

Car Manufacturer Concerned Over UXO

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Wolfsburg, German The grounds of Volkswagen's headquarters and assembly plant are being searched for UXO after construction workers noticed suspicious pieces of metal and fragmentation in a few places during a project. The investigation will likely take a week or more to complete. If UXO is found, the plant and surrounding buildings will have to be evacuated.

Volkswagen is justified in their cautious approach as UXO has been found on the property in the past due to the bombing campaigns conducted by the Allies during WWII. During the war, the plant was used by the Nazi regime to produce Hitler's pet project, the KdF Wagen, which became the postwar Volkswagen Beetle under British supervision. During the war, the factory also built military vehicles like the versatile Kübelwagen and the innovative Schwimmwagen and was the target of repeated bombing raids.