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IVECO launches new dual control Eurocargo model

IVECO has grown its medium duty Eurocargo range with the addition of a new dual control variant, designed to meet the increasing demand for more compact waste removal vehicles.

Available on the 4x2 Euro5 (EEV) ML160 platform with shortened 4455mm wheelbase, the new Eurocargo is manufactured at IVECO's facility in Brescia, Italy, and features 'predisposition' for dual control, which allows more efficient fitment of the additional system componentry in Australia.

Components to engineer the dual control Eurocargo are from IVECO-sourced parts kits, which provide seamless integration of the system, resulting in a high quality, factory finish and a more efficient fitment process.

The ML160 dual control platform is designed to be compatible with a number of leading side loader compactor bodies with volumes of up to 15m³, an optimal size that delivers considerable payload benefits while still offering strong manoeuvrability and a lower GVM compared to traditional 6x4 refuse collection vehicles.

IVECO ANZ Product Manager, Marco Quaranta, said the new model was ideal for work in gated communities, many of which had private access roads with GVM limits.

"There's a growing trend in Australia towards higher density living and it's changing the way waste needs to be collected," Mr Quaranta said.

"Load restrictions on some roads and more restrictive infrastructure as a whole, means that operating a full sized compactor in these areas can be a challenge, which makes the more compact Eurocargo an ideal platform for a dual control model.

"The Eurocargo already has smaller dimensions than many compactors in the market, but with a shortened wheelbase of 4455mm, this provides exceptional maneuverability while still accommodating a 15m³ compactor body and up to five tonnes of payload."



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The truck is powered by a 5.9 litre, 6-cylinder Euro5 (EEV) engine producing 280 horsepower and 950 Nm of torque and is coupled to a 5-speed Allison S3000 full automatic transmission, the preferred option for refuse collection work thanks to its ease of use and durability.

For a more comfortable ride and reduced damage to road infrastructure, the dual control Eurocargo features rear Electronically-Controlled Air Suspension (ECAS), while the rear axle includes a driver-controlled differential lock should additional traction be required.

Braking on the vehicle comes courtesy of front and rear ventilated disc brakes with Electronic Stability Program, ABS and Anti-Skid Regulator, ensuring safe and secure stopping power.

Other benefits of the model include a European-designed and appointed cabin that places a high emphasis on ergonomics, including reduced noise and high comfort levels, leading to a more relaxed driving experience.

Prior to launching the new Eurocargo variant, a variety of models were locally trialled with leading waste service provider, Suez, and the feedback was overwhelmingly positive, according to Mr Quaranta.

“Operators have confirmed with us that the Eurocargo’s size and payload strike a great balance between manoeuvrability and productivity,” he said.

“The drivers are also commenting favourably and have specifically referenced the trucks’ superior turning circle and wonderful visibility – operating the Eurocargo in confined areas is far less stressful than using a full size compactor.

“We are already receiving strong orders for the new model which is pleasing to see, and confirms to us that this is a growing market segment.”

For customers wanting an even lighter vehicle, IVECO can also supply a dual control to order, based on the smaller ML140 platform.

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