

## **Eurocargos back in orange for TNT Express**

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TNT Express is evaluating the performance of two Iveco models fine-tuned for multi-drop urban distribution, following the delivery of 30 Eurocargo 75E16s and 39 low-height 120EL18s.

Supplied jointly by Guest Truck & Van and Sherwood Truck & Van, the 7.5 tonne and 12 tonne rigid trucks, mounted with box bodies and tail-lifts, are finished in the striking orange livery made famous by TNT Express' busy parcel delivery and collection fleet.

The arrival of the vehicles marks the first Iveco trucks to join TNTs fleet for several years, with the Eurocargos being spread between TNT Express sites around the UK.

Simon Harper, Director of Operations & Engineering at TNT Express, says: "We operate more than 2,250 commercial vehicles, plus a further 2,000 trailers in the UK, but these are our first Eurocargos for some time. The current product looks very competitive, so we are using this order as a chance to re-evaluate the Eurocargo's performance against other marques we operate."

TNT Express selected the 12 tonne 'EL' Eurocargos for their low chassis height and improved payload capacity. Built on the regular Eurocargo production line, they reduce height more than 55mm compared to a standard 12 tonne model and a 'one-step' entry design significantly eases access to the cab and body for drivers on multi-drop work. To achieve this lower frame height, the side-members are shallower by 45mm and the frame itself is carried on 17.5 inch rather than 19.5 inch wheels and tyres.

For its 7.5 tonne requirements, TNT Express selected the most popular truck in Iveco's UK lineup. One of more than 11,000 possible Eurocargo configurations, the 75E16 is mission-matched for urban operation, combining excellent manoeuvrability and a comfortable cab with good visibility and a strong powertrain.

Both models feature an automated EuroTronic transmission as standard, which is ideal where routine traffic congestion means stop/start driving is commonplace. Power is provided by 3.9 litre and 5.9 litre EEV-rated FPT Industrial Tector engines.

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TNT Express maintains its fleet in-house, and will fit genuine Iveco Origin spare parts. It expects to keep the Eurocargos in service for the next seven years, with each truck operating for up to five and a half days each week.

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