

Integration of Efficient EuroVI Diesels

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First Bus



- First operates around 1000 low carbon certified buses with in the UK.
- Fleet includes: Hybrids, MicroHybrids, Electric, Hydrogen, Virtual Electric, and we have recently trialled Bio-methane.



Low Carbon Vehicle Operator of the Year 2016

Low Carbon Champions Awards







Double Challenge for Passenger Transport



Climate Change – Impacted by Green House Gases / Carbon emissions (CO2) which directly relate to fuel consumption. Increasingly on Global and UK Government agenda.



Air quality – Many cities in breach of EU's Oxides of Nitrogen (**NOx**) emission limits – Reported as hazardous to human health and driving factor behind the push for Clean Air Zone introduction. Emissions rate of Particulate Matter (**PM**) is also of concern.



Emissions in Context



Regardless of the technology used

- Buses offer a significantly more efficient way of travel therefore helping to reduce impact on climate change.
- Buses can and should be a vital part of effort to improve air quality.
- **However** Buses are becoming stuck in the very congestion they can help to solve therefore more help and work is needed to improve journey times for bus users.

Timeline of Efficiency Development













Millbrook Testing: Based on real word operational data to replicate what buses actually do. Test incorporates:

- Junctions
- Roundabouts
- Bus stops with door openings
- Varied idling periods
- Flat and hilly sections
- Straight and windy roads
- Varying speed profile



- Buses fitted with fuel flow meters and advanced GPS tracking
- Driven by independent Millbrook's drivers
- Process also involves Gradient and Acceleration testing

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Air Quality – EuroVI Diesel

First moved to EuroVI engine vehicles in April 2015 and now has over 600 within its fleet.

EuroVI HD Diesel Engines -

- Widely acknowledged as delivering a huge improvement on previous standards
- verified by independent testing and further improvement is already being made.

EuroVI Diesel Double Deck Example - LEB Test Results

Euro6 Passenger Car Avg – DfT Test Data*

Test Phase	HC (g/km)	CO <mark>(g</mark> /km)	NOx (g/km)	PM (g/km)
Rural	0.000	0.011	0.005	N/A
Outer London	0.000	0.037	0.004	N/A
Inner London	0.000	0.045	0.006	N/A
MLTB Average	0.000	0.039	0.005	N/A
LUB Average	0.000	0.027	0.005	0.0116



*DfT Data based on real world testing, average of 19 diesel models.

• **Modern efficient Euro VI diesel** most cost effective emissions reduction solution in short term. New vehicles can deliver up to 99% reduction in NOx emissions and over 30% Carbon emissions relative to end of life EuroII / III buses..



Emissions Rate Examples for Single Decks

Data based on publically available and credible sources recognised by DfT, DEFRA and OLEV.



Summary



Efficient EuroVI diesel models are the most cost effective new bus solution to improving air quality.

- Offer significant improvements in both NOx and Carbon emissions
- No requirement for new infrastructure
- Technology fairly well understood
- Carries a cost premium but is commercially viable particularly with LCEB BSOG incentive.
- Emergence of new generation of Hybrids that offer even further carbon benefits.

Other technologies - Longer term outlook

- Drive towards zero emissions and further reducing carbon emissions means Electric will increasingly have a place in the long term.
- Whilst bio-methane is not zero emission it does have strong carbon credentials

Increasing number of technologies are becoming available
The specific local objectives need to be determined and understood before the most appropriate technology solution can be chosen.

