

CNG SHOW DEBUT FOR MAN

MAN Truck & Bus UK Ltd has announced its intention to use 'Euro Bus Expo 2010' to gauge local market interest in its natural gas powered bus technology. The MAN stand will feature a left-hand drive example of the company's highly successful product range, and it is understood that interest from the UK will dictate the eventual introduction of a right hand drive version for the market.

With sales already of more than 4,000 CNG buses, MAN has been the consistent leader in Europe's natural gas powered bus market.

In recent years, the company's natural-gas engines have comfortably been meeting the demanding requirements of the voluntary EEV standard (Enhanced Environmentally-friendly Vehicle). As the combustion process involving natural gas produces very few emissions, complex filtering systems incorporating such technologies as closed particulate filters are unnecessary.

MAN's CNG engines are suitable for use with Biogas, the generation of which is largely CO₂ neutral. This makes it the most climate-friendly fuel available in the world today. Large fleets of MAN buses powered by Biogas are currently operating in both Sweden and the Netherlands.

Key benefits of the opportunity to use of Biogas are seen as:

- No conversion of standard CNG Buses required, existing infrastructure and engines can be used.
- Largely carbon-neutral, thanks to recent innovations in collection of methane gas.
- Best particulate and Nox values of all MAN engines

The MAN CNG bus will be on Stand C10 in Hall5 at the NEC.

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