

Press Information

Major bus order for Volvo in Mexico

Volvo Buses has secured an order for 323 coaches in Mexico. Most of these will be delivered in 2010.

Mexico is a large country and, with poorly developed rail traffic, the coach is the most important means of transport for long journeys. For Volvo Buses, Mexico is one of the largest markets in the world.

The order for 323 coaches is from the customer IAMSA, which has the largest bus fleet in Mexico, with about 10,000 buses and coaches, of which approximately 2,400 are Volvo coaches.

Volvo and IAMSA have close cooperation and, prior to this order, a number of work groups were involved in identifying the solutions required by IAMSA for its business. These included the specifications for the coaches, financial solutions and aftermarket issues.

The order is for the Volvo 9700. Half of the coaches will be equipped with Volvo's 12-liter engine and half with the new, more fuel-efficient 13-liter engine. The latter meets the strict new environmental requirements according to Euro 5, which was introduced in Europe in October. In Mexico, only Euro 4 is the requirement today. IAMSA is one of the companies in the world that has participated in the field testing of the 13-liter engine, which will be introduced in Mexico this year.

The buses will be manufactured in Volvo Buses' plant in Mexico City.

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