



PRESS RELEASE

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Stoneridge helps bring 4x4s and light commercial vehicles in line with the law

Many drivers aren't aware that if you use your 4x4 or light commercial vehicle for the carriage of goods, you may be subject to EU legislation requiring you to fit a Tachograph to record the duty time and distance travelled. Such vehicles, when used for commercial purposes and sometimes even non-commercial purposes, fall within the scope of the Tachograph Legislation, 561/2006. This includes vehicles with up to 8 seats in addition to the driver's seat, used for the carriage of passengers or vehicles up to 3.5 tonnes used for the carriage of goods.

For many of these smaller vehicles there has, until now, been no approved Tachograph solution as the gearboxes of such vehicles are not equipped to accept the standard encrypted sensor that is an integral part of the tachograph system. However, from 24th July 2009, these vehicles will finally be able to have a Tachograph installed with the help of the newly-released Stoneridge M1N1 Adaptor.

Stoneridge, a leading provider of Tachographs to the commercial vehicle industry, is the first company to offer a solution which will finally help these drivers keep within the law. Their SE5000 Digital Tachograph, launched in 2005, is fully compliant with legislation and works with all approved Tachograph smartcards which drivers will have to use to log their activities. The SE5000, with its comprehensive features, is one of the most popular Tachographs on the market, used by some of the major truck manufacturers, including DAF, Daimler, MAN and Scania. Stoneridge will launch their latest version in June, which is quicker and has an even simpler user interface. Focus on ease of use will make the SE5000 one of the most user-friendly tachographs available.

"Many companies and drivers just won't be aware that they are subject to this legislation" says Amanda Robertson, Sales and Marketing Manager at Stoneridge. "Now that the legislation allows this new solution to be fitted, the authorities will be more stringent on those people who until now have fallen through the cracks. We recommend getting in touch with your dealer who will be able to recommend an approved Tachograph Workshop who can ensure your vehicle is compliant."

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Stoneridge Electronics Limited (previously known as Veeder Root) is the Aftermarket division of Stoneridge Inc, with over 5000 commercial vehicle service centres worldwide. Stoneridge Inc is a global giant in the automotive and commercial vehicle industry with a turnover last year of \$750m. Stoneridge Electronics Ltd main product range is analogue and digital tachographs and the fleet analysis software to support them.

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