



## PRESS RELEASE

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# DAF'S NEW GENERATION XF, XG, AND XG+ WIN THE 2022 INTERNATIONAL TRUCK OF THE YEAR AWARD

DAF's New Generation XF, XG, and XG+ have been elected International Truck of the Year 2022 by a jury of 24 commercial vehicle editors and senior journalists, representing 24 major trucking magazines from throughout Europe.

The prestigious award was handed over to Harry Wolters, President of DAF Trucks, during the press day of the Solutrans Commercial Vehicle and Bodybuilder Show in Lyon, France.



With a winning score of 150 votes, the Dutch long-haul heavy-duty truck range fought off the challenge posed by Iveco's recently-launched T-Way construction series and Mercedes-Benz's battery-electric eActros (second generation).

Based on the International Truck of the Year (IToY) rules, the annual award is presented to the truck introduced into the market in the previous 12 months, which has made the most significant contribution to road transport efficiency. This judgement relies on several critical criteria, including technological innovation, comfort, safety, driveability, fuel economy, environmental 'footprint,' and Total Cost of Ownership (TCO).



Taking full advantage of the EU's new mass and dimension regulations, DAF has created a truck range that dramatically improves aerodynamics, fuel efficiency, active and passive safety, and comfort for the driver.

During recent extended test drives in Spain and central Europe, the IToY jury members appreciated the excellent visibility provided by a large, curved windscreen, side windows with low beltlines and the kerb-view window. These features - along with the digital vision system that replaces the traditional rear mirrors and the new corner view camera - offer excellent all-around visibility, protecting vulnerable road users.

The IToY journalists also praised the performance of the new highly efficient powertrains, based on the Paccar MX-11 and MX-13 engines, coupled with TraXon automated gearbox, and the advanced features of predictive cruise control with extended Eco-roll functionalities.

Summing up the jury vote, International Truck of the Year Chairman Gianenrico Griffini commented: "With the introduction of the New Generation, DAF has delivered a high-tech heavy-duty truck range that sets a new benchmark in the truck industry. In addition, it is future-oriented, as it also represents a complete platform for new generations of alternative drivelines".

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#### **About the International Truck of the Year**

*The International Truck of the Year (IToY) award was initially launched in 1977 by the British journalist and legendary editor of Truck magazine Pat Kennett. Today, the 24 jury members represent leading commercial vehicle magazines throughout Europe. Moreover, in the last few years, the IToY Group has extended its sphere of influence by appointing 'associate members' in the growing truck markets of China, India, South Africa, Australia, Brazil, Japan, Iran, and New Zealand. Altogether, the combined truck-operator readership of the 24 IToY full-jury members' magazines, as well as those of its eight associate members, exceeds 1,000,000.*

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#### **About Dekra**

*The IToY group would like to thank Dekra for independently collating all the IToY jury members' votes and certifying the final result. Dekra's history begins with the automobile. In 1925, the Deutsche Kraftfahrzeug-Überwachungs-Verein e.V was founded in Berlin to ensure the road safety of rapidly developing mobility. Today, Dekra's eight Service Divisions - Vehicle Inspection, Claims & Expertise, Product Testing, Industrial Inspection, Consulting, Audits, Training, and Temp Work - offer a broad service portfolio for safety on the road, at work, and home in five continents and 60 countries worldwide. Dekra has around 44,000 employees and generates a turnover of about 3,2 billion euro.*



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