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Volvo sponsor of cars at the COP15 climate meeting in Copenhagen

The Volvo Car Corporation is one of the sponsors of limousines and other cars for the COP15 Climate Conference in Copenhagen from December 7 to 18, 2009.

All in all, heads of state and other prominent visitors will have access to 60 Volvo S80 and Volvo V70 cars - 40 of them Flexifuel models powered by bioethanol and the remaining 20 diesel-powered DRIVe models with CO₂ emissions of just 129 g/km.

Even now, Volvo has the Volvo C30 DRIVe, that emits an average of 99 grams CO₂ per kilometre and has a fuel consumption of 3.8 litres/100 km, in its model programme.

"We support COP15's efforts to systematically reduce global CO₂ emissions. 'DRIVe Towards Zero' is our vision for developing cars entirely free from harmful exhaust emissions and environment-impacting carbon dioxide. Our aim for 2020 is to bring the average emissions from our models down to 90-100g CO₂ per kilometre," says Stephen Odell, President and CEO of the Volvo Car Corporation.

Wide range of Flexifuel (E85) cars

Volvo Cars has one of the market's broadest Flexifuel ranges. All told five models - the Volvo C30, S40, V50, V70 and S80 - are available with one or a choice of two E85 engines.

The Volvo V70 and Volvo S80 in Copenhagen have a five-cylinder 2.5-litre turbocharged Flexifuel engine producing 200 hp (147 kW) and 300 Nm of torque.

Flexifuel cars can be run on bioethanol E85 (85 percent bioethanol, 15 percent petrol) or on unleaded petrol, or on any mixture of these two fuels. The carbon dioxide produced from ethanol is part of nature's own carbon lifecycle. E85 is not available in Denmark. This means that a special supply has been created for the Flexifuel cars in the official vehicle fleet.

Seven DRIVe models

At present, Volvo's DRIVe range consists of a series of seven extremely fuel-efficient diesel models. The Volvo S80 and Volvo V70 DRIVe are powered by a 1.6-litre diesel engine. The fuel consumption (EU Combined) is 4.9 l/100 km, which translates into CO₂ emissions of 129 g/km - a particularly competitive figure for large premium cars.

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