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'Strength in depth' specialist vehicles from DAF Trucks

- Euro-6 CF 290 FAG 6x2 twin-steer features Faun Zoeller waste collection body
- RWM visitors greeted by a 15-tonne LF 220 FA with NTM K-Maxi body in Grundon colours
- Wide range of DAF vehicles evident throughout exhibition
- DAF Trucks demonstrates capacity to work alongside wide range of bodybuilders

'Strength in depth' – that's the message from DAF Trucks at this year's RWM Exhibition where the truck industry's market leader is showing examples of specialist chassis from its lightweight LF and middleweight CF ranges.

With a large number of DAF trucks in evidence on exhibitors' stands throughout the NEC, DAF Trucks highlights its diverse product line-up and its ability to produce exacting chassis specifications for niche market requirements. With such strength in depth, DAF Trucks also shows its capacity to work with an impressively wide range of the UK's and Europe's leading bodybuilder partners.

Heading up DAF Trucks' stand is a Euro-6 CF 290 FAG; a 26-tonne 6x2 twin-steer rigid chassis fitted with Faun Zoeller's 21 cubic-metre 'Variopress' refuse collection bodywork and kindly loaned by Luton Borough Council. The vehicle is part of a programmed delivery of 19 new Euro-6 DAF 26-tonners (including two FAN rear-steer models) for the Council's waste collection and recycling service.

The truck is powered by a 10.8-litre, 290bhp Euro-6 PACCAR MX-11 engine coupled with a fully automatic Allison 3200 Series six-speed gearbox. A 5.35m wheelbase, a twin-steer axle configuration and an 11.5 tonne rear axle (and a 7.5 tonne steering axle) provides an ideal combination of manoeuvrability and weight distribution. The DAF Space Cab is converted by Estepe in the Netherlands and provides room for up to five crew (four plus driver).

Rear-end loader Variopress 21 cubic-metre capacity bodywork is manufactured and fitted by Faun Zoeller. 'Rotary 3' bin lift equipment boasts a new low-level domestic lifter design, featuring a seven second cycle and active independent bump bar.

With rear-end weight distribution a focus for refuse collection operations, DAF Trucks' FAG 6x2 twin-steer configuration offers both excellent payload and manoeuvrability to allow nimble handling on narrow streets and around complex housing estates. A twin-steer set-up

also reduces damage to road surfaces where maximum lock is often employed. DAF Trucks FAN 6x2 rear-steer provides alternative operational benefits where even greater manoeuvrability is required.

DAF Trucks is also displaying a Euro-6 LF 220 FA; a 16-tonne 4x2 rigid fitted with a ‘K-Max’ rear-end loader refuse collection body from Finnish manufacturer NTM. The vehicle is supplied courtesy of waste management specialist, Grundon and assumes pride-of-place at the entrance to the RWM exhibition. In operation the LF is down-plated to 15 tonne GVW.

The 3.8m wheelbase chassis is powered by a PACCAR Euro-6 PX-7 engine rated at 220bhp, and coupled with a five-speed Allison 3000 Series automatic gearbox.

The 12.6 cubic-metre capacity NTM K-Max body comprises an NTM Barlift and features pneumatic bin catcher bar, proportionally controlled hydraulic levers (for bin-lift, carriage plate and packer plate) and high-speed compaction.

DAF vehicles now number 180 for Grundon’s specialist waste collection and recycling services, making up over 75% of the company’s total fleet. Notably a CF 460 FTG Space Cab was delivered earlier this year for dedicated use on the company’s operations with Carbon8 – Carbon8 uses Accelerated Carbonation Technology (ACT) to treat incinerator residues. Grundon has achieved CarbonNeutral® certification as part of Grundon’s affiliation with The CarbonNeutral Company.

DAF Trucks’ LF range boasts the UK’s best-selling 7.5 tonner – 1285 units registered in 2014 gave DAF Trucks 28.2% of the 7.5 tonne market. A wide range of engine, cab and wheelbase options provide a no-compromise specification for the vast majority of specialist operations, and includes a dedicated, compact and highly-manoeuvrable Sweeper Chassis.

“We’re about strength in depth,” said Jim Brand, Municipal Sales Manager at DAF Trucks, “Our impressive range of truck chassis options offer an exacting specification for customers and, crucially, for our bodybuilder partners. We work with all the leading UK and European bodybuilders,” he said, “including the prominent, large-volume producers and also the highly specialised equipment manufacturers to cater for niche market requirements.”

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