

IVECO previews next generation Euro 6 ACCO

IVECO has announced that its next generation ACCO model complete with Euro 6-rated engines and advanced safety features is well under development, with evaluation models soon to enter extensive real-world trials with selected customers.

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The new ACCO will be manufactured at IVECO's Melbourne production facility and share architecture with the recently-launched Stralis X-Way, but will also include some of the best features of the previous generation trucks, that made it a favourite for tough vocational applications.

Available in 6x4 and 8x4 configurations, the vehicles will be equipped with IVECO front axles, tapered two-leaf parabolic suspension and rear IVECO 8 bag Electronically Controlled Air Suspension (8x4 models also receive front Electronically Controlled Air Suspension), with Meritor tandem drive axles featuring Active Traction Control and driver controlled diff locks.

For refuse collection applications, IVECO will continue to offer a factory dual control system and is consulting extensively with the waste industry to develop a variety of body mounting and chassis layout options to suit a variety of bodies. The model is also available with a Parker Chelsea PTO, a favourite for waste collection work.

ACCO models will feature SCR Euro 6, Cursor 9 engines with between 310 and 360hp and 1300 and 1650 Nm of torque with emission control handled via IVECO's Hi-eSCR system. The engines will be matched to the Allison Generation Five 3200 Series, 6-speed full automatic transmission.

Aside from the adoption of new cleaner, more efficient Euro 6-rated Cursor engines, the new ACCO range has also made significant gains in the area of safety, which will position the model as one of the safest available in the heavy duty truck market.

Included as standard is Adaptive Cruise Control (ACC), Anti-lock Braking System (ABS), Electronic Braking System (EBS), Advanced Emergency Braking System (AEBS), Electronic Stability Program (ESP), axle load indicator, electronic battery cut-out and L.E.D daytime running lamps and rear L.E.D lights.

Operators will also benefit from a new cabin design that offers additional visibility and comfort combined with the easy access the previous generation ACCOs were well regarded for.

Another familiar feature includes the three-piece steel front bumper with headlight mesh protection providing added durability and lower maintenance costs if these components are damaged in the field.

Inside the cabin, the operator is treated to an ergonomically-designed work space with modern instrument cluster and intuitive dashboard layout.

Creature comforts include a variety of standard and optional equipment including automatic climate control, ISRI air suspension seat for driver and passenger and heated and motorised mirrors.

But staying true to its hard working heritage, the new ACCO has retained its simple interior design with the use of tough, hardwearing plastics and easy-clean trim for easier upkeep in dirty environments to provide the best of both worlds.

IVECO Australia Business Director, Bruce Healy, said the ACCO was an Australian transport industry legend, and that given its status in the market, IVECO was working tirelessly to ensure a new ACCO would do the iconic nameplate proud.

“Developed for the Australian army in the years following World War II, the ACCO is Australia’s first locally-designed and manufactured truck,” Mr Healy said.

“Following its inception, the model quickly made the transition from army to civilian life and found a home in all manner of applications, from vocational work to line-haul and everything in between.

“With extensive development over the years, the ACCO still continues to hold its own in today’s ultracompetitive truck market, attracting a strong legion of followers who appreciate its rugged Australian design, lean architecture and reputation for durability.

“To replace a transport legend is no mean feat, so extensive local development has been undertaken in preparation for the next chapter of the ACCO’s product life.

“In developing the new ACCO, IVECO has combined many of the much-loved attributes of the previous model with cutting-edge technology borrowed from the Stralis X-Way platform – it’s

been a joint effort between our local engineering department and the design team at IVECO's European headquarters.

"IVECO is also very pleased to report that the ACCO will continue to be manufactured right here in Australia at our Dandenong, Melbourne facility alongside our other truck models, the Stralis X-Way and Stralis AS-L," Mr Healy added.

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