

VDL Bus Group presents new coach at Busworld

VDL Bus Group presented its new coach at Busworld, Europe's largest trade fair for the bus and coach industry, on Thursday 2 October 2025. The VDL Futura 3 is the result of years of ongoing development and marks an important step in long-distance transport for passenger, operator and driver. The Futura 3 represents a major leap forward in terms of lifespan costs for the vehicle, driven in particular by fuel savings of up to 15 per cent.

VDL Bus Group has a prominent presence at Busworld 2025, which takes place from Saturday 4 October to Thursday 9 October in Brussels. With the theme MOVE.TOGETHER., VDL Bus Group presents two important milestones: the launch of the new VDL Futura 3 and the introduction of the integrated bus company VDL Bus Group, bringing together VDL Bus & Coach and VDL Van Hool.

Craftsmanship

“We are proud of our employees who showed their craftsmanship during the development as well as the production of this new flagship,” said Marc van Doorn, Managing Director Coach of VDL Bus Group during the presentation of the VDL Futura 3 in Brussels. “We are very confident that with this third-generation VDL Futura, we are going to offer our customers, their passengers and their drivers an optimal travel experience.”

The development of the Futura 3 incorporated feedback from all stakeholders, customers, drivers and passengers and the after-sales network. It is also prepared for updates, including future alternative powertrains.

Much attention has been paid to ergonomics. The driver benefits from an optimised layout, improved seating comfort and intuitive controls. This increases user-friendliness and reduces physical strain during long journeys. For passengers, improved seating comfort, unique ambient lighting and interior choices also ensure a pleasant travel experience.

The design and user experience have been taken to the next level. The Futura 3 combines a sleek, modern exterior with an attractive and functional interior. The materials, lighting and finishes have been carefully chosen to create a premium feel that matches contemporary expectations.

Fuel consumption

One of the key pillars is the reduction of fuel consumption. Through a combination of advanced vehicle technology, aerodynamic improvements and weight reduction, the Futura 3 is more efficient than ever, with fuel savings of up to 15 per cent. This contributes not only to lower operating costs, but also to a more sustainable fleet.

In terms of safety, the Futura 3 takes a new step. With the latest generation of ADAS driving assistance systems, improved sightlines and structural reinforcements, the vehicle is prepared for the strictest safety standards. Another key focus is the completely redesigned climate control system. This provides quiet and efficient temperature control, ensuring a pleasant travel experience. Efforts have been made to reduce repair and maintenance costs. Through smart engineering, modular components and improved accessibility of technical systems, the Total Cost of Ownership is significantly reduced. This makes the Futura 3 even more economically attractive for operators.



VDL Bus Group

VDL Bus Group will operate with two complementary bus brands – VDL and Van Hool – each with its own identity and market focus. Both brands are represented at Busworld, where the synergy between innovation and customer focus takes centre stage. VDL Bus Group is clearly taking the next step and showcasing the future of mobility at Busworld 2025.

In addition to two VDL Futura 3 coaches, a 13.5-metre VDL Citea Low Entry will also be on display. An Astron super high-decker and an Astromega double-decker will be exhibited on behalf of Van Hool. With these five buses, VDL Bus Group will position itself in both the coach market and the public transport market.

About VDL Groep

Strength through cooperation. This is the cornerstone of VDL Groep, the international industrial family business with its headquarters in Brainport Eindhoven. The company was founded in 1953. More than seventy years on, the company has been run by the third generation of the Van der Leegte family since 2016. VDL Groep employs approximately 14,000 employees and operates in 20 countries. The group consists of more than 100 specialist operating companies that all work closely together. The activities of these companies can be summarised in the 'five worlds of VDL': Hightech, Mobility, Energy, Infratech and Foodtech. The combined annual turnover stood at 4.281 billion euro in 2024.

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