



## Press Information

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### **NEW VOLVO FE TRUCKS TAKE SK DISTRIBUTION INTO THEIR COMFORT ZONE**

**Buxton-based, SK Distribution has invested in four new Volvo FE-240 rigids for its Palletways delivery and collection networks and the trucks are already proving popular with the company's drivers who all work within a 50-mile radius serving commitments to the SK postcode area.**

Supplied by Mark Lingard, Customer Solutions Manager at Thomas Hardie Commercials Ltd., the trucks are powered by Volvo's Euro-6, D8K engine and equipped with 12-speed I-Shift automated transmission systems. Single reduction 13-tonne drive axles round off the powertrain specifications and the dayshift operating vehicles were ordered with 255 litre aluminium diesel tanks.

Spec'd with Comfort cabs, which are available in both the Volvo FL and FE ranges, the extra space can be equipped with a bed for one person or be used as office space with extra storage compartments. SK Distribution has opted for the latter office option, which is complemented by a useful locker on the engine cover. The comfort cab also delivers a practical interior height of 1605mm, a length of 2000mm and is 2300mm wide.

Operating predominately in urban environments, SK Distribution has also prioritised driver visibility and safety levels with Volvo's factory-fitted, additional lower glazing panels on the FEs' passenger doors. Full body width, cantilever tails lifts are also fitted to the FEs and when not in use, the platforms also act as rear doors.

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SK Distribution's original order had been for four Volvo FL rigids, but as Vic Smith, Managing Director at SK Distribution notes, *"We were upgraded to the FE models due to our required wheelbase size of 6,450mm. We've had Fred Smith & Sons (Motorbodies) Ltd curtainside bodywork fitted to the group, each of which can accommodate 14 pallets and a pump lift truck. The extra half metre length over our old specification makes a big difference."*

*"Six-year Volvo Service Contracts were included with our order to maximise vehicle uptime,"* Vic reports adding, *"The FEs went into service last November and are doing well. Our drivers like them and the specification and performance of the new Volvo FEs is leaps and bounds over the other makes they replaced."*

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**Caption for photographs :**

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