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## **MICHELIN ELEVATES SUSTAINABILITY FOCUS WITH FIRST WAVE OF ELECTRIC VANS**

- Arrival of new electric vans for Michelin Services and Solutions reinforces its environmental commitments
- MICHELIN Connected Fleet tools and solutions aid switch to electric and monitor battery charging plus range data to aid drivers

Michelin has completed the first phase of its electric vehicle (EV) transition programme in the van fleet operated by its Services and Solutions division in the UK, after taking delivery of 17 Vauxhall Combo vans.

The electric vans, supplied on a four-year lease and featuring distinctive Michelin livery showcasing its sustainability commitments, are part of ambitious plans to move the division's 54-strong fleet to electric by 2026.

Alastair Cameron, National Operations Manager - Services and Solutions at Michelin, says: "The introduction of electric vans is an important milestone for our division and aligns with Michelin's whole environmental ethos as we constantly strive to reduce our CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

"Deployed on the passenger transport side of the business, the electric vans will be used by our tyre technicians who visit multiple sites every day, but who are classed as low-mileage city drivers."

Cameron says drivers of the vans, which offer a range of up to 175 miles, will be "our ambassadors for the transition to EVs, encouraging colleagues to join the programme", which will be expanded next year.

Drivers will be given an electric fuel card for business mileage, whilst the Services and Solutions division has put in place a system for them to efficiently reclaim home charging costs.

MICHELIN Connected Fleet last year helped parent company Michelin to cut harsh driving events across the Services and Solutions' van fleet,

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reducing fuel costs by improving driver behaviour. Its EV transition tools have been used to smooth the switch from diesel to electric, with a focus on drivers' ability to home charge, plus assessment of battery range issues.

"With the Connected Fleet tools, we now have the ability to monitor how our electric vans are being utilised in terms of charging, so we can carefully manage the battery life and range and advise our drivers accordingly," Cameron adds.

The Vauxhall Combo electric vans each have a high-energy density 50kWh 18-module battery that can charge from empty up to 80 per cent of maximum range in less than 30 minutes using a 100kW fast charger. The battery can also be fully charged at home in just 7.5 hours using a home wallbox.

Michelin Services and Solutions is taking steps to further improve driver safety in the Vauxhall Combo vans by installing the same fleet management technologies it deploys for end-user fleets, including forward and rear-facing cameras.

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### **About Michelin**

Michelin's ambition is to sustainably improve its customers' mobility. The leader in the mobility sector, Michelin designs, manufactures, and distributes the tyres best suited to their requirements and uses as well as services and solutions to improve transport efficacy. With its offers Michelin allows its customers to enjoy unique moments when traveling.

Michelin also develops high-technology equipment intended for multiple fields. Based in Clermont-Ferrand, Michelin is present in 175 countries, employs 132,200 people and operates 67 tyre factories that, together, produced approximately 200 million tyres in 2022. ([www.michelin.com](http://www.michelin.com))

More information on how Michelin assists transport businesses achieve its sustainability goals and run more efficiently can be found at [business.michelin.co.uk](http://business.michelin.co.uk).

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