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MAN's VW Constellation

Ever since its introduction to the local truck transport market in late 2006, the Volkswagen Constellation range of heavy-duty trucks has made steady headway into leading fleets, thanks to its solid German engineering, fuel economy, drive comfort and pulling power.

The range, which forms part of the MAN stable, includes both truck-tractor and rigid (freight carrier) derivatives that fill a gap in the market between budget and premium-class trucks. MAN Truck & Bus SA recently announced notable upgrades to the Volkswagen truck range which include upgraded front axle specifications and an extended warranty.

At the Johannesburg International Motor Show 2011, MAN will showcase four VW Constellation derivatives: the 13.180 4x2 freight carrier, the 17.250 4x2 freight carrier, the 24.250 6x2 freight carrier and the 19.320 4x2 truck-tractor.

Recent improvements to the Constellation range include a gross combination mass (GCM) increase for the 17.250 and 24.250 from 27 000kg to 35 000kg. This improvement will allow the Constellation range to better service the agricultural sector. Another development for all rigid models includes a lock-out device that allow for easier down-shifting thus improving driver comfort. Included as an option on the 17.250, 24.250 and 19.320 is a Telma retarder.

According to Livingstone Mulaudzi, Senior Product Manager, MAN Truck & Bus SA, "The range has established itself over time in South Africa and we've listened long and hard to what our customers are demanding. These axle upgrades, along with wheelbase optimisation on all models, makes the range more versatile and efficient, especially for medium to occasional long-haul distribution applications as well as the tipper and waste market. At the

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Johannesburg International Motor Show we will showcase a 17.250 BB with a skip loader to demonstrate the versatility of the product.”

With its focus on lowering total-cost-of-ownership, MAN has also extended the warranty on the Volkswagen Constellation range. All models now come with a 12-month/unlimited mileage warranty on the entire vehicle and a 24-month/unlimited mileage warranty on the driveline.

As part of the MAN dealer network, VW Constellation customers are supported by 24 service centres around the country, with dedicated VW Constellation sales executives at major branches who ensure correct vehicle specification and comprehensive aftersales support.

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