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MAN is the official supplier of the Ducati Lenovo Team

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- Four new MAN TGX 18.520 for the Ducati Lenovo Team in MotoGP
- Further collaboration between the two Volkswagen Group brands covers the 2024 and 2025 racing seasons
- MAN CEO Alexander Vlaskamp: "An important collaboration between two strong brands of the Volkswagen Group"
- Ducati CEO Claudio Domenicali: "With MAN, we have a strong and reliable partner"

Ducati and MAN Truck & Bus are not only both brands of the Volkswagen Group, they also both stand for innovative technologies. That is why four new MAN TGX 18.520 trucks are now transporting both the equipment (i.e. motorbikes, workshop equipment and spare parts) and the hospitality trailers of the Ducati Lenovo Team to all European circuits of the MotoGP World Championship.

The vehicles have now been handed over to Ducati CEO Claudio Domenicali at the Ducati headquarters in Borgo Panigale (Bologna) by Marc Martinez, Managing Director of MAN Truck & Bus Italia.

"The four new MAN trucks with their 520 hp stand for technology, comfort, performance and efficient fuel consumption. These characteristics are needed to bring the Ducati Lenovo Team to the European circuits of the MotoGP championship in the best possible way", said Claudio Domenicali, CEO of Ducati. "MAN is certainly the best partner we can work with in this area."

MAN Truck & Bus is one of Europe's leading commercial vehicle manufacturers and transport solution providers, with an annual revenue of about 14,8 billion euros (2023). The company's product portfolio includes vans, trucks, buses/coaches and diesel and gas engines along with services related to passenger and cargo transport. MAN Truck & Bus is a company of TRATON GROUP and employs approx. 33,000 people worldwide.

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MotoGP represents the absolute top class of motorbike racing. In the last two years alone, two riders from the Ducati Lenovo team have become world champions. As part of the partnership, MAN and Ducati have agreed a comprehensive collaboration that includes a range of communication activities.

Alexander Vlaskamp, CEO of MAN Truck & Bus SE: "The cooperation represents an important collaboration between two strong brands of the Volkswagen Group. Ducati and MAN are both synonymous with emotionality and performance. The partnership gives our brand an international emotional charge."

"I am particularly proud of this delivery, which honours a world-famous Italian brand and further strengthens MAN's image on the Italian market. The partnership is a further step on the growth path we have embarked on in the last two years and consolidates the strategy of cooperation within the Volkswagen Group," said Marc Martinez, Managing Director of MAN Truck & Bus Italia.

The four MAN TGX 18.520s, naturally in the typical Ducati red colour, are equipped with the largest GX cab and are powered by a 12.8-litre in-line six-cylinder diesel engine with 520 hp and a maximum torque of 2,650 Nm. The MAN OptiView mirror replacement system also stands out from the comprehensive range of equipment. The camera system replaces the rear-view mirrors and thus enables a better view of the vehicle's surroundings, which benefits the safety of the driver, the load and, above all, other road users - such as motorcyclists, cyclists and pedestrians.

Special attention is also paid to driver comfort and ergonomics on board. The trucks are equipped with air-sprung leather seats with lumbar support and shoulder adjustment, a multifunction steering wheel, a digital 12.3' instrument panel, MAN EasyControl for operating four functions directly from the open driver's door, beds with slatted frame and headboard adjustment, a pull-out refrigerator, various storage compartments, 12 and 24 V sockets and USB ports, MAN SmartSelect for complete infotainment management and integrated navigation system, MAN sound system and the MAN RIO Box.

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