



Press information

Volvo delivers 132 buses to Belo Horizonte BRT-system

Volvo Buses in Latin America will deliver 132 buses to the BRT-system (Bus Rapid Transit) of Belo Horizonte. The sale, which is the first to this BRT-system, consists of 89 articulated buses and 43 conventional vehicles. The order confirms Volvo Buses' leading position within the BRT segment.

“Our vehicles are recognized for their safety, high level uptime and efficiency in fuel consumption, important features for a quality public transport system”, said Luis Carlos Pimenta, president of Volvo Bus Latin America.

Volvo is a recognized leader in BRT, in Latin America the company has delivered buses to the BRT-systems of Curitiba, Bogotá, Guatemala City, Mexico City, Santiago de Chile and San Salvador. The Belo Horizonte buses will run on the first two corridors of Move, the BRT-system of the city in eastern Brazil.

The Volvo B340M articulated has a capacity for 140 passengers which is 15% more than the articulated models of other brands that will circulate in the city. The Volvo buses are all equipped with an automatic gearbox, disk brakes and EBS, an electronic brake control system that delivers higher braking efficiency and stability.

The conventional buses are B270F which have been developed on order from the city. They are manufactured in special steel, with front engine, pneumatic suspension, retarder (auxiliary brake), and 4x2 configuration. In addition to this, the wheelbase is of 6300 mm, which allows for 13.2 meter long vehicles and higher passenger transport capacity.

Moreover, they feature the exclusive Volvo intelligent acceleration control, which allows fuel reduction to be even further reduced. Its function ensures that only the necessary power is applied on start-ups and retakes, based on the weight of the vehicle.

“This item optimizes the efficiency of the vehicle, given it prevents accelerating more than needed, reducing fuel consumption”, said Idam Stival, sales engineer, Volvo Bus Latin America.



Volvo articulated buses are suitable for the topographic features of Belo Horizonte, with many uphill and downhill stretches, due to the position of the engine, high level uptime and also has a simplified but very robust articulation system.

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