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Volvo FE gets automated transmission

Now all Volvo Trucks models for regional and city distribution can be specified with automated transmission. The most recent addition is the Volvo FE which in distribution configuration is now available with Volvo I-Sync. This is part of the company's drive to strengthen its position in the segment.

I-Sync is a manual gearbox that has been supplemented with software for automatic handling of gearchanges. Just like I-Shift, I-Sync combines the manual gearbox's operating reliability and low weight with the automatic transmission's driving comfort. However, while I-Shift has been developed for heavy transport operations, I-Sync was tailored for local distribution applications. It was launched in the Volvo FL in spring 2008 and has become a major sales success.

"So far, more than one-third of all FL trucks have been delivered with I-Sync. Distribution operations involve a fast pace and repeated stops and starts, and many customers want an automated transmission that offers convenient progress combined with lower fuel consumption. Now we are strengthening our offer by also introducing I-Sync on the larger FE model," says Anders Bellini, Business Area Manager for the Volvo FL and FE at Volvo Trucks.

Optimised for distribution

In the Volvo FE, I-Sync is combined with Volvo's 260 hp 7-litre engine.

"This is an optimal combination for local distribution and shorter regional distribution duties. You get alert response from the engine along with smooth and convenient gearchanging even in frequent stop-start conditions such as close-quarter manoeuvring," says Clara Werner Floberg, Product Manager for the Volvo FL and FE at Volvo Trucks.

Since gearchanging is optimised, I-Sync also contributes to good fuel economy and thus also low carbon dioxide emissions.

As before, the Volvo I-Shift automated transmission is available on the larger trucks in the Volvo range, the FH16, FH and FM.



Facts, Volvo I-Sync for the Volvo FE

- Automated transmission with 6 forward speeds.
- Available on the Volvo FE in distribution configuration for gross vehicle weights of 18 tonnes and gross combination weights of up to 26 tonnes.
- Tailored for Volvo's D7 engine producing 260 hp in Euro 5 configuration.
- Maximum torque 1010 Nm
- Oil-change interval every 300,000 km.

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