



MAN supplies a third of new city buses in Madrid and Barcelona in 2016

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This year, MAN Truck & Bus will deliver a total of 60 MAN Lion's City CNG and 27 Lion's City Hybrid buses to the transport companies in Madrid (EMT) and Barcelona (TMB).

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Currently, MAN can be pleased with the award to provide 28 new city buses from the MAN Lion's City CNG and MAN Lion's City Hybrid product series for Barcelona's public transport system. An additional 59 vehicles from both product series will also be delivered to Madrid during the course of this year. The hybrid buses will be the first of their kind from MAN to be operated in the Spanish capital. In addition to the diesel hybrid drive, these vehicles include other new features such as automatic fire extinguishing systems, space to accommodate two wheelchairs, free Wifi, built-in multimedia information screens and USB ports.

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"We are very pleased with the results we have achieved, both in Barcelona and in Madrid. Particularly in Barcelona the TMB has awarded us with the order of 100% of the vehicles we initially offered, meaning we will have achieved a total share of 35.9% of the new supply. In Madrid, MAN is already providing 30% of the new city buses ordered in 2016 and now has the highest number of hybrid buses in the capital of any company," points out Manuel Fraile, director of the bus group MAN Truck & Bus Iberia. MAN has thus clearly underpinned its expertise in the field of CNG and hybrid drive. The 42 CNG buses will be manufactured by the local MAN partner Burillo.

The purchase of a grand total of 18 new MAN Lion's City CNG buses by the city of Barcelona to complement the 21 of these vehicles made by the Spanish manufacturer Castrosua that are already in operation on the Catalan streets, further proves how attractive MAN's gas-powered buses really are. The MAN hybrid complete buses were already able to convince in the past. According to Francisco González Balmas, technical director of the TMB in Barcelona, this is largely due to how the MAN Lion's City Hybrid

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has maintained an excellent balance of technology and economy throughout their internal selection processes, something which was already proven by the vehicles in their 2010 line. Moreover, the continuous support from MAN mechanics located directly on-site at TMB was of significant importance. This hard work kept interruptions in service to a minimum.

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Caption:

The 17 buses ordered from the Lion's City Hybrid series are the first MAN buses in Madrid to be equipped with a hybrid drive.