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## Scania vehicles for mine clearing

**Scania has received an order from FMV (the Swedish Defence Matériel Administration) for a further 22 mine and ballistic-protected cross-country vehicles for use in international peacekeeping operations. The vehicles will be built on Scania's new four-axle, eight-wheel-drive chassis, which was premiered at last year's EuroSatory show in Paris.**

With this additional order, Scania will supply a total of 66 mine-shielded 8x8 vehicles to FMV, representing a definitive breakthrough for the type, which is also in demand on the civilian market.

Scania's internationally acclaimed mine and ballistic-protected vehicle concept was unveiled for the first time in autumn 1999, when full-scale tests using live anti-tank mines were carried out in the public gaze and in the presence of foreign guests. The concept is the product of collaboration between FMV and Scania, together with Karotek Systems of Norway (mine shield) and Åkers Krutbruk of Sweden (ballistic protection).

To improve the safety of personnel, such as UN peacekeeping troops in conflict zones, Scania has retrofitted the mine shield on vehicles already supplied by it for mine-clearing operations in the Lebanon and the Balkans.

*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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