

## **Press Information**

## Volvo Trucks launches new model of American flagship

Volvo Trucks is today unveiling a new version of the Volvo VT, the company's flagship for the North American market. The Volvo VT 800 has a new cab without sleeping accommodation, and it is aimed at haulage firms in heavy regional transport operations where added horsepower is a must.

The Volvo VT 880 was presented to the media at the start of the year and is powered by a new 16-litre Volvo engine that is assembled in the USA. The model is marketed on the American and Canadian long-haul markets. It is aimed at single-truck owners in the premium class, where image and performance are particularly important.

With the new 16-litre engine that offers up to 625 horsepower, the company took a giant step into this top-of-the-market prestige segment. The launch of a day cab widens the product range still further. Volvo's 16-litre engine is fitted as standard in the VT 800, but the customer can alternatively specify a Cummins ISX engine.

The typical Volvo VT 800 customer is a single-vehicle operator engaged in heavy transport duties, with no need for overnight accommodation in the truck – a successful independent haulage operator who is keen to show his or her success.

"The new Volvo VT 800 is yet more proof of our strong commitment to North America, which we are now further reinforcing with respect to driver productivity, safety and design," says Peter Karlsten, President of Volvo Trucks North America Inc.

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