



BDI Environment Prize for MAN PM-KAT[®]

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The innovative MAN PM-KAT[®] diesel particulate filter has been awarded the renowned BDI Environment Prize for Industry 2005/2006. A jury made up of high-ranking representatives of industry, science, politics and environment associations voted the MAN PM-KAT[®] the winner in the "Environmentally compatible products" category. This also makes the diesel particulate filter, which MAN Nutzfahrzeuge has been installing in its series-produced trucks and buses since the end of 2004, the German entry in the EU Commission's competition for the European Environment Prize.

Protected by worldwide patents, this filter concept, which MAN Nutzfahrzeuge has developed up to series-production maturity together with catalyst specialist Emitec, eliminates up to 90 % of the particularly critical nanoparticles from the exhaust gas of commercial-vehicle diesel engines. Unlike conventional "closed" diesel filters, the MAN PM-KAT[®] cannot clog up; it also needs no additive and is completely maintenance-free. The soot particles are burnt up continuously even at exhaust-gas temperatures as low as 250 °C. For this reason the PM-KAT[®], in contrast to other systems, does not need any recurrent filter regeneration, which raises fuel consumption and thus CO₂ output too.

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