

All new Oise Fire and Rescue aerial platform vehicle debuts at French Firefighters Congress

Oise Fire and Rescue department unveils 32-metre aerial platform truck equipped with an Allison automatic transmission at the 120th French Firefighters Congress in Chambéry, Rhône-Alpes.

PARIS, France – A new flexible fire and rescue aerial platform truck, featuring an Allison 3200 fully automatic transmission and a Renault Premium 340.19D chassis, is introduced as a direct competitor to the traditional ladder truck.. According to Oise Fire and Rescue, the transmission and chassis combination offers firefighters maximum flexibility, and has quickly proven to be indispensable. With a 32-metre arm and integrated Finnish Bronto Skylift system, the vehicle is designed for all types of intervention, from civilian search and rescue to fighting fires.

Oise Fire and Rescue has 23 vehicles equipped with Allison fully automatic transmissions, including three aerial platform trucks which spearhead its fleet. The trucks equipped with Allison transmissions are a distinct advantage for drivers, who no longer have to worry about gear changes and are able to concentrate on their driving, keeping both hands on the wheel. Allison Continuous Power Technology™ delivers full power shifts, ensuring exceptional performance and precision manoeuvring. The firefighters, who frequently operate under difficult conditions, were immediately appreciative of the platform vehicle's ability to cope with situations requiring a high degree of technical skill.

According to Lieutenant-colonel Regis Baujoin, Head of Logistics for Oise Fire and Rescue, "The purchase of aerial platform vehicles equipped with Allison transmissions was both a technical and operational choice. The transmissions' manoeuvrability and ease of use were decisive factors in light of the need to operate in confined spaces and rural areas. Furthermore, the safety aspect of the vehicle is a real asset. These elements together make the aerial platform solution a trustworthy ally for firefighters who continually work in emergency situations."

The aerial platform truck was recently used to tackle a downtown house fire. While travelling to the fire, the driver benefitted from the vehicle's superb manoeuvrability, especially considering the challenging conditions of steeply sloped roads, pavement of varying heights and parked cars scattered throughout the operation site. Once in place, within minutes, jacks were positioned on both sides of the truck to ensure stability and level the vehicle as the front

of the truck stood 80 centimetres high, while the back seemed to float 20 centimetres above the ground. The aerial platform was then used by the firefighters to efficiently extinguish the fire.

This summer, the multi-use aerial platform was mobilised to assist locals impacted by a violent hailstorm which destroyed roofs and skylights in more than 300 homes.

“Allison transmissions are designed to reliably perform tough operations in extreme conditions, making Allison a preferred partner of firefighting departments around the world. This demanding sector requires comfort, safety, handling and durability, and our transmissions deliver,” said Manlio Alvaro, Allison Transmission Marketing Manager for Europe, Middle East and Africa.

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 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 2,800 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 www.allisontransmission.com.

About the Oise Fire and Rescue department

The Oise Fire and Rescue department employs nearly 3,000 people, including 573 professional firefighters and 2,400 volunteers, accommodating almost 60,000 emergency calls annually.

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Photography



Oise Fire and Rescue department and Allison Transmission unveil a 32-metre aerial platform at the 120th French Firefighters Congress




Built on a Renault Premium 340.19D chassis, with five-seat cabin, the aerial platform vehicle is equipped with a 247 kW engine and an Allison 3200 fully automatic transmission.



Oise Fire and Rescue race to extinguish a fire: the firemen in the basket tackle the blaze, while the truck appears to float above the ground.



The aerial platform assists locals impacted in a hailstorm which destroyed roofs and skylights in more than 300 homes.

	<p>Designed for some of the most extreme conditions, the Allison 3000 Series fully automatic transmission is suitable for emergency vehicles with engines up to 350 hp. It ensures continuous power to the wheels and better vehicle control at low speeds on all types of terrain.</p>
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