



Press information

Volvo Trucks will start selling electric trucks 2019

In 2019 Volvo Trucks will start selling electric medium-duty trucks in Europe, and the first units will be put into operation together with a few selected reference customers already this year.

“Electromobility is fully in line with Volvo Truck’s long term commitment for sustainable urban development and zero emissions”, says Claes Nilsson, President Volvo Trucks.

Electric trucks drastically reduce noise and exhaust emissions and open up for new ways to manage logistics. More transport assignments can be carried out at night and fewer trucks need to compete for road space during rush-hour.

“Our technology and knowhow within electromobility are based on proven commercial solutions already in use on Volvo’s electric buses, and solutions that were introduced in Volvo’s hybrid trucks as far back as 2010. The vehicles themselves are only one part of what is needed for large-scale electrification to succeed”, says Jonas Odermalm, Head of product strategy medium duty vehicles at Volvo Trucks.

Enabling long term sustainable transport is a complex issue that requires a holistic and wide range of measures.

“We are working closely with customers, cities, suppliers of charging infrastructure and other key stakeholders to create the necessary framework for electrical trucks”, says Jonas Odermalm.

Claes Nilsson, President Volvo Trucks concludes.

“We believe in full electrification for urban distribution as a first step. However we are working with electrification for other transport applications. This is only the beginning”, he says.

Background

According to the World Health Organization and the UN, 60 per cent of the planet’s population – about 5 billion people – will live in cities by 2030. This is an increase of



just over 1 billion compared with current levels. This swift pace of urbanisation will impose immense demands on traffic systems, which in many cases already are insufficient to meet current needs. Within the EU it is estimated that congestion and related traffic problems cost about 100 billion euros per year.

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