

PRESS RELEASE

First VDL Futura FDD2 in RHD version

During the Euro Bus Expo, to be held in Birmingham from 1 to 3 November 2016, VDL Bus & Coach will present the first right-hand drive (RHD) version Futura FDD2 double-decker. This luxurious double decker with a length of 14.1 metres will be delivered to Galleon Travel of Essex in late November 2016.

“We are proud to offer the latest member of the Futura family to operators in the UK and Ireland. We are sure it will establish itself at the very top of its market segment”, said Karl Moseley of Moseley, distributor of the VDL Futura product range in Great Britain.

The stand occupied by VDL Bus & Coach and the affiliated Moseley companies is A80, located in hall 5.

VDL Futura FDD2

With its sophisticated, streamlined, modern design, the VDL Futura FDD2 is the showpiece in the high-end VDL Futura family. With various capacity options, this double-decker offers both the discerning holidaymaker and the intercity business traveller a comfortable and fitting transport solution.

The use of a newly developed upper-deck floor made of lightweight sandwich material has made it possible to achieve a generous 1.86 m of standing height on the lower deck. A true innovation is the improvement of the driver's upward viewing angle, achieved by sloping the floor of the upper deck upwards at the windscreen. This gives the feeling of having plenty of space and an optimal view. Light weight plus a fuel-efficient powertrain equals financial benefit for the coach operator. The vehicle's low kerb weight makes it possible to carry more passengers, and a light vehicle consumes less fuel. For the coach operator this means double benefit – more paying passengers and lower fuel costs – resulting in Profit of Ownership.

VDL Futura FDD2-141 Galleon Travel

The interior of the Futura FDD2 is characterized by round corners, good workmanship, modern, light colours, lightweight materials and spacious standing heights on the lower and upper decks. It radiates unity and harmony, enhancing the travel experience and providing luxurious travel for passengers headed to a holiday destination or business appointment.

The VDL Futura FDD2-141 for Galleon Travel has a spacious 86+1+1 seat layout and luxurious seats. Every seating location has a USB connection. In the lower deck and upper deck there are 2 video monitors, and there is digital TV and a DVD player. The fully furnished and fully equipped kitchen provides everything needed to provide meals and refreshments while under way. RGB interior lighting contributes to a pleasant travel experience.

Galleon Travel

Galleon Travel is a family company known for its exceptional customer focus. Whether it be day trips, extended tours in Great Britain and mainland Europe or the rental of coaches with driver,

everything always revolves around the customer. A team of highly motivated and dedicated staff ensures that passengers have everything they desire.

Moseley

Moseley is recognized as an industry leader in operator support and provides a total service across all aspects of coach operation. Customers enjoy the benefits of a wide range of services tailored to meet individual operator needs. With a highly skilled workforce Moseley aims to provide a professional approach based on mutual trust and total customer satisfaction. The associated Moseley companies include, Moseley Distributors Ltd in Airdrie, Moseley in the South Ltd in Somerset and Moseley (PCV) Ltd in South Elmsall.

VDL Bus & Coach

The core activities of VDL Bus & Coach consist of the development, manufacturing, sales and after-sales of a wide range of buses, coaches and chassis modules, the conversion or extension of mini & midi buses and the purchase and sales of second-hand buses. Manufacturing takes place in the Netherlands and Belgium. VDL Bus & Coach places high value on quality, safety, durability, the environment, low fuel consumption, comfort and low maintenance costs. Sales of VDL Bus & Coach products take place through a worldwide network consisting of corporate-owned sales offices, importers and agents in more than 30 countries. This makes it possible to offer custom-made transport solutions. For after-sales and maintenance, the client can count on rapid, hassle-free assistance from VDL Bus & Coach employees in any of the many service locations. An extensive distribution network ensures that spare parts and accessories are delivered to the requested destination as quickly as possible. VDL Bus & Coach is one of the largest bus producers in Europe.

VDL Groep

VDL Bus & Coach is part of VDL Groep. VDL Groep, with its head office in Eindhoven (The Netherlands), is an international industrial company focused on the development, production and sales of semi-finished products, buses & coaches and other finished products and the assembly of cars. Since the founding in 1953 this family-owned company has grown to include 87 operating companies, spread over 19 countries with over 12,000 employees and an expected turnover of 3 billion euros in 2016. The strength of VDL Groep lies in the mutual cooperation between the companies.

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