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IVECO X-Way makes "a perfect fleet truck" for P&S Hornell Transport

Investing in its first IVECO truck a decade ago and having stayed true to the brand ever since, it was only a matter of time before Auckland transport company, P&S Hornell Transport, added a new Euro6 X-Way 6x4 prime mover to its fleet.

The new X-Way AT model replaces a Stralis, and is used to haul a 26 pallet refrigerated trailer on a metropolitan delivery contract with one of New Zealand's largest supermarket chains. Additionally, the truck operates on an Auckland to Hamilton line-haul run which sees the vehicle run six days per week, normally covering 500 kilometres per day.

Company Director, Peter Hornell's loyalty to the IVECO brand has been rewarded with Peter acknowledging that since taking delivery of his X-Way in early July, he has failed to find any negative aspects.

"At 510 horsepower and 2300 Nm, the X-Way is ideal for this single trailer application, it's a perfect fleet truck," he said.

"I'm extremely impressed with the driveline. The integration between the engine and the 12-speed automated manual transmission works beautifully – the power comes on early in the rev range and is linear in delivery."

As someone who began in the transport industry exclusively as a driver – and continues to spend considerable time behind the wheel today – Peter said a key consideration in buying the X-Way was its comfort levels and generous cabin appointments.

"I still drive now and know what's important for drivers, with the X-Way I've tried to give my guys what is a sensible, functional and comfortable truck," he said.

"My two drivers absolutely love this truck, they comment on how quiet it is and how intuitive the layout of the cabin is."

Other benefits of the new X-Way range is its low emission performance, with all models meeting the stringent Euro6 measure using IVECO's unique Hi-SCR system. Hi-SCR is a single after-treatment system featuring a passive Diesel Particulate Filter where regeneration occurs continuously without needing driver intervention, and there's no requirement for EGR.







On the safety front, the X-Way sits amongst the market leaders with standard equipment including Electronic Braking System (EBS) with Brake Assistance System (BAS), Electronic Stability Program (ESP), Hill Holder, Adaptive Cruise Control (ACC). Advanced Emergency Braking System (AEBS), and daytime running lights.

Peter said that the X-Way's strong emission and safety performance where other major considerations in his purchase decision.

"The main company we contract to sets criteria that our trucks must meet in order to service the contract. Strong safety and low emissions levels rank highly among the requirements. The trucks are also tracked by GPS," he said.

"The X-Way easily meets all these needs and from a personal perspective, I'm also pleased to be providing our drivers with a very safe truck.

"I personally swear by the Adaptive Cruise Control – you could virtually drive the X-Way without touching the brakes. It's certainly a great feature to have and would really come into its own if you became distracted. This truck virtually takes care of everything."

Peter is also pleased with the support that IVECO has provided his business over the years.

"IVECO's back-up has been good. I bought my first IVECO 10 years ago and really, I've never looked back," he said.

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