



MAZ - 103965 CNG



GAZ - Liaz 4292



GAZ - Vector Next



VOLGABUS - Serpentine CNG

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COMTRANS 15  
13th International Exhibition for Commercial Vehicles

The Moscow Crocus Expo Center hosted the biennial fair for the Eastern markets. Alongside with the commercial vehicles, there are the proposals for the passenger transport

Comtrans 2015 has once again demonstrated its position as the leading trade fair for decision makers in the commercial vehicle and transport industry in Eastern Europe. From September 8 to 12, more than 220 exhibitors from around the world presented their products at the Crocus Expo Center in

Moscow. In addition to all the Russian and Western European truck manufacturers, the world's leading transporter, bus and trailer manufacturers as well as many renowned suppliers and component manufacturers were also represented. More than 16,000 people visited the exhibi-







**KAMAZ - 2257E Electric Bus**



**KAMAZ - NefAZ 5299 CNG**

tion halls on the outskirts of Moscow. This is less than in the record year of 2013 but the director of ITEMF Expo, Sergey Rybchak organizer of the fair was still pleased with the results: “Despite the current significant depreciation of the commercial vehicle market in Russia, there was a lot of interest on the part of the trade fair visitors. This, together with the numerous premieres and newcomers, proves that Comtrans continues to be the se-

cond most important international commercial vehicle fair, after IAA Commercial Vehicles in Hanover. “ Despite the currently difficult market situation in Russia, the international exhibitors showed a particularly strong presence. “In the medium term, the Western European as well as the Asian commercial vehicle manufacturers and suppliers are continuing to see a great potential for their products in Eastern Euro-

pe, and they emphasize this with their participation in Comtrans”, said Peter Bergleiter, Managing Director of IMAG (Internationaler Messe und Ausstellungsdienst GmbH), the international partner of the trade fair organizer ITEMF Expo. The subsidiary of Messe München has nearly 70 years of experience in organizing international trade fairs, and it already participated for the fourth time in organizing Comtrans.

In addition to the truck and van manufacturers, numerous bus manufacturers also took advantage of Comtrans 2015 for the presentation of their new models and their current model ranges. Primarily, the home brands scored points with innovations. For example, **Volgabus** unveiled its new model 528 512 CNG Serpentine, a gas-powered bus which was primarily designed for regional intercity traffic. The CNG drive with gas tanks on the front roof are intended to allow for a range of up to 500 kilometres, thereby reducing fuel costs annually by the equivalent of more than 10,000 euros.

On its turn, **GAZ** presented three new bus models. Besides the minibus Vector Next based on the commercial transport Gazelle Next, there was a new city traffic midibus on an Isuzu chassis called Vector-3, along with the new, 9.50-metre low-floor bus Liaz-4292 powered by an Euro 5 engine.

The electric minibus **Kamaz-2257E** is also brand new. It is only 5.90 metres long and carry up to 22 passengers. The low-floor bus is fitted with an all-electric drive system powered by batteries that provide a range of 65 kilometres plus the quick charging stations at the final stops. On show also the 11.8-metre urban low-entry Kamaz NEFAZ-5299 powered by natural gas engine.

**Scania** celebrated its Russian premiere of the Scania Touring. The three-axle coach manufactured in China by Higer is powered by a 440-horsepower Euro 5 engine and is equipped with a kitchen, toilet and reclining Kiel seats. Many other manufacturers, including **Setra** and **MAN** (with the new Lion's Intercity) from Germany, **MAZ** from Belarus with the low entry bus powered by natural gas 103965 engine, **Golden Dragon** from China with its touring coach XML6139JR and **Isuzu** with its Citibus, they all enriched the range of buses displayed at Comtrans 2015.

The next edition of Comtrans will be held at the Crocus Expo Center in Moscow in September 2017.



**MAN TRUCK & BUS - Lion's Intercity**



**ISUZU - Citibus**