In the 1880s, the steam engine arrived on the fairgrounds.

The "locomobile" does not move the ride directly via the transmission belt, but generates electricity via the engine. For this purpose, a generator is attached to the steam boiler. Locomobiles were also used to operate show booths. From 1900 onwards, wealthy showmen acquired self-driving "street locomotives", which they also used to transport their wagons. The locomobile shown here has 8 hp and was originally used in agriculture. It does not have its own generator. The generator is displayed separately.