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### Scania standard boosts fire safety

**Scania has introduced a global system for assessing fire safety at all its production plants. This new concept – Scania Blue Rating – identifies risks and shows in concrete terms where and in what way improvements can be made.**

Scania Blue Rating has been developed in close cooperation between Scania, insurance company Winterthur and risk management specialists Willis. More than 20 production plants were inspected in 1999, from subsidiary Ferruform AB in Luleå in the far north of Sweden to Tucumán in Argentina in the southern hemisphere.

The documentation, holistic overview and standardisation that characterise Scania Blue Rating focus safety-enhancing measures in an effective way. Evacuation, training in fire response, reporting of incidents, rules for smoking and handling of gas are just some of the more than 25 areas that are rated in the inspection.

The system has been well-received at Scania's various production plants and has stimulated a high degree of involvement and interest among the personnel. The best results in 1999 were recorded by the frame assembly unit in Södertälje, which machines and assembles bearing beams for Scania trucks. Leif Östling, the President and CEO of Scania, personally handed over the winning prize at a recent ceremony in the frame assembly unit.

Scania Blue Rating will be implemented every year. The concept has met with such success that Electrolux has now introduced a system that is based entirely on the Scania model.

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*Scania is one of the world's leading manufacturers of trucks and buses for heavy transport applications, and of industrial and marine engines. With 25,800 employees and production facilities in Europe and Latin America, Scania is one of the most profitable companies in its sector. In 1999, turnover totalled SEK 47,100 million and the result after net interest income/expense was SEK 4,500 million. Scania products are marketed in about 100 countries worldwide and some 95 percent of Scania's vehicles are sold outside Sweden.*

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