Press information

# The first new Volvo FH has been delivered

## The very first new Volvo FH takes to the roads this week. The proud owner, Jean-Pierre Ducournau, received the keys at the Volvo Truck Center in the French town of Roissy-en-France.

Accompanied by loud applause and happy smiles all round, the keys to the new Volvo FH were handed over at the Volvo Truck Center in Roissy-en-France, just outside Paris.
“We’re delighted and proud to be the first haulage firm that gets to drive the new truck,” says Jean-Pierre Ducournau, who together with his sons runs Transports Ducournau.
“The new Volvo FH is as attractive inside as it is on the outside. I was really surprised by its comfort and the impressive visibility from behind the wheel,” says Jean-Pierre Ducournau.

Jean-Pierre Ducournau has been waiting for his new truck since September, when he secured the winning bid of 150 000 euro via a Volvo Trucks charity auction on eBay.

“It’s a really great truck, but then I wasn’t expecting anything other than top quality,” says Jean-Pierre Ducournau.

Above all he is impressed with the new Volvo FH’s road-holding.

“It’s undoubtedly the very best available in a heavy commercial vehicle. Even though this is a truck, it has the same comfort as a limousine,” he comments.

And he knows what he is talking about. Almost all the trucks in the Transports Ducournau fleet are Volvos, and over the years he has operated many different Volvo trucks, from an F89 purchased in 1974, to today’s modern FH. His current fleet totals over 300 vehicles.

The new Volvo FH is something of a revolution for heavy vehicles and is the result of many years of hard work.
“I’m both happy and touched. This is the truck that the entire industry has been waiting for so eagerly, it represents the future for the truck industry,” says Jean-Noël Thénault, President Volvo Trucks in France.

In March Jean-Pierre Ducournau will travel to South Africa to hand over the money from the auction to Star for Life. The organisation runs an educational programme whose aim is to stop the spread of HIV among young people.

**Facts**

**About Ducournau Transports**
The company was founded in 1971 by Jean-Pierre Ducournau. It has its head office established in Flassans-sur-Issole, which is close to Toulon in the south of France. Ducournau Transports has 400 employees within its transport and logistics divisions, and a fleet of 300 vehicles. The company is a member of the ASTRE transport group.

**About Jean-Pierre Ducournau**
Age: 64
Family: Married to Thérèse, two sons.
Profession: Managing Director of holding company SA Ducournau Jean-Pierre et fils. Runs the company together with his sons Thierry, MD of Ducournau Transports, and Frédéric, MD of Ducournau Logistique.

**About the eBay charity auction**The very first series-produced Volvo FH was sold via a charity auction on eBay in September 2012. 35 bidders from the whole of Europe took part in the auction. The winning bid of 150,000 euros was submitted by Jean-Pierre Ducournau. All the proceeds from the auction will be donated to Star for Life, a unique educational programme that aims to stop the spread of HIV among young people in Southern Africa.

**Learn more about the new Volvo FH at:**http://fh.volvotrucks.com

**Captions**Number one\_1.jpg
Jean-Pierre Ducournau is the proud owner of the very first new Volvo FH. He placed the winning bid for the truck on Volvo Trucks’ eBay auction in September.

Number one\_2.jpg
Soon finished. The various parts of the first series-produced Volvo FH are assembled at the Tuve Plant in Gothenburg, Sweden.

Number one\_3.jpg

“The Number One” – that’s the name of the first series-manufactured Volvo FH truck. The new Volvo FH was launched in September 2012

The number one\_4.jpg
Jean-Pierre Ducournau receives the keys to his new Volvo FH from Jean-Noël Thénault, President of Volvo Trucks France, at the Volvo Truck Center in Roissy-en-France outside Paris.

The number one\_5.jpg
Jean-Pierre Ducournau in front of his new truck, the first series-produced Volvo FH and the first truck in the new series to take to the roads.

The number one\_6.jpg
After receiving the keys, Jean-Pierre Ducournau drives off from the Volvo Truck Center in Roissy-en-France. The new truck will primarily cover long-distance routes between Alpes-Maritimes and Var in southern France and haul cargo in the Paris region.

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