

Press Release



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This year, we received a particularly large number of questions as to whether the world's smallest Christmas tree will be on display again this year. The most curious came directly from the Dortmund police emergency call centre, asking whether it was actually and seriously a world record.

Of course we were able to answer in the affirmative, because this world record has been checked, approved and certified. Our law enforcement officers obviously take it very seriously and are probably also part of his community of friends.

From Monday 25 November until 28 December 2024, it will once again be on public display in the shop window of the Lamers Gallery, Kleppingstraße 8, in Dortmund city centre.

After 17 years of world records: a look ahead to 2025

As children, we used to press our noses against shop windows because we could see model railway trains running there. We would like to bring back this experience and enrich the surroundings of the gallery window with a small winter layout that can be set in motion at the request of visitors. The 'intertwined eight' (name of the chosen track figure) is already under construction and is scheduled for completion in 2025. One challenge is the required electronics with the best possible switching contact procedure through a glass pane.

Framework data for the world record performance in brief

Tree:	Height 14 mm (without tip) above ground shortened artificial spruce from model railway accessories decorated after installation, no unity of tree and decoration
Decoration:	Light chain made of 10 yellow miniature LEDs, 10 red Christmas tree balls (diameter 1 mm), 3 ribbons of gold leaf tinsel, as well as galvano real gold-plated Christmas pendants (e.g. tree silhouettes and stars), a gold-coloured angel as a lace (approx. scale 1:500)
Scenery:	embedded in a Christmas snowy landscape on a scale of 1:220 with railway "Christmas Express", deer, wild boars, Santa Claus, reindeer sleigh (incl. "Rudolph red-nosed reindeer", gift packages, teddy bear and doll) as well as floating, white-golden angel figure with halo and trombone (7 mm)
Präsentation:	Viewing in original size within a picture frame
Valid world record:	publicly performed on 20 April 2007 in the Westfalenhallen Dortmund; recognition by the Book of Alternative Records, see also http://www.alternativerecords.co.uk/recorddetails.asp?recid=565
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