

Experience Operating Hybrid Vehicles

LEB Workshop

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Vehicles

- Volvo B5LH
Wrightbus Eclipse Gemini body
13 plate
Parallel hybrid transmission
Volvo I-Sam motor
Volvo I-Shift transmission
- ADL Enviro 350H
12 plate
Series hybrid transmission
BAE Hybrid-Drive system



Operation

- No major operational issues. Expectation in terms of reliability is in line with that of a standard diesel
- Personal experience shows better reliability is achieved on lower speed, urban routes. Particularly true for series hybrid vehicles
- No personal experience operating hybrid vehicles older than 5 years old

MPG

- Volvo B5LH – 8.75 MPG
20% better than equivalent standard diesel
- E350H – 8.75 MPG
2/3% better than equivalent standard diesel
- Very route dependent

Maintenance Costs

- B5LH on an all inclusive maintenance contract with Volvo. Very good service, fixes costs but is expensive
- E350H under extended driveline warranty
- Need to consider whole life cost of vehicle. Particularly with regards to battery packs