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## **MALTA GETS 33 NEW KENT 12M BUSES**

### **VALETTA**

On the 24th of June, Malta Public Transport launched their latest investment in public transport in Malta with 33 new Otokar Kent C buses, in the presence of Honourable Joe Mizzi, Minister for Transport and Infrastructure of Malta.

This delivery came in addition to 143 Vectio C in September 2015, bringing the Otokar fleet to 176 units on the Malta island.

While the 9-meter buses provided flexibility to manoeuvre through various Maltese roads, these new 12- meter buses are designed to carry more people and will be servicing the busiest routes. This compliments the recent increase in bus trips as part of the summer service.

The 33 Kent C right hand drive buses are fully air-conditioned, and accessible to all passengers thanks to their low floor structure. They are environmentally friendly with the latest Euro 6 technology, and they are equipped with a number of safety features.

“We are proud to say that Malta now has one of the youngest bus fleets in Europe, with an average age of just over 3 years, while the average in Europe is over 9 years. Almost half of our fleet is now less than one year old, with Euro 6 engines. We are setting new standards for environmentally friendly transport and contributing to cleaner air” explained Mr Felipe Cosmen, Chairman of Malta Public Transport.

The Honourable Joe Mizzi, Minister for Transport and Infrastructure, who was also present for the launch explained how Government is improving public transport in Malta. “Nowadays, people expect to get on a comfortable bus and get to their destination on time. Throughout these two years, we have taken major steps to ensure that this can be achieved. This includes the introduction of new routes and modification in others, the introduction of the tallinja card which has helped reduce boarding time, and as a consequence, journey time has decreased as well. We have also seen the introduction of Priority Lanes and the new buses having two doors which further help reduce boarding

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and alighting times. The addition of these new buses will see seating capacity increase considerably.” Explained Minister Joe Mizzi.

## Kent C

The Kent C is a 12 metre vehicle which stands out with its superior maneuverability and cost-efficient operation thanks to its state-of-the-art integral durable and lightweight structure. It is an ideal city bus with full low floor, large interior space and powerful air conditioning in all seasons offering unique comfort to passengers. It offers maximum safety with EBS and automatic fire extinguisher system. It is simple and functional with double flap inward swinging front door, single flap inward swinging middle door and a wheelchair ramp

The Kent C has a Euro 6 engine which sets the new standard for environmentally friendly transport and its automatic transmission provides comfort during long drives.

The Kent C has a height of 3.145m and the width of 2.540m. Kent C is fitted with the six-cylinder Cummins ISB6.7E6280B engine. The rear axle and differential are by ZF and the automatic transmission is Voith Diwa 854.6. The seating capacity is 37 seating + 56 standing + one wheelchair (or 4 foldable seats).

## About Otokar

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Otokar has established in 2011, Otokar Europe for European bus market, Paris, France. In 2015 Otokar has been the leader of Turkish bus market for the fifth consecutive year

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