



PRESS RELEASE

Westport Launches New Combustion Technology with Volvo Cars

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New System Available on 2016 Drive-E Family Engines

VANCOUVER, BC – Westport Innovations Inc. (TSX:WPT / NASDAQ:WPRT), engineering the world's most advanced natural gas engines and vehicles, today announced the introduction of Westport's new combustion technology in Volvo Car Company's new Drive-E powertrain bi-fuel engine.

Volvo Cars is the first OEM to feature the new Westport system. It will be used on Volvo's new two-litre, direct injection, four-cylinder Drive-E powertrain family, which will be available on the Volvo V60 and V70 2016 models.

Part of the Volvo Engine Architecture family—ranked as one of the best engine families in the world—this engine offers 245 hp and 350 N·m in torque and emissions as low as 40g CO₂/km (according to the Swedish Transport Administration's calculation method for BIOGAS), and is expected to be one of the greenest, most powerful natural gas engines in the world.

"This new powertrain consisting of Volvo's new Drive-E petrol engine paired with Westport's gas technology in a highly efficient bi-fuel engine, will offer customers a very competitive combination of high performance and low emissions," said Anders H. Gustavsson, Vice President VLM Special Products, Volvo Car Group.

Westport expects most customers will seek bi-fuel operation today with high performance gasoline direct injection coupled with Westport's new natural gas combustion technology.

"Westport has provided a turnkey solution that includes technology research and development, production, installation and market support," said Anders Johansson, Managing Director, Westport Sweden. "As gasoline engines evolve, it is critical that OEMs offer natural gas versions of these engines that retain the expected performance while providing the environmental and economical benefits of compressed natural gas."

Currently the Volvo Bi-Fuel has been sold only in Sweden, however Westport is open to introducing this model in other EU markets depending on customer demand.

About Westport Fuel Systems

At Westport Fuel Systems, we are driving innovation to power a cleaner tomorrow. We are a leading supplier of advanced fuel delivery components and systems for clean, low-carbon fuels such as natural gas, renewable natural gas, propane, and hydrogen to the global automotive industry. Our technology delivers the performance and fuel efficiency required by transportation applications and the environmental benefits that address climate change and urban air quality challenges. Headquartered in Vancouver, Canada, with operations in Europe, Asia, North America and South America, we serve our customers in more than 70 countries with leading global transportation brands. At Westport Fuel Systems, we think ahead. For more information, visit www.wfsinc.com.

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