



Strong as a lion: 30 more MAN city buses for Tallinn

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Five orders in the space of five years: Tallinna Linnatranspordi AS, the transport operator in the Estonian capital, is clearly convinced of the quality, reliability and fuel consumption of MAN's city buses, having just submitted an order for a further 30 Lion's City solo and articulated buses.

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Tallinn is the capital of Estonia and its mediaeval old town is a UNESCO world heritage site. However, Tallinn is also a city with a modern face, including an extensive public transport system that is used by tourists and locals alike. In order to continue to offer an outstanding service in the future, Tallinna Linnatranspordi (TLT), the transport operator in the Estonian capital, has ordered 20 MAN Lion's City LE solo buses and ten MAN Lion's City GL articulated buses. The city buses will be delivered from April 2017, adding to the approximately 450-strong TLT fleet and bringing the total of city buses provided by MAN to 145.

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For MAN, this is the fifth large order from TLT in the last five years, with the first ever order of MAN buses being received from Tallinn in 2011. "The high quality and reliability of our vehicles have been crucial to this success. TLT is also extremely happy with the low fuel consumption of our city buses – this is a decisive factor, particularly as, the vehicles cover around 100,000 kilometres on the streets of Tallinn each year," says Rudi Kuchta, Senior Vice President Product & Sales Bus at MAN Truck & Bus. Another plus point for the city buses is their extremely low operating noise.

The 20 MAN Lion's City LE solo buses have a low entry design, making it extremely easy for passengers to board and exit, and space on board for a total of 84 passengers. The 12-metre buses are powered by a 290 hp (213 kW) diesel engine, which meets the Euro 6 emission standard.

The ten MAN Lion's City GL articulated buses have 320 hp (235 kW) at their disposal. The low-entry buses have space for 157 passengers over a total length of 18.75 metres and four sets of double doors, ensuring quick

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passenger turnover. Double glazing and a heating package specially developed for northern countries ensure additional comfort. Passengers with restricted mobility can also board and exit the vehicles with ease thanks to the buses' wheelchair ramps and kneeling function. An LED exterior display and the 29-inch TFT interior displays provide guests with information on the route and current location at a glance. A camera surveillance system with recording function provides increased safety for drivers and passengers, as does the new lighting concept consisting of LED lighting in the passenger area and around the doors, as well as exterior lights.

“We are extremely pleased to be part of Tallinn’s journey to a highly modern public transport concept with this repeat order. This once more emphasises that the city sees MAN and MAN importer Keil M.A. as reliable, long-term partners,” stresses Roman Kaluzynski, Head of Bus Sales Center Importers East/CIS at MAN. Keil M.A. is also responsible for maintaining and servicing the buses.

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Caption:

Tallinna Linnatranspordi is continuing the modernisation of its fleet with its order of 30 more solo and articulated buses from MAN