



The Conecto


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A close-up photograph of a car's headlight assembly. The word "CONECTO" is embossed in a bold, sans-serif font on the left side of the white plastic housing. To the right, three distinct light sources are visible within the housing, each protected by a clear lens. The innermost lens shows a complex, multi-faceted internal structure. The middle lens is a simple, rounded shape. The outermost lens is larger and has a warm, orange-tinted glow. The overall lighting is soft, highlighting the textures of the plastic and the metallic components of the lamps.



What can you expect from a Mercedes-Benz? More

There are buses. And then there are Mercedes-Benz buses. In today's fiercely competitive market, it's the star that makes all the difference, giving you that decisive lead – and the comforting feeling of having done the best for your company's future.

At the cutting edge. Mercedes-Benz has assumed responsibility for the bus like no other manufacturer. And not simply because Carl Benz built the world's first motorised bus in 1895. But also because Mercedes-Benz has honed it ever since into a high-performance, safe and environmentally friendly mode of transport. And that's why today you'll find Mercedes-Benz buses come with advanced, practical solutions for tomorrow's challenges – ensuring you remain that vital step ahead of your competitors. After all, we take our responsibility very seriously.

Conecto highlights

You want to make local public transport more attractive? But budget constraints mean that you also need to keep a close eye on costs? The Conecto low-floor urban bus is the perfect answer!

An inviting vehicle concept. Give your passengers what they want. With its stepless entrances and full-length low-floor design, the Conecto offers the high standards you associate with the best in contemporary European regular-service bus design. Whether it's in the form of a 12-metre solo vehicle or an 18-metre articulated bus, the Conecto impresses with the high level of comfort and flexibility provided by its comprehensive equipment – which includes, of course, the very latest in passenger information systems.

Compellingly cost-effective. Everything about the Conecto helps your bottom line. Lifecycle costs are kept down by an attractive purchase price, economical Euro V engines and a design which makes maintenance particularly easy. At the same time, the high passenger capacity of

both the 12-metre and articulated versions (94 and 148 passengers respectively) enables rapid amortisation. And if you subsequently choose to sell the Conecto on, you can look forward to a high resale value.

A friendly face in the local public transport sector. With its distinctive, contemporary design, the Conecto makes its own, special contribution to the urban scene. Even from afar, the characteristically clean lines of its front with the three-pointed star identify it as an authentic Mercedes-Benz. This makes the Conecto an ideal advertisement for transport operators as it allows them to benefit from the “halo effect” of the special prestige which the Mercedes star enjoys around the world.





Access all areas

You can do your level best for your passengers with the Conecto. Its stepless entrances and full-length low-floor design ensure that they can enjoy the best in contemporary urban bus comfort right down the line.

100 % low-floor design. At last, passengers can board and alight without any difficulty. With its stepless design and three/four doors (solo vehicle and articulated bus respectively), the Conecto is a distinctly welcoming sight at the bus stop. The continuous low-floor from front to rear makes for rapid passenger flows – even children and people with restricted mobility can board without any difficulty – with the added benefit that the driver can keep to even the most demanding timetable with ease.

100 % comfort. The welcoming interior is as comfortable and spacious as it looks. Standing areas without any intrusive platforms, comfortable seats, a proven and flexible grab-rail system as well as advanced passenger information displays ensure that the Conecto delivers everything required of a contemporary urban bus concept. The hard-wearing suspended seating is vandal-resistant

and can be specified in various configurations. It goes without saying that disability equipment, as per the EU Directive, can also be fitted. Further scope for individualising the design of the interior is offered by the wide range of fabrics, patterns and materials which can be combined.

A tailor-made workplace. The well-thought-out ergonomics of the Conecto make life easier for the person at the wheel. Switches and displays are arranged clearly and within easy reach while plenty of stowage facilities as well as a separate ventilation and air conditioning system also help create a workplace with a built-in feel-good factor. Working in this stress-free environment, drivers can concentrate fully on their job all day long. What's more, the extra comfort provided by this workplace also makes an important contribution to enhancing road safety.



Put your trust in values that last

Choose the Conecto and you choose a high-performance asset for your transport business. Its combination of outstanding cost-effectiveness and durable Mercedes-Benz quality ensures that it delivers lasting benefits.

Quality with a proven track record. Although developed as an independent vehicle, the new Conecto is based on tried-and-trusted volume-production components. Many assemblies – such as the rugged Mercedes-Benz low-floor driven portal axle or the low-maintenance anti-jackknifing articulation joint in the large variant of the Conecto – are drawn from the successful Mercedes-Benz urban bus family. And you can look forward to enjoying the high quality of the Conecto for a very long time: the vehicle goes through a cathodic dip-priming process to provide lasting protection against corrosion.

Cost-effective through and through. Low costs give your business a competitive advantage – so even your accounts department will be impressed by the Conecto's economical Euro V engines. Then there's the Mercedes-Benz BlueTec®

diesel technology, which not only reduces fuel consumption but also cuts emissions of pollutants and particulates. And because the engines are fitted vertically, they are particularly easy to maintain. The flexibly programmable control (FPS), the “electronic brain” of your Conecto, also helps to keep your maintenance costs to a minimum thanks to its full diagnosis capability which speeds up servicing and repairs. And if it is ever necessary to replace a part at short notice, the highly efficient Mercedes-Benz parts supply system reduces downtime.

On the safe side. Mercedes-Benz plays a trailblazing role when it comes to bus and coach safety, pursuing the vision of accident-free driving. The Mercedes-Benz integral safety concept contributes substantially to achieving this aim. By systematically implementing the philosophy of safety,

this concept covers all stages of vehicle safety: from handling safety through safety in hazardous situations and protection in the event of an accident to minimising the consequences of an accident.

You will find that the Mercedes-Benz integral safety concept has also been implemented to the full in the Conecto. That is why it is equipped with all-round disc brakes as a matter of course. The retarder integrated in the automatic transmission reduces the load on the service brake and also helps to extend the life of the brake pads. And if, despite these active safety features, the vehicle is ever involved in an accident, the strong, annular-frame design helps protect the passengers and driver. As you can see, the Conecto really is the safe choice.



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