

## Hybrid Technology in Trucks and Buses

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#### **UK Carbon Emissions from Road Transport**





## **Preview**

- Trucks and Buses are Capital Equipment
- For the Manufacturer....
  - Economies of Scale
  - Return on Investment
  - Amenable to the Aftermarket Network ("One Stop Shop")
- For the Operator
  - Return on Investment
  - Reliability and Confidence
  - No Cost Surprises
- Investment Horizon
  - Payback within 2-5 years

## **Volvo Group: Business Areas**





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Hybrid Potential as we see it today

# **Volvo Group organisation**

OLVO



### **Heavy Duty Diesel Engines Production\***





Volvo Bus Ltd September 2007



### **Driveline Thinking: Europe vs. North America**

#### Europe

- 6 Main Truck/Bus Producers
- Vertical Integration
- In-house Engines
- In-house gearboxes (some)
- Parts and Service through dealer network
- In-house Hybrids and systems from Suppliers

#### North America

- Proprietary Components
  - Engine
  - Gearbox
  - Axles
- Unique Components
  - Cabs
  - Chassis
- Parts and Service mixed
- Hybrid Packages from "Suppliers"



# **Gearbox Thinking**

Urban

- Automatic gearboxes for reduced wear (torque converter)
- No clutch to damage
- Lower efficiency
- Special demand for comfort on urban buses

Long Haul

- Manual gearbox for fuel economy
- Move to automated "manual" gearboxes, the AMT
  - Coach
  - Truck
  - Volvo Urban Hybrid



### **Volvo Hybrids from the past: 1986**

- Diesel-Hydraulic Drive
- Hydraulic Accumulators for Energy Recovery
- 30% fuel consumption reduction on trial in London
- Dismantled and converted to regular driveline

Photo Ian Smith, Ian's Bus Stop



### **Volvo Hybrids from the Past 1996**



- Gas Turbine/Electric
- Methanol Fuelled
- Hydraulic Active Suspension
- 4 Wheel Steering
- Central Driver Position
- Now in the Volvo Museum

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## Hybrid Buses in North America

- Diesel is 38 p/litre on the forecourt
- Standard Urban Buses achieve around 2.8-3.0 mpg (UK > 5 mpg)
- Fuel Savings of 25-30% are being seen
- >1000 Hybrid Buses in Operation
- Air Quality Improvement is a key driver
- US Federal Funding is another encouragement

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## **Commercial Vehicle Auxiliary Systems**

- Compressed Air: Brakes, Suspension, Doors (Bus)
- Hydraulics: Power Steering, Cooling Fan Drive (Bus)
- Electrics: Lighting, Control Systems; Bus use includes Saloon Lighting, Destination Indicators, Comms., CCTV, In Coach Entertainment, Air Conditioning
- Mechanical: Air Conditioning Compressor
- Engine driven systems mean low performance at idle or low engine speed
- Saloon heating
  From engine cooling water (when the engine is running!)

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# **Two Fuel Saving Opportunities**

#### **Hybrid propulsion**

- Electric hybrids
  - provides power & torque assist
  - recover brake energy
  - zero emission / silent mode
  - non idling functionality (at bus stops for example)
  - engine downsizing

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Alternative drive of engine and vehicle auxiliaries

#### **Electric auxiliaries**

- are easier to control
- are only driven when needed
- are driven at optimal working points independent of engine speed
- have minimum idling losses

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### **The Volvo Group Hybrid – Layout**

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### Hybrid Prototype at NEC Show 2006

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 Announcement of UK Hybrid Project

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# **Potential fuel saving**

**Refuse truck** 

25 - 35 %

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Long haul truck

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**Wheel loader** 

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#### Worked Hybrid Examples from the UK

Application	Long Haul Truck	Suburban Truck	Long Haul Coach	Urban Bus
Annual Mileage	120000	50000	132000	38200
Fuel Consumption (mpg)	8	12.5	10.5	5.1
Litres Per Annum	68190	18184	57150	34045
% Hybrid Fuel Saving	6%	25%	6%	30%
Litres Saved	4091	4546	3429	10213
Saving at 80 p per litre (36 p per litre for urban bus)	£3270	£3637	£2743	£3677
VED Saving (RPC Euro 5 only)	£500	£370	£165	£335
Carbon Dioxide Reduction (Tonne	es) 11	12.3	9.3	27.6
Social Benefit (@ \$85/tonne)	£469	£521	£393	£1172

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## **Return on Investment?**

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# **Bus Funding in England**

- "The Two Billion Pound Subsidy"
  - BSOG £350 M ("Fuel Duty Rebate")
  - **Concessionary Fares**
  - **Bus Support**
  - Total

- £500 M
- £950 M (for non-commercial routes) £1.8 Bn
- Of which London £660 M approx.
- Outside London, Bus operation is deregulated
- Approx. 85% of the network is commercially operated

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## What Next in the UK?

- Get Hybrid Experience
  - Determine impact on maintenance costs
  - Battery Life/Replacement/Recycling
- Establish the Business Case for the Operator
- Transport for London
  - 800 Hybrid Buses on the road by 2012
  - Hybrids only from 2012 on new tenders
- But outside London...
- Do not push up the price of fuel to make the economic case!
- Be careful with changing BSOG
- Make the Hybrid a sensible investment, not a subsidy drain
  - Some Start-up Support may be necessary

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## What Next for Volvo?

- 8 Hybrid Test Buses
  - 2 Single Deckers in Sweden
  - 6 Double Deckers in London (2008)
  - Test and Proving
  - Programming and adapting to the Route
- Hybrid Truck Programme in development
- Construction Equipment applications
- Series Production Target is end 2009
- Confirm the Business Case for our Shareholders

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# **Hybrid Buses Cannot Save The World**

- 20,000 Double Deckers on the road
- 27 tonnes of Carbon Dioxide per bus per annum saving
- 147,000 Tonnes of Carbon per annum saved
- This is worth £6.2 M to society
- < 0.1% of UK total</p>
- If each bus could carry the users of just 6 more cars\*....
  - > 200,000 tonnes of carbon could be saved.....
- How?
  - Congestion charging
  - Road Use Charging

\* cars with an average of 168 g/km of carbon dioxide Average rush hour car occupancy is 1.39 in London Current average bus load in London is 15 passengers