

## Textile interior MUTZ BLS



BLS is Switzerland's largest independent private railway. Each year, it serves about 60 million passengers on regional train, bus, and cruise ship routes. The company owns a 420-kilometer route network with 119 railway stations as well as numerous bridges, tunnels, and buildings.

### Scope of project

The project encompassed the design and materialization of textiles for the modern universal multiple-unit train (MUTZ) vehicles. The NOSE agency was responsible for the overall design of the double-decker trains.

The MUTZ is the BLS's latest and largest train and is deployed mainly in the Bern S-Bahn. The fleet consists of 28 bilevel vehicles.

### Lantal products and services

- Seat cover fabrics 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> class
- Headrest cover fabric 1<sup>st</sup> class
- Leather for headrests and armrests
- Design counsel
- Laboratory tests

The seat covers feature an elegant, understated design with a pattern of bright circles as a fashionable accent.

For the textile interior, considerable emphasis was placed on these three criteria: longevity, lightfastness, and fire protection. The textiles were tested by Lantal's in-house laboratory and found to be compliant with the very latest European fire safety standards.

### Customer experience/benefits

For BLS, Lantal is a partner in the region that upholds traditional Swiss values and supports customers with high-quality products and services.

On special request by BLS, Lantal color and textile designer Anne-Maria Müller was appointed as the co-supervisor in charge of style and material selection for the seat covers in the trains. With her thirty years of experience in the business, she was a key consultant in the MUTZ project.

Rolling since 2012.

### Tribute to Lantal

On September 17, 2016, one of the new BLS double-decker trains was christened on the occasion of the first Mobility Day in Langenthal. Peter Kämpfer, Member of the Executive Board at Lantal, is the godfather of the trainset named "Stadt Langenthal" that will operate in the Bern region.