

Istanbul Transport to Invest in New Infrastructure

Bus Manufacturer MJT Delivers Double Deckers to Istanbul

The Istanbul Municipal Parliament has decided to invest some EUR 1.8 billion into the expansion and further development of its transport infrastructure by 2009. As part of this program, 52 vehicles made by the Hungarian vehicle manufacturer MJT will be fitted with DIWA.3E transmissions and delivered to the Turkish metropolis.



The first lot of the 52 double deckers, ready for service in Istanbul

The double deckers have 74 seats. According to Gyula Kovacs, Voith Turbo representative in Eger, Hungary, IETT Istanbul Transport consciously decided in favor of double decker buses. "The bus routes through the 15-million metropolis can be very long. Passengers therefore prefer to spend their time sitting down rather than standing, which is often the case in articulated buses. Double deckers simply have more seats." The vehicles are driven by 249-HP DAF engines.

The production facilities of MJT are located in Debrecen, Hungary's second-largest city. The young company, founded by Sándor Tarnai as recently as 1994, has evolved from one of the largest commercial vehicle workshops of the country. Today MJT is among the leading Hungarian bus manufacturers. Apart from the MJT 002-11 D double decker, the portfolio includes a 12-meter solo bus, as well as an 18-meter midibus – all of them with a low-floor design.



Sándor Tarnai, founder of MJT



The Blue Mosque, one of the many landmarks

Double decker buses have a long tradition in Istanbul. At the moment, MJT is working on a further vehicle with a self-supporting body. This bus will again be fitted with DIWA transmissions. MJT also intends to integrate axles from Voith Turbo Drive Systems.

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- Product: Voith DIWA 854.3E transmission
- Application: Double decker city buses made by MJT (Hungary)
- Operator: IETT Istanbul Transport
- Technical Features: Low fuel consumption, optimum overdrive, protection of driveline, high gear-shifting comfort, low maintenance costs

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