

Caterpillar Ride Centrifugal Force on Tracks

**Manufacturer: Waggon- und Maschinenfabrik Fritz Bothmann, Abteilung
Karussellbau, Gotha**

Year of construction: 1926

Owner: Peter Buchholz, Oberhausen

Since the end of the 19th century, there have been the so-called "Berg- und Talbahnen". They developed into the caterpillar rides that are still popular today.

From 1890 onwards, these "mountain and valley rides" were an important development among the funfair rides. At first, the carriages ran on tracks over various elevations. In later models, the circulating rail track prevailed. This system is still used on modern caterpillar rides.

Due to a production stop during World War I, new models did not come onto the market until the mid-1920s. These included the caterpillar ride introduced in 1925, where a canopy is put over the passengers during the ride.

The caterpillar ride from 1926 shown here is today considered the oldest travelling caterpillar ride in Germany.