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New DAF press release statement



We are expanding our fleet of multi-temp vehicles with 16 new DAF XB210s, 2 new DAF XB290s, and 1 new DAF XD340 trucks, taking our multi-temp fleet to over 140 vehicles.

All 19 vehicle bodies are being built by Solomon Commercials and are fitted with the latest safety and fuel efficiency features, including enhanced aerodynamics, non-slip seamless flooring, heavy-duty load restraint systems, and premium stainless-steel fittings for durability.

Driver safety and operational efficiency have been prioritised through a comprehensive 4-camera MDR system with in-cab 7" monitor, white-noise reversing alarms, and strategically positioned LED lighting for optimal visibility during loading and unloading.

For the XB290s and the XD340, we are particularly proud to be investing in the purely electrically driven ECOOLTEC TM182 transport refrigeration units, which suit a larger, rigid, multi-temp application. These units are revolutionary and unique in the transport refrigeration industry, delivering economic efficiency and being environmentally friendly. The TM182 makes use of the natural refrigerants R1270 and R744, unlike F-gases, they do not contain any PFAS which are harmful to the atmosphere. Furthermore, these refrigerants have a negligible Global Warming Potential.

The ECOOLTEC TM182 units require reduced maintenance, hold zero ozone depleting potential, and deliver on performance as well. Win win!

The reduction in CO₂e by choosing these ECOOLTEC Transport Refrigeration Units (TRUs) over traditional TRUs, is over 14.5t of CO₂e per vehicle. That's a reduction of 43.65t CO₂e over the 3 vehicles! Unlike widely used diesel refrigeration machines, the ECOOLTEC unit produces neither local pollutant nor CO₂ emissions in battery operation, and up to 98 per cent fewer emissions via the alternator drive.

As an independent family business, Holdsworth Foods is proud to be working with other independent family businesses in our industry supply chain. Solomon Commercials have been operating for almost 50 years and Michael I Holdsworth limited were one of their first customers! ECOOLTEC was founded by Peter Großkopf, well known and respected in the transport refrigeration industry as the founder of Frigoblock.

All of the vehicle refrigeration units are being fitted by CC Refrigeration, another independently owned business who Holdsworth Foods have worked with for many years.

The XB210s are fitted with Frigoblock EK13 refrigeration units. These units now offer reduced CO₂ emissions as well as reduced noise pollution, whilst maintaining reliable performance on our 12t vehicles during their demanding daily, multi-temp, and multi-drop roles.

We are committed to operating and investing in the future of our business in a sustainable manner. Investing in new technology that helps to reduce our environmental impact, improve our operational safety, as well as maintaining relationships with, and supporting, independent businesses in our industry