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GREEN TRUCK

1850 HP RACE

The Green Truck Award is presented annually: the most environmentally friendly and efficient tractor unit is selected — it's a close, neck-and-neck race

A close race

For Green Truck, TRUCKER annually selects the most environmentally friendly and efficient articulated lorry. DAF, MAN, Scania and Volvo Trucks have stepped up — and are competing in a close, neck-and-neck race. ▶



SCANIA 460 R SUPER

VOLVO FH 460 I-SAVE

DAF XF 450

MAN TGX 18,480



First place



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the MX-11 engine with a volume of "only" 10.8 litres. This is an advantage that particularly pays off in the weight evaluation that we will come to later.

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The MAN is also not going into the test unprepared. Only shortly before the start of the test, its D26 diesel engine received what was probably its last update before the new group engine developed by Scania is eventually also brought over in the TGX. In the course of the upgrade, the D26 was given an increase of 10 HP and 50 Newton meters. However, the internal engine improvements are more important here. The new low-friction pistons

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Does the future belong to the electric truck? In a few years' time, the electric vehicles are likely to overtake the combustion engine. However, there is still a lack of vehicle options, to say nothing of a comprehensive charging infrastructure for heavy trucks.

Until both have been achieved, diesel remains the standard, which is why it is still the drive type chosen for the Green Truck Award, which TRUCKER awards annually together with its sister magazine VerkehrsRundschau. And, we can reveal this much: the six-cylinder inline models from the four participating manufacturers are more impressive than ever, with not a trace of the discontinued model!

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Second place



The Scania is going the highest speed

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l/100 km of diesel consumption is what the MAN TGX has at 18,480

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The MAN TGX proves to be the most economical representative of the test four



TEST TRACK



FUEL CONSUMPTION AND SPEED

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Volvo	l/100 km: 20.90 km/h: 84.11	l/100 km: 22.45 km/h: 85.23	l/100 km: 21.28 km/h: 83.51	l/100 km: 19.31 km/h: 61.71	l/100 km: 22.70 km/h: 84.47	l/100 km: 21.34 km/h: 79.95

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On the other hand, it is possible to reduce the dead weight of the articulated lorries to just under seven tonnes. In addition, the DAF can take advantage of another benefit of its lower displacement engine. The more compact engine weighs just under 180 kilograms less than the manufacturer's larger MX-13 six-cylinder engine.

At 7.2 tonnes, the MAN weighs the most on the scales and on the road. However, this is also due to the retarder, which the TGX is the only one to have on board on the Green

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CONCLUSION



TRUCK tester
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To be honest, this does not come as a surprise: The latest truck design on the European market is, at the end of the day, at the front. This is the first time DAF has won the coveted title in the history of the Green Truck Award. Congratulations to Eindhoven for this success!

Test with reference

At the time of the Green Truck test drives, our previous Mercedes-Benz Actros 1845 Stream-Space was the reference, combined with a Schmitz-Cargobull curtain side. With the combination, which has been unloaded to 38 tons, we have experienced consumption values under good conditions. If this changes during the test, we know that the test truck has different

conditions. We can use the ratio of the change to obtain the values of the test trucks on a uniform basis. Advantage: Our data is comparable. We don't think it's worth comparing values that were collected without reference under changing conditions. The test with reference trucks is only available in the technical press at our company and is also practised by industry.



Our Actros has now been replaced by its successor, a Volvo FH 460 I-Save, with a new Schmitz-Cargobull trailer.



Leading by example:

TRUCKER compensates for the CO2 in the tests by means of certificates. The compensation goes into a wind energy project via supplier ClimatePartner. We owe it to the environment, to save it even when we drive!

TECHNICAL DATA

	DAF	MAN	SCANIA	VOLVO
Engine				
Type	Paccar MX-11	D2676	DC13 175 460	D13 T460 Turbo-TC
Charging	Single turbocharger	Single turbocharger	Single-stage turbocharger	Turbo with wastegate and turbocompound
Cylinder capacity	10,800 cm3	12,419 cm3	12,740 cm3	12,800 cm3
Rated power	449 HP (330 kW) at 1600 rpm	480 HP (353 kW) at 1800 rpm	460 HP (338 kW) at 1800 rpm	460 HP (338 kW) at 1240–1600 rpm
Max. torque	2350 Nm at 900–1125 rpm*	2450 Nm at 930–1350 rpm	2500 Nm at 900–1290 rpm	2600 Nm at 900–1240 rpm
Bore x stroke	123 x 152 mm	126 x 166 mm	130 x 160 mm	131 x 158 mm
Compression	N/A	15.5:1	23.0:1	18.0:1
Hazardous substances standard	Euro 6e	Euro 6e	Euro 6e	Euro 6e
Exhaust gas purification	SCR catalytic converter, EGR, particle filter	SCR catalytic converter, soft EGR, particle filter	SCR only (twin SCR), particle filter	SCR catalytic converter, cooled EGR, particle filter
GEARBOX				
Manufacturer	ZF	ZF	Scania	Volvo Group
Type	Traxon	Tip-Matic 12.26 DD	Opticruise G25CM	I-Shift AT2612F
Forward gears	12	12	12 plus overdrive	12
Reverse gears	2	2	4 (optional 8)	4
Rear axle ratio	i=2.21	i=2.31	i=2.31	i=2.31
CABIN				
Type	Sleeper High cab	GM	R Highline	GlobetrotterXL
RETARDER				
Engine Brake	MX engine brake	EVBeC	CRB	VEB+
Power	340 kW at 2100 rpm	305 kW at 2400 rpm	343 kW at 2400 rpm	430 kW at 2300 rpm
Retarder installed	No	Yes	No	No
MASS AND WEIGHTS				
L x W x H	6080 x 2500 x 3766 mm	6007 x 2500 x 3854 mm	5960 x 2250 x 3698 mm	5890 x 2495 x 3932 mm
Weight (incl. 400 l diesel, 60 l AdBlue)	6975 kg	7200 kg	6985 kg	7060 kg

* Gear 1–11: 2200 Nm at 900–1400 rpm

The transport task for the Green Truck 2023 is carried out by our 24-ton Krone test trailer



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A close race

VR invites competitors to the Green Truck comparison test every year. This includes consumption, speed and the unladen weight of the articulated lorry. This year, four manufacturers are competing against each other.

Coming soon

VerkehrsRundschau has been awarding the Green Truck Award annually since 2011. The editors do not rely on the manufacturer's specifications, but determine all the measured values and consumption values that count for the evaluation themselves.

Is environmentally friendly transport only possible with alternative drive types? We don't think so. An articulated lorry with a conventional diesel combustion engine can also contribute to the urgent relief of the climate, no question. In addition, the supply of heavy battery electric trucks, let alone those with hydrogen-based fuel cell drive, is not practical. A comprehensive network of E-Charging pedestals or H2 filling stations is also not yet available, which is why diesel remains the standard in goods transport for the time being.

DAF, MAN, Scania and Volvo

Because we test what our readers drive in everyday life, the diesel engine was also written into the tender for the 2023 edition of the Green Truck. VerkehrsRundschau awards the title annually together with its sister magazine TRUCKER and, we can reveal this much: the six-cylinder inline models from the four participating manufacturers are more impressive than ever, with not a trace of the discontinued model! Why are only four of the now eight well-known manufacturers in Europe competing here? We don't know, but



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Conclusion



Jan Burgdorf, Test Editor

A clean idea

The manufacturers have really given it their all! It's remarkable how close the test results of the four articulated lorries have ended up. This shows how high the standard is among the manufacturers. I am not surprised that the DAF made it to the top in the end; the vehicle is the latest truck design on the European market. This is the first time in the history of the Green Truck Award that the Dutch have won the coveted title. Congratulations to Eindhoven for this success!

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Thanks to Turbocompound, no one is more confident on the test round than the Volvo FH 460 I-Save

NEW GENERATION DAF



XF XG XG+



XD



XF



Milestones!

The new DAF generation sets milestones in terms of efficiency, safety and driver comfort:

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