



Allison Transmission announces new release with Van Hool, expands product range in Europe

Van Hool specifies the Allison T525R for its TX range of coaches; Allison will display new xFE models and three Torqmatic® transmissions at Busworld

KORTRIJK, Belgium – Allison Transmission, the world's largest manufacturer of fully automatic commercial-duty transmissions, has been specified by Van Hool for its TX range of coaches. The first vehicle equipped with Allison's T525R transmission is a TX17 Altano 3-axle 13.20-meter coach powered by a PACCAR MX13-375/510hp engine for Belgian coach travel operator, De Zigeuner. A TX17 coach will be available to test drive by booking at the Van Hool stand (601) at Busworld 2015 in Kortrijk, Oct. 16-21.

While Allison has been Van Hool's standard choice for exports to North America for decades, the TX17 is the first Van Hool coach equipped with an Allison transmission available for the European market. At Busworld 2015, Allison Transmission will display its recently expanded fully automatic transmission ranges for the first time in Europe.

New **xFE** models for buses, "xFE" designating extra fuel economy, incorporate the latest advances in fuel-efficient technology, demonstrating improvements of up to 7 percent in addition to potential FuelSense® gains. Incorporating optimized gear ratios coupled with the FuelSense® Max package, xFE transmissions have been designed to enable 1st range lock up, deliver significantly more lock up operation and operate at lower engine speeds in higher ranges for further fuel economy improvements. Allison will offer three new xFE models in Europe: the T3280 xFE™, T3325 xFE™ and T3375 xFE™.

Allison Transmission recently realigned its Torqmatic® product portfolio to include additional transmission models, each reflecting hardware and software developments that offer fleets increased fuel efficiency. The newly introduced **T1000, T2100 and T2200** fully automatic transmission models replace existing 1000, 2100 and 2200 models available for mini-bus, midi-bus and coach applications across Europe, Asia-Pacific, Australia and Latin America. The expansion of the Torqmatic product family provides customers with a complete range of Allison transmissions featuring the latest product enhancements including 5th Generation Electronic Controls and FuelSense fuel-efficiency software. Allison will display the T2100 transmission during Busworld at Stand 202.

Completing the transmission line-up on the Allison stand will be an H 50 EP system. Since 2003, Allison has delivered over 6,900 hybrid propulsion systems which have accumulated nearly 1.1 billion kilometers (682 million miles), saving an estimated 137 million liters (36 million gallons) of fuel and preventing almost 360 metric tons of carbon dioxide from entering the atmosphere. Allison Hybrid EP systems have demonstrated real, bottom-line operating benefits to municipalities and fleet operators in many European cities including Duesseldorf, Hannover and Oslo.

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.

Notes to editors

A more detailed press release on the Van Hool story will be released at Busworld.

Allison Transmission will hold a press briefing at Busworld on its booth (202) on Oct. 16 at 15:00. If you would like to attend, please contact Claire Dumbreck via the contact details below.

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