



# Ford Pro reveals all-new Transit Connect with PHEV power

- Ford Pro completes the electrification of its high-productivity Transit family in Europe with the all-new Transit Connect compact van, which introduces plug-in hybrid power
- Advanced plug-in hybrid (PHEV) powertrain delivers highly competitive 110 km targeted electric range as well as standard AC and DC charging
- All-wheel drive option, revolutionary flexible seating concept for Kombi models, enhanced technologies and connected digital cockpit further add premium appeal
- Order books open in spring 2024, with customer deliveries from fall this year;
  enhanced productivity delivered by Ford Pro platform of software and services

**DUNTON, UK, Jan. 30, 2024** – Ford Pro today revealed the all-new Transit Connect compact van, completing the brand's new-generation line-up of high-productivity electrified Transit commercial vehicles in Europe.

Advanced, efficient powertrains include the first Transit Connect plug-in hybrid, which offers businesses a generous targeted 110 km electric range, as well as both AC and DC fast charging capability.

Customers also benefit from enhanced carrying capacity and capability with load volumes up to 3.7 m³, and a transformative new seating concept for Kombi models. Additional premium features include a new intelligent all-wheel drive option, a connected digital cockpit and Transit Connect's broadest-ever suite of advanced driver assistance systems.

Whether a small business or a city-based fleet, Transit Connect operators can accelerate their productivity through Ford Pro support including software, servicing and flexible finance plans, as well as a dedicated fleet solution for telematics.

"Over the past two years, we've electrified the Transit family to help every kind of customer accelerate their productivity and electrify their business. Our all-new Transit Connect is another key step in that mission," said Hans Schep, general manager, Ford Pro, Europe. "Transit Connect's new PHEV and all-wheel drive options, high-tech interior and support from Ford Pro pack serious hard-working appeal into a stylish and compact body."

As the third generation of Ford Pro's popular Transit Connect compact van, the all-new model forms part of Ford Pro's strongest-ever compact van line-up, along with the all-new Transit Courier, and the forthcoming electric E-Transit Courier.

Transit Connect enters production in spring 2024, with initial deliveries of the diesel van scheduled for fall this year as part of a phased launch plan. Transit Connect PHEV will join the

range before the end of the year, with all-wheel drive and Kombi models completing the line-up in early 2025.

# Ford Pro's electrified Transit range in Europe

Transit Connect PHEV <sup>1,2</sup> is the final piece of Ford Pro electrifying its Transit family in Europe, following the introduction of the segment-leading <u>E-Transit</u>, <sup>1,3</sup> electric <u>E-Transit Custom</u> <sup>1,4</sup> – the first electric version of Europe's best-selling one-tonne van <sup>5</sup> – and the <u>E-Transit Courier</u>. <sup>1,6</sup>

A completely new powertrain line-up for Transit Connect is headlined by the model's **first-ever PHEV driveline**. The system couples a 1.5-litre EcoBoost petrol engine to a high-voltage battery and electric motor to deliver a combined 150 PS and 350 Nm of torque <sup>7</sup> through a six-speed dual-clutch automatic transmission. Maximum payload is 770 kg, <sup>8</sup> and maximum trailer weight is 1,400 kg. <sup>9</sup>

Transit Connect PHEV has a targeted electric range of **up to 110 km** and, in EV mode, can still deliver up to **330 Nm of torque** for urban load-hauling.

Customers can top up the battery with a **50 kW DC fast charger** if required, or recharge fully using the onboard 11 kW AC charger between shifts. <sup>10</sup>

Three drive modes help to optimise energy use: 11

- EV Now, for driving using only the electric motor
- EV Auto, which balances the EV and petrol motors to best suit driving conditions
- EV Later, to save EV power for later useful for highways before reaching a city

#### Capable load carrying

Transit Connect is designed to serve a broad range of compact van customer requirements, so Ford Pro offers the model with **short- or long-wheelbase** options in two-seat Van or five-seat Kombi bodystyles.

The panel van's new load area design delivers an increased load volume of 3.1 m<sup>3</sup> or 3.7 m<sup>3</sup> depending on wheelbase choice. Maximum payload is 820 kg, <sup>8</sup> and the competitive 1,500 kg towing capacity <sup>9</sup> enables customers to tow a wide range of equipment to support their business.

Transit Connect Kombi introduces a **revolutionary new flexible seating concept**, that enables dual-use customers to quickly and easily switch their vehicle from a comfortable five-seater to a capable work van. The rear seat easily folds forward and upward in seconds to increase the load volume to 2.5 m³ (L1) or 3.1 m³ (L2), with L2 models having space for two Euro pallets. <sup>12</sup> In their folded position, the rear seats form a protective full-height bulkhead, and ensure that front seat occupants benefit from a refined driving experience.

#### Productivity powered by Ford Pro

Support from Ford Pro can help Transit Connect operators to accelerate productivity by maximising uptime and reducing cost of ownership. The new model features a dedicated

solution for fleet customers, incorporating a plug-in device for connectivity to **Ford Pro Telematics software** solutions.

Ford Pro Service also delivers maintenance support designed to suit commercial customers' needs, including **Mobile Servicing** capability that can carry out 70 per cent of maintenance and repair tasks at a time and location convenient for the customer. A major UK fleet found that Mobile Servicing contributed to reducing downtime from three days to as little as two hours for equivalent work.

Ford Pro has more than **200 partners across Europe** in its accredited Ford Pro Convertor network. These partners can deliver popular compact van conversions including refrigeration and racking with technical support and approval of Ford Pro Special Vehicles, and are supplied with aftersales care equivalent to that of a factory Ford Pro vehicle.

### Efficient new powertrain range

As an alternative to the new PHEV powertrain, customers can also choose a 2.0-litre EcoBlue turbodiesel engine with two power outputs. The new all-wheel drive system is offered with the 122 PS engine and a six-speed manual gearbox; customers can also specify the same engine with a seven-speed dual-clutch automatic transmission for fast and smooth shifting with no loss of torque. The 102 PS variant is equipped with a six-speed manual gearbox and is front-wheel drive only. Ford Pro expects **highly competitive fuel efficiency** as low as 4.8 l/100 km to help customers reduce fuel costs. <sup>1,2</sup>

The availability of **intelligent all-wheel drive** on the all-new Transit Connect will boost appeal to customers in the Nordic and Alpine regions in particular, providing enhanced traction and confidence in challenging weather conditions.

# Advanced technology for a premium experience

A 10-inch **digital instrument cluster** is standard across the range with a configurable main display flanked by secondary vehicle information. This is combined with a **10-inch colour central touchscreen** <sup>13</sup> with available **Connected Navigation** <sup>14</sup> to create a stylish and productive digital cockpit.

Drivers who use a work phone for navigation or to contact customers benefit from **wireless Apple Carplay and Android Auto** mirroring, <sup>15</sup> with **wireless device charging** on Limited and Active series. <sup>16</sup> Charging larger equipment such as laptops or tools on-the-go is also easy, as USB-C ports in the cab offer **up to 45 watts of power**.

Offered in combination with a **heated steering wheel**, customers can also select optional heated front seats **certified by leading spinal health group** Aktion Gesunder Rücken e.V. (AGR), the Campaign for Healthier Backs. These feature four-way electric lumbar and adjustable extended leg supports for optimum comfort.

Transit Connect's standard advanced driver assistance systems <sup>10</sup> include Pre-Collision Assist with Auto Emergency Braking and Forward Collision Warning, Evasive Steer Assist, and Intersection Assist to help prevent or mitigate collisions with other road users.

A rear-view camera and Blind Spot Information System with Cross-Traffic Alert are standard on high-series models for even greater driver confidence when manoeuvring, <sup>10</sup> and as on the allnew Transit Custom, Exit Warning can help to prevent "dooring" incidents with other unsighted road users. <sup>10</sup>

Further optional technologies include **Pro Trailer Backup Assist** to help drivers manoeuvre a trailer without jack-knifing. <sup>10</sup> The system uses sensors and a rear-view camera to help the driver intuitively guide the trailer with a control knob and digital display rather than the steering wheel.

The series line-up delivers compelling options for fleet, artisan and personal-use customers:

- Trend available on van and kombi models, aimed at fleet and cost-conscious buyers
- Limited upmarket van with 17-inch alloy wheels, work surface in passenger seat back
- Active a desirable, rugged Kombi with SUV-inspired styling, LED lights and roof rails

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<sup>1</sup>The declared WLTP fuel/energy consumptions, CO<sub>2</sub>-emissions and electric range are determined according to the technical requirements and specifications of the European Regulations (EC) 715/2007 and (EU) 2017/1151 as last amended. The applied standard test procedures enable comparison between different vehicle types and different manufacturers.

<sup>2</sup> Officially homologated driving range, fuel efficiency and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions will be published closer to on-sale date. In accordance with the Worldwide Harmonized Light Vehicles Test Procedure (WLTP). A targeted range of 110 km can be achieved with a fully charged battery - depending on the existing series and battery configuration. The actual range may vary due to various factors (e.g. weather conditions, driving style, route profile, vehicle condition, age and condition of the lithium-ion battery).

<sup>3</sup> In accordance with the Worldwide Harmonized Light Vehicles Test Procedure (WLTP). A range of up to 317 km can be achieved with a fully charged battery - depending on the existing series and battery configuration. The actual range may vary due to various factors (e.g. weather conditions, driving style, route profile, vehicle condition, age and condition of the lithium-ion battery).

<sup>4</sup> In accordance with the Worldwide Harmonized Light Vehicles Test Procedure (WLTP). A range of up to 337 km can be achieved with a fully charged battery - depending on the existing series and battery configuration. The actual range may vary due to various factors (e.g. weather conditions, driving style, route profile, vehicle condition, age and condition of the lithium-ion battery).

<sup>5</sup> Austria, Belgium, Britain, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Romania, Sweden, Switzerland, Türkiye

<sup>6</sup> Officially homologated driving range will be published closer to on-sale date. In accordance with the Worldwide Harmonized Light Vehicles Test Procedure (WLTP). Published range (intended target value according to WLTP) can be achieved with a fully charged battery - depending on the existing series and battery configuration. The actual range may vary due to various factors (e.g. weather conditions, driving style, route profile, vehicle condition, age and condition of the lithium-ion battery).

<sup>7</sup> When properly equipped. Horsepower and torque are independent attributes and may not be achieved simultaneously.

<sup>8</sup> Max payload varies and is based on accessories and vehicle configuration. See label on doorjamb for carrying capacity of a specific vehicle.

<sup>9</sup> Max towing varies based on cargo, vehicle configuration, accessories and number of passengers. Cargo and load capacity limited by weight and weight distribution.

<sup>10</sup> Charge time based on manufacturer computer engineering simulations. The charging rate decreases as battery reaches full capacity. Your results may vary based on peak charging times and battery state of charge.

<sup>11</sup> Driver-assist features are supplemental and do not replace the driver's attention, judgment and need to control the vehicle. Evasive steering does not control steering. Intersection Assist does not detect all vehicles in intersections, pedestrians, or cyclists. It does not replace safe driving. See Owner's Manual for details and limitations.

<sup>12</sup> Cargo and load capacity limited by weight and weight distribution.

<sup>13</sup> Don't drive while distracted or while using handheld devices. Use voice-operated systems when possible. Some features may be locked out while the vehicle is in gear. Not all features are compatible with all phones.

<sup>14</sup> Navigation services require SYNC 4 and FordPass Connect, complimentary Connected Service and the FordPass app (see FordPass Terms for details). Eligible vehicles receive a complimentary 12-month trial of navigation services that begins on the new vehicle warranty start date. Customers must unlock the navigation service trial by activating the eligible vehicle with a FordPass member account. Annual service contract is required for connected navigation services. Connected service and features depend on compatible networks availability. Evolving technology/cellular networks/vehicle capability may limit functionality and prevent operation of connected features. FordPass App, compatible with select smartphone platforms, is available via a download. Message and data rates may apply.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Requires phone with active data service and compatible software. SYNC 4 does not control 3rd party products while in use. 3rd Parties are solely responsible for their respective functionality.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Available Qi wireless charging may not be compatible with all mobile phones.