



Volvo Truck Corporation

Press Release

VOLVO TRUCKS IN JOINT VENTURE TO CREATE COMMON INDUSTRY STANDARD FOR TRANSPORT INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Released today by Volvo Truck Corporation in association with a number of other HGV manufacturers is a new open standard for transport information systems. The successful outcome of this joint initiative was presented in conjunction with the opening of the Transport Logistics trade fair in Munich, Germany.

Many manufacturers of heavy trucks already supply information systems for command and control of vehicle fleets, but these are often developed exclusively for use on vehicles of their own make. Agreement on an open standard for vehicle data communications is a real breakthrough for the industry because it will allow haulage companies with fleets of several makes to use a single transport information system for all of them.

This initiative by Volvo, MAN, Mercedes and Scania means that there will be systems on the market as early as 2002 which are fully compatible between the vehicle marques. Through their ability to offer more efficient transport solutions, haulage companies using these systems will be in a strong position to boost their ability to compete successfully.

Volvo Truck Corporation launched its system for vehicle positioning and communication between vehicle and haulage company base as far back as the mid-1990s. The latest version, Dynafleet 2.03 was released in February 2001.

Dynafleet was launched in 1997 and has achieved steadily increasing sales ever since. In 2000 the total number of units sold was three times the previous year's figure – up to 3000 from 1000 units sold in 1999. The strong upward sales trend has continued in 2001.

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