



First fully automatic Mercedes-Benz refuse truck is developed for Brazil

Mercedes-Benz Atego 1729 equipped with an Allison 3000 Series™ is an important move to gain market share in Brazilian refuse market, where fully automatic technology is already valued

SÃO PAULO – A joint effort between Allison Transmission and Mercedes-Benz has resulted in the development of the first fully automatic Brazilian Mercedes-Benz refuse truck. For Mercedes-Benz, the introduction of the automatic Atego 1729 is an important step for expanding share within the refuse market, which already values fully automatic technology.

The Atego 1729 features a 6-cylinder BlueTec engine with an output of 286 hp and torque of 1120 N•m, married to an Allison 3000 Series™ fully automatic transmission. Originally designed with two axles (4x2) to accommodate a 15-cubic-meter refuse compactor, the truck can be configured for a third axle (6x2), allowing room for a 19-cubic-meter compactor.

This Mercedes-Benz truck has been designed to meet the requirements and demands of the refuse segment, providing a vertical exhaust pipe and rear suspension with reinforced short springs. It is now available with a fully automatic transmission option, easily integrated and globally recognized by operators as the best solution to improve productivity, lower maintenance costs and reduce downtime.

According to Mercedes-Benz, the detailed work involved in the development phase has yielded outstanding results – optimal vehicle performance with an integrated installation. Work with Allison's application engineers in Brazil was simplified as Mercedes-Benz already produces Allison-equipped Atego models in Europe to satisfy the demands of refuse customers in that region.

The Atego 1729 Automatic is now production available in Brazil and can be bought from the Mercedes-Benz dealer network.

According to Antonio C. Novaes, Allison Transmission's marketing manager for South America, "The Brazilian refuse market continues to grow in demand for fully automatic transmissions. Together with Mercedes-Benz, Allison is stepping even further forward toward offering the most advanced solutions for a very demanding industry."

About Allison Transmission

Allison Transmission (NYSE: ALSN) is the world's largest manufacturer of fully automatic transmissions for medium- and heavy-duty commercial vehicles and is a leader in hybrid-propulsion systems for city buses. Allison transmissions are used in a variety of applications including refuse, construction, fire, distribution, bus, motorhomes, defense and energy. Founded in 1915, the company is headquartered in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA and employs approximately 2,700 people worldwide. With a market presence in more than 80 countries, Allison has regional headquarters in the Netherlands, China and Brazil with manufacturing facilities in the U.S., Hungary and India. Allison also has approximately 1,400 independent distributor and dealer locations worldwide. For more information, visit allisontransmission.com.

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