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EXPERT ADVICE AND A WEALTH OF NEW PRODUCTS

- Rescroft at Euro Bus Expo 2008

Vehicle seating designer and manufacturer Rescroft took its largest ever stand at Euro Bus Expo, along with four leading passenger vehicle converters and body builders - to demonstrate the versatility and practicality of its range of seating and fixing systems, and to highlight a variety of new seats and ancillary products.

Partnering with these companies at Euro Bus Expo highlights the close working relationships - with vehicle body builders and converters, and with vehicle end-user operators - that are central to Rescroft's product development process. This is seen as particularly critical with the introduction in 2007 of whole vehicle type approval legislation, taking force between 2009 and 2012. Rescroft has its own in-house VCA witness test approved pull test facility, for testing floors, seats and seat belt anchorage.

Rescroft showed a selection of seats for buses, minibuses and specialist vehicles, including a number of new models. Chief amongst these were Baria, a 600mm wide bariatric seat with an adjustable seat belt, tip-up seats for side mounting into urban city buses and a swivel and tip-up seat for wheelchair accessibility.

In a completely new departure for Rescroft, the company launched two non-seat bus and coach interior system products. These are Idea, a lightweight aluminium extrusion and ABS suspended system that can be used to create a luggage rack, including a range of service units and air conditioning or forced air ventilation systems for buses and coaches, and MobileClean, an integrated vacuum cleaning system, provided with a range of cleaning tools, intended for the luxury coach sector.

The company also demonstrated its range of additional products including Castorway, a seat manoeuvring system that allows removable seating to be moved quickly and safely, and Embus, Rescroft's floor fixing system that enables vehicle converters and operators to ensure their seatbelt anchorages are fully compliant with current and potential future safety legislation.

Rescroft managing director Alan Restall said: "We developed this prominent stand at Euro Bus Expo to show our seating products as they are used by some of our leading partners in the minibus sector, and also to enable vehicle specifiers and operators to obtain professional information and advice about their vehicle requirements, now and in the future.

"With industry expertise on hand to advise on practical and legal issues, as well as the cost implications of all the potential options, the stand was visited by many existing and potential customers, and we were delighted by the number of visitors, and the quality of the leads generated."

Co-exhibitor Euromotive, which is a specialist converter of M1 and M2 compliant wheelchair accessible minibuses and patient transport service (PTS) ambulances, brought a VW Crafter to the show, adapted to include a front entrance plug door, flat floor, Rescroft Defender III M2 compliant seats, Rescroft flooring system, and an underfloor tail lift.

Euromotive's VW Crafter is designed to offer maximum flexibility to operators of wheelchair accessible vehicles.

Wheelchair accessible minibus specialist Minibus Options showed a Renault Master LM35, fitted with Rescroft Defender III seats, PLS Access underfloor tail lift and Minibus Options' own flush-folding step.

Northern Ireland-based vehicle body builder Nu-Track highlighted its range of services to operators of courtesy coaches, midi and minibuses, and wheelchair accessible buses.

Oughtred & Harrison (Facilities), a specialist builder of PTS and emergency ambulances and wheelchair accessible vehicles, displayed a 15 seat Peugeot Boxer L3 H2 2.2 – 120HDI minibus, with an M1 tested floor and 15 Rescroft Defender III seats, developed for the school minibus market.

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(Eurobus Idea): The Idea lightweight suspended system, displayed alongside Rescroft's new tip-up seats for side mounting into urban city buses and a swivel and tip-up seat for wheelchair accessibility



(Baria): Rescroft's new bariatric seat

NOTES TO EDITORS:

Rescroft is a leading designer and manufacturer of vehicle seating and associated products, with manufacturing and in-house testing facilities in Redditch Worcestershire. Its policy of ongoing research and development has enabled it to develop a wide range of quality products supplied to Europe and further afield, to countries where vehicle operators are conscious of the need to reach high standards of occupant safety in passenger vehicles. To find out more visit www.rescroft.com

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