

IKEA introduces special Allison-equipped vehicles for its Swedish distribution centers

Scania tractors feature unique cab and fully automatic 3000 Series™ transmissions

ÄLMHULT, Sweden – January 2017 – IKEA recently introduced a new specially-designed Scania tractor at each of its distribution centers in Sweden. For efficiency and comfort, they are equipped with fully automatic Allison 3000 Series™ transmissions.

"Over the next few years, we are updating our truck fleet and replacing the existing warehouse tractors with considerably more effective and comfortable road tractors and flexi-trucks equipped with Allison transmissions," said Heléna Persson, an internal hauler team leader at the IKEA distribution center in Älmhult.

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The oldest distribution center, in Älmhult, consists of two warehouses a few hundred meters apart. Between them, goods are transported by five vehicles in two shifts between 6 and 23 o'clock every day. Every vehicle makes about 50 transports per shift, which means about 500 transports every day.

"We have been very satisfied with fully automatic transmission-equipped vehicles throughout the years. The oldest Euro 3 truck has been in service in our fleet for 14 years," said Persson. "With that one, and all other Allison-fitted vehicles, we never experience transmission-related failures. Other than regular oil and filter changes, there is nothing else they require. Fully automatic transmissions are a perfect solution for our kind of transports."

The truck fleet in Älmhult consists of one road tractor, two flexi-trucks and two vehicles operating in warehouse area. The road tractor and the flexi-trucks are produced by Scania and equipped with fully automatic Allison 3000 Series™ transmissions. The new special trucks feature a moved forward, low-entry cab. The difference between road tractors and flexi-trucks is that the latter can also carry swap bodies.

Andreas Gustavsson, a driver and fork truck operator, says the increased comfort with road trucks and flexi-trucks comes from softer and more efficient acceleration thanks to the transmission and more comfortable compartments. With low turnover at the facility, the crew of 19 drivers appear to agree.

IKEA was founded in 1943 by Ingvar Kamprad in the Swedish town Älmhult. Today, the company is headquartered in Leiden, the Netherlands and still operated by the Kamprad family. The IKEA brand can be found in the top 100 list of world's most valuable brands.

About Allison Transmission

Allison Transmission (NYSE: ALSN) is the world’s largest manufacturer of fully automatic transmissions for medium- and heavy-duty commercial vehicles and is a leader in hybrid-propulsion systems for city buses. Allison transmissions are used in a variety of applications including refuse, construction, fire, distribution, bus, motorhomes, defense and energy. Founded in 1915, the company is headquartered in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA and employs approximately 2,700 people worldwide. With a market presence in more than 80 countries, Allison has regional headquarters in the Netherlands, China and Brazil with manufacturing facilities in the U.S., Hungary and India. Allison also has approximately 1,400 independent distributor and dealer locations worldwide. For more information, visit allisontransmission.com.

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