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Fourth-generation best seller: the AC 136 G4 on-roof air-conditioning unit from Eberspaecher Suetrak for urban buses and touring coaches

Renningen, 02. November 2010 – Eberspaecher Suetrak is introducing the enhancement of the AC 136 G4 on-roof air-conditioning unit for urban buses and touring coaches. The fourth generation of the AC 136 product family, already very well established on the market, offers a large number of technical improvements: for example, thanks to consistent lightweight construction, Eberspaecher Suetrak has been able to reduce the weight of individual models by an average of 25 percent. A standardized interface makes the integration of the air-conditioning unit into the vehicle considerably easier for the makers of urban buses and touring coaches.

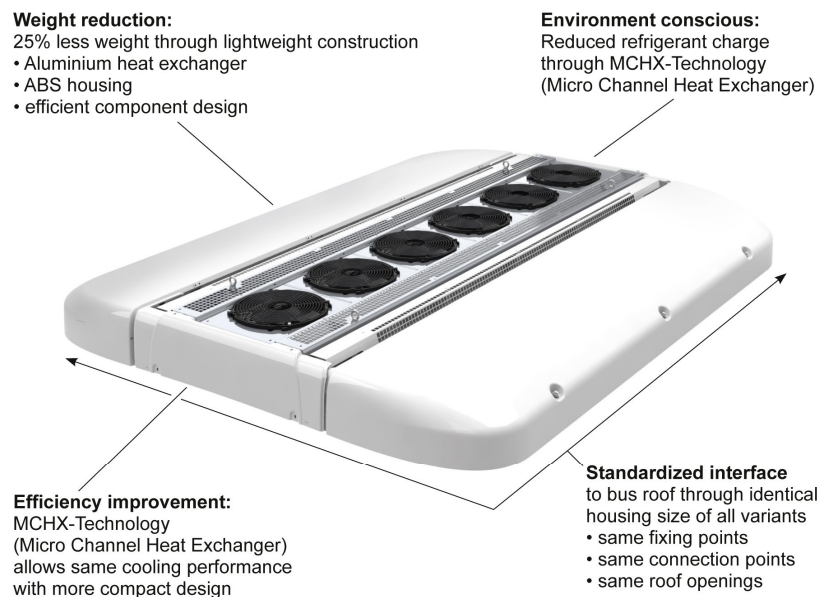
In the last ten years Eberspaecher Suetrak has already delivered well over 10,000 AC 136 air-conditioning units to makers of urban and intercity buses and touring coaches. The company now expects this success story to continue with the fourth generation of this best-selling product too: “We have further optimized the product advantages of our best seller“, says Dr. Leonhard Vilser, CEO of the Vehicle Heater Division at Eberspaecher with responsibility for the business of Eberspaecher Suetrak. “The new AC 136 G4 applies considerably less weight to the bus roof and, in addition, is easier to integrate into the vehicle. This means fewer costs for fleet operators, because it consumes even less energy, and passengers benefit from optimum air-conditioning comfort“.

Four model versions of the AC 136 G4 will be available with outputs of 24, 32, 39 and 44 kW. Just like its predecessors, the fourth generation will also fit on to the roofs of practically all bus makers. For even easier installation, Eberspaecher Suetrak has equipped all model ranges with a standardized interface to the bus roof. All output models have the same housing: the roof ports for supply and exhaust air, the connecting points for refrigerants and electrics and the fastening points are therefore located in the same place.

Consistent lightweight construction

With its additional product improvement in the AC 136 G4, Eberspaecher Suetrak is accommodating a major trend among bus makers: as an average of the model versions, the fourth generation of the air-conditioning best seller weighs 25 percent less than its direct predecessor. This becomes technically possible primarily due to the additional use of aluminium. What's more, the model versions of the fourth generation of the AC 136 require less coolant.

The full production of the AC 136 G4 will begin in the second half of 2011.



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Less weight and easier integration into the vehicle: the fourth generation of the AC 136 on-roof air-conditioning unit for urban buses and touring coaches offers a large number of technical improvements.

Eberspaecher ranks amongst the leading exhaust technology system developers and supplies worldwide passenger cars, commercial vehicles and non-road vehicles with innovative solutions for exhaust gas aftertreatment. Eberspaecher also provides customized heating systems for all commercial vehicles and passenger car models – including electric and biodiesel vehicles. The subsidiary Eberspaecher Suetrak develops and distributes bus air-conditioning concepts and products. The worldwide established group of companies also operates in the field of automotive electronics and automotive bus systems for electronic networking. Its customers include almost all European and North American, and increasingly more Asian manufacturers of passenger cars and commercial vehicles. In 2009, Eberspaecher, with its workforce of nearly 5 300 people around the globe, generated a turnover of more than € 1.3 billion.