

DOPRAVNÝ PODNIK BRATISLAVA, A.S.

Our company has already been operating public transportation for couple of decennium. Our vehicle fleet consists of buses under the Karosa mark, total number of buses - 240 pieces. We operate with other marks like IKARUS, TAM-bus and SOR. Most KAROSA buses are equipped with LIAZ engines (TEDOM now), its modification is used for our buses converted into CNG powered vehicles.

In regard of low costs of engine replacement parts we do plan to carry on partnership with TEDOM. We are pleased about brand new TEDOM bus Kronos 123 G. We appreciate a lot that these buses are equipped with engines originated from approved LIAZ conception. We have already been fully equipped for engine services and there were no other capital investments needed for tool replacement or replenishment. We suppose that training of our service staff will take relatively short time. Replacement parts are fairly available thanks to functioning distribution channels especially. Our buses running on CNG (total amount 107 pieces) shows very good economic outcomes comparing to diesel buses. At the moment in cooperation with SPP Bratislava we are converting Ikarus buses, and even articulated KAROSA buses. For bus conversion we used the TEDOM offer for new electronically controlled engines. We expect high realibility and economic operation of engines. We have received a very good public feedback about CNG buses running in Bratislava. In regard of lowering environmental load we are planning to extend our bus fleet running on CNG.

Great advantage of using Kronos is that TEDOM is bus producer and even engine producer for buses. TEDOM is a reliable company and very flexible to all demands and suggestions of our engineers and SPP engineers.

Also we are planning to use TEDOM offer for one year testing of Kronos 123 G in operation in Bratislava. We are expecting that we will be able to meet the quality and characteristics of new buses.

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