

Press Release

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Euro – ANZ alliance shines through in new IVECO S-WAY

The new IVECO S-Way sees IVECO Australia and New Zealand transition to a dedicated range of fully imported heavy-duty commercial vehicles – it's a move that will benefit local buyers by providing them with the company's latest models and innovations almost in lock-step timing with European releases.

Although IVECO's latest heavy-duty truck market offering is no longer assembled in Australia, IVECO ANZ has still played a significant role in shaping the final specification of the vehicles that have begun arriving in the southern hemisphere along with prelaunch testing and validation programs. The IVECO S-Way program also showcases the high levels of cooperation within IVECO's design, engineering, manufacturing and validation centres.

Designed in Germany and Italy with input from ANZ, the local IVECO S-Way features some unique content and specification choices not offered in other markets. As an example, on the AS B-Double model, variances include revised battery box and air tank positioning, the addition of a heavy duty crossmember to provide extra rigidity on demanding local roads, along with fitment of an additional fuel tank. This model also features market specific air and electrical trailer connections, a trailer brake hand control and flat glass for side mirrors.

A load sharing front suspension on 8x4 models is also provided for local markets where this functionality delivers an extra 1000kg of capacity for the steer axles. Additionally, selected models feature revised air cleaners and all trucks benefit from optimised cooling packages to handle hot Australian summers.

Prior to launch, the IVECO S-Way underwent extensive validation programs in Europe as well as in Australia. In local testing, three units in a variety of specifications operated at full operating loads amassing thousands of kilometres on routes from Melbourne to Brisbane return with considerable time



also spent travelling through outback New South Wales. Additionally, the IVECO S-Way drivetrains were testing using an additional four IVECO X-WAY-bodied trucks which were driven over heavily undulating terrain in Tasmania and on the South Island of New Zealand.

Certain components used in the IVECO S-Way such as the market-leading Hi-Tronix transmission and earlier versions of the Cursor engine range, were also fitted to selected IVECO X-Way trucks, a model range that has well proven itself in local markets over several years now.

Prospective buyers also gain peace of mind in knowing that the new IVECO S-Way trucks are assembled at IVECO's advanced manufacturing facility in Madrid, Spain, with engines produced at the company's Bourbon-Lancy plant in France. Both sites are among the most modern facilities within the global commercial vehicle industry.

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IVECO is a proud importer and distributor of commercial vehicles spanning the light, medium and heavy duty truck segments. The range includes on and off-road models from car licence vans through to prime movers rated up to 70 tonnes GCM. All models are designed and tested to meet Australia's demanding operating requirements. The extensive product line-up includes Daily, Eurocargo, ACCO, S-Way, T-Way and Astra models. IVECO vehicles are supported in Australia by a dedicated network of over 60 dealerships and parts and service outlets strategically located nationwide, offering aftersales services that include extended warranties, breakdown support packages and personalised maintenance contracts.

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