

PRESS RELEASE



January 2018

RENAULT TRUCKS WILL START SELLING ELECTRIC TRUCKS IN 2019

Renault Trucks, part of Volvo Group, has announced that it will launch a range of electric vehicles in 2019. This range capitalizes on the experience gleaned from ten years of testing electric trucks in real-life conditions with its customers. These all-electric trucks are designed for use in urban and peri-urban areas.

Electromobility is the cornerstone of Renault Trucks' strategy to highlight sustainable urban transport. Zero-emission vehicles help improve air quality, curb climate change and also reduce congestion thanks to noise-free out-of-hours deliveries. Tomorrow, electric trucks will be simply indispensable for city centre access.

Renault Trucks has been investing heavily in electromobility research and development since 2009, focusing on extensive field testing in partnership with its customers. Real-world tests on various types of experimental full-electric 12-16 tonne trucks – Speed Distribution for Guerlain, Stef for Carrefour, Nestlé and the Delanchy Group – have provided Renault Trucks with vital information on conditions of use, battery behaviour, recharging facilities and specific maintenance requirements for electric trucks.

In addition to these experimental vehicles, a 4.5-tonne electric truck has been on the market since 2010: the Maxity Electric: *"Our commercial experience with the Maxity Electric has enabled us to bring our network up to speed on selling, servicing and repairing electric vehicles,"* explains François Savoye who is in charge of Renault Trucks' energy efficiency strategy. *"Today's electric vehicles are a competitive solution, which was not the case in 2010."*

In addition to the great strides made in understanding customer uses and market requirements, Renault Trucks is able to take advantage of the impressive R&D resources offered by the Volvo Group, benefit from tried and tested technology and harness synergy between different entities working on all-electric vehicle development such as buses. Thanks to these economies of scale, Renault Trucks is now in a position to market a cost-effective range of vehicles for its customers in 2019.

A dedicated assembly line for all-electric trucks is being installed at Renault Trucks' Blainville-sur-Orne plant in Normandy.

More information : www.renault-trucks.com/presse
Séveryne Molard – +33 (0)4 81 93 09 52 – severyne.molard@renault-trucks.com

