Four Generations of the Petřín Funicular Railway

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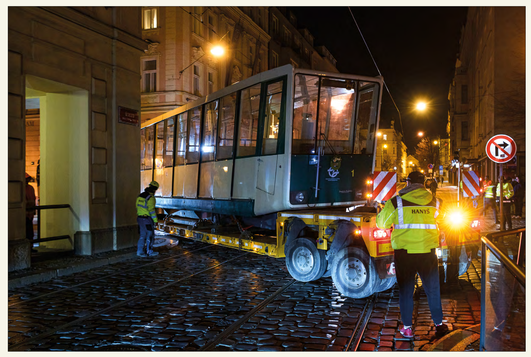
GENERATION III – TEMPORARY CLOSURE (1985–2024)

The funicular operated throughout the year until 13 September 2024, when service was suspended as a precaution due to forecasts predicting extreme rainfall. Considering the instability of the Petřín slope and the problematic drainage system of the line, the risk was considered serious. Groundwater subsequently damaged several sections of the track. Repair costs were estimated at CZK 12–15 million. Since a comprehensive reconstruction had already been planned for spring 2025, it was decided to suspend operation until then.

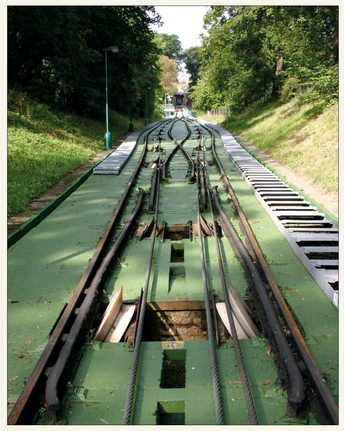
Driver's view from the passing loop near the Nebozízek station.

The third-generation cars left the rails on 13 September 2024.

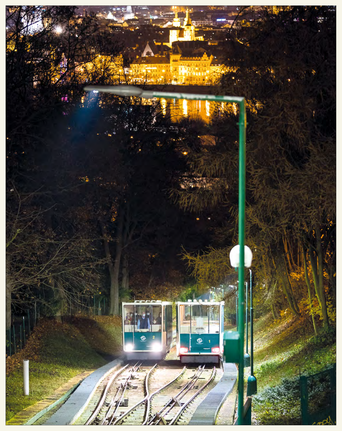
The view of Prague Castle from Nebozízek station is among the most beautiful panoramas in Prague.



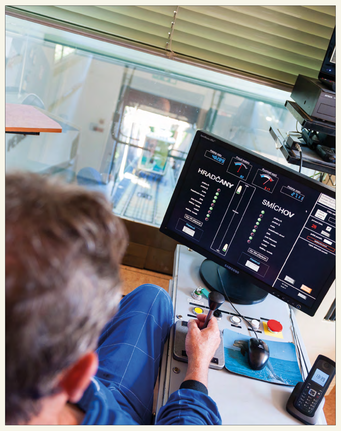
The journey of the third-generation cars from Petřín. One car will become part of the Prague Public Transport Museum in Střešovice, while the other will be preserved in the depository of the National Technical Museum in Chomutov.



The passing loop equipped with Abt switches allows both the haulage and braking cables to pass.



The two cars meet at the passing loop in the middle of the line.



In autumn 2018, a new control system was installed, enabling smoother and faster arrivals at stations. The cars were manufactured by CWA Construction SA in Olten, Switzerland, a member of the DOPPELMAYR/Garaventa Group.

The cars built in 1985 were mounted on refurbished bogie frames manufactured by Ringhoffer in 1931. Their expected service life had originally been estimated at approximately twenty years.

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