

Press Information

Volvo Buses wins Swedish Traffic Safety Award

Volvo Buses has been named the winner of the Swedish Traffic Safety Award 2010. The company was awarded the prize for its work on an alcolock specially adapted for buses.

The Swedish Traffic Safety Award "Stora Trafiksäkerhetspriset", is a prestigious prize that is arranged by a number of Swedish trade magazines, including *Trafikforum*, *Resforum*, *Transport idag* and *Logistik idag*, which report on bus traffic, transport and logistics. The Swedish Motor Vehicle Inspection Company is the prize's main partner.

The prize is divided into three categories and Volvo Buses received the award in the category for companies that actively work to develop products and services for passenger traffic and/or freight transportation on roads, where traffic safety is of the utmost importance.

In its commendation, the jury said that Volvo Buses was awarded the prize for developing an alcolock that was specially adapted to the requirements of the bus sector, such as enabling the rapid changeover of drivers out in services. The engine can be started without the need for a breath test, but the brakes remain locked if the driver fails the test. Read more about the alcolock.

Volvo Buses' safety manager Ulf Gustafsson received the prize under ceremonious forms at the Transportforum conference in Linköping.

"It is highly gratifying to receive such recognition for our prolonged efforts to enhance safety in our buses," he says.

Volvo Buses has regarded safety as one of its core values since the inception of the company in 1927 and has launched a long line of innovations in the safety area through the years.

For example, in recent years, Volvo Buses was first to launch a reinforced front on their coaches to protect the driver and guide in the event of a collision and a Frontal Underrun Protection System (FUPS) to prevent cars from becoming wedged under the coach in conjunction with a collision.

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Caption: Volvo Buses' safety manager Ulf Gustafsson received the prize under ceremonious forms at the Transportforum conference in Linköping. Photo: Trafikforum/Thomas Dietl.

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