



## **Stoneridge first to unveil next-generation digital tachograph**

Stoneridge Electronics will be the first company to unveil a fully type-approved and market-ready next generation digital tachograph at this year's CV Show, called SE5000 Exakt™. The new tachograph is designed and manufactured at the company's European headquarters in Bromma, Sweden and its launch is expected to bring major efficiency gains to the road transport industry. What makes the new digital tachograph different is that it records driving time and non-driving time in segments of a minute versus whole minute sections currently.

The SE5000 Exakt™ arrives well ahead of the scheduled changes to Annex 1B of the driver's hours regulation due in October 2011, which will now make it possible for road transport operators to improve productivity by ensuring only true driving time is recorded. Annex 1B states that the single longest continuous activity undertaken within a given minute will be logged against that specific action.

For instance, if a driver is driving for one minute and 29 seconds and then conducts other duties for the remaining 31 seconds of that minute, only one minute will be recorded as driving time versus two at present.

This means that truck, bus and heavy van operators stand to make considerable gains in driving hours and therefore productivity. Initial trials in Sweden have shown time savings of up to 45 minutes per day per driver on a typical road transport operation, which would have previously been allocated as driving time.

The SE5000 Exakt™ is designed to be user-friendly with clear menus, large symbols and logical instructions for ease-of-use. Furthermore, the advanced Stoneridge tachograph can provide drivers with readouts of remaining driving time while on the move.

Peter Hafmar, Product Manager for Tachographs at Stoneridge Electronics, said, "The launch of the SE5000 Exakt showcases the next generation of digital tachographs. As it records driver hours accurately it will significantly improve productivity for road transport operations. At present drivers are losing valuable driving time because of the way in which hours are logged, but the changes to the legislation, and the launch of Stoneridge's new digital tachograph, will have a positive effect on the recording and administration of driver's hours".

Stoneridge is encouraging road transport operators to take-up a time challenge at this year's CV Show at the Birmingham NEC. Any operator utilising a digital tachograph can bring their downloaded tachograph data\* to the Stoneridge stand (located in Hall 5 at stand 5C80) and compare their current driver's hours against Stoneridge's new SE5000 Exakt™. Stoneridge is confident that its cutting-edge tachograph will show savings in driver's hours. The operator whose data shows the greatest saving in time will be awarded a cash prize equivalent to £10 per minute saved - potentially

up to £1,000.

\*This is not limited to Stoneridge digital tachographs, however, any tachograph data presented must contain speed data.

Note to Editors:

Stoneridge Electronics is a part of the Stoneridge Group, a leading designer and manufacturer of highly engineered electrical and electronic components, modules and systems. Stoneridge has a strong reputation for developing innovative, reliable products including instrument clusters, tachographs, telematics systems and security systems for the automotive industry. The Stoneridge group has an annual turnover of over \$700 million and just over 6,000 employees; of whom 550 work at Stoneridge Electronics.

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