



ADL FOR MEXICO CITY

The Enviro500 double deck bus, built by British company Alexander Dennis Limited (ADL), is set to go into trials on the famous Reforma route and the old district of Mexico City, Latin America. The air-conditioned two-tier transit bus, which can carry over 120 passengers, will be tested within the Metrobus, the bus rapid transit (BRT) system that serves Mexico City since 2005. The double deck is an icon of British technology and is part of the transport landscape in cities as far apart as London, Hong Kong and Singapore. More recently however, as authorities have aggressively tackled the twin problems of traffic congestion

and air pollution, it has emerged as the backbone of fleets in New York, Las Vegas, Seattle, Vancouver, Ottawa and Toronto.

THE FIRST SETRA S 517 IN AUSTRIA

Mitterbauer Reisen & Logistik GmbH is the first company to put an S 517 HDH from the Setra TopClass 500 series into service in Austria. The coach is featured with high-quality seats, the new heating and air-conditioning concept and all the currently available active and passive safety systems. The vehicle is powered by the newly developed BlueEfficiency Euro VI engine. The Austrian bus operator, which has a fleet of 60 buses, collected its first Setra in 1966 in the guise of an S 9. Since then it has operated buses belonging to all of the brand's model series. A restored S 9 together with an S 208 are on display in a specially installed showroom directly at the bus terminal.



VAN HOOL IN THE UK

Following an earlier 2014 order for four Van Hool Daf TXs, British bus operator Maynes placed an order for another two Van Hool Daf TX16 coaches for the 2015 season. The two vehicles will be fitted with 53 seats, full air-con, w.c., on-board vacuum and coach wash facilities, hot and cold drinks and an on-board entertainment system. The new coaches will

blend into the touring and private Maynes' hire fleet undertaking a mixed workload throughout the UK and Europe. Maynes already has seven Van Hool Tx coaches in the fleet.

ELECTRIC BUSES IN POLAND

Solaris Bus & Coach won a tender for the supply of two electric buses to the municipal public transport company in Ostrołęka, a Polish town located north of Warsaw. The model is the Solaris Urbino 8,9 LE electric bus, the very first fully electric bus to be purchased in Poland. The buses in the low-entry version are 8.9 metres long and are equipped with 160 kW electric engine and 160 kWh batteries. The charging system is mounted on the roof. Power can be topped up through the standard three-phase power plug. All electric devices will be provided by Solaris's long-standing partner Medcom. The two Urbinos electric buses will be delivered next summer.



OPTARE WEBSITE REDESIGN



British bus manufacturer Optare Plc presents the new website (www.optare.com). Part of the strategy to reach global markets, the new Optare's website will enable mobile, tablet or PC users to easily view Optare's vehicles and latest news both on the go or from their desks. «The website, like our buses has been designed with our customers in mind, ease of use and a good customer experience are at its core», said Enrico Vassallo, CEO. «The new website will allow us to more effectively communicate our product offerings to potential customers in both the UK and abroad, as well as keeping our existing customers and investors up to date with the latest developments».

THE FOOTBALL TEAM TRAVELS IN A SETRA

Players from Cologne's professional-league football team '1. FC Köln' will travel in a S 516 HD from the Setra ComfortClass 500 during the 2014-2015 season. The vehicle is fitted with 28 Setra Voyage Supreme leather seats with electronically adjustable lumbar supports. The seats with electrically adjustable leg supports offer the possibility of sitting back in a face-to-face configuration at two club tables. The equipment includes an integrated on board kitchen, power socket and USB port at each seat, LED reading lights and ambient lighting. The touring coach includes such features as the Lane Assistant and an adaptive cruise control system with Active Brake Assist (ABA2). The three-axle S 516 HD is owned by operator Schilling Omnibusverkehr GmbH.

