

WHAT OUR CUSTOMERS SAY ABOUT VOLVO'S SCR ENGINE



“A lot of smart engineering went into these engines. They work. There’s nothing to fear.”

– Bill Parry, Vice President Logistics



The trucking arm of Giant Eagle, Inc., Talon Logistics, has been road testing five 2010 pre-production Volvo trucks equipped with SCR engines since 2007. Not only are they very comfortable with the product, their drivers say these engines are more responsive!

“Giant Eagle is the number one supermarket (with over 200 locations) in our region. We operate five distribution centers in Pennsylvania and Ohio. Our private fleet consists of 220 tractors and 650 trailers. The weather in our region runs from hot to cold, so between environmental conditions and the terrain we run, we put our trucks through their paces.

“In October 2007 we took delivery of five pre-production 2010 Volvo trucks equipped with SCR engines. Since that time we have been running them everywhere we run the rest of the fleet. SCR technology isn’t really new because it’s been used on vehicles in Europe for quite some time, but we were excited to try the application here in North America for the first time. The SCR components actually fit very nicely into our current wheelbase.

“With regard to the use of DEF (diesel exhaust fluid), Volvo initially shipped it to us. Within a short period of

time, however, we were able to find a local supplier and it is now shipped directly to us in 250 gallon containers. Because DEF freezes at about 14°F, you do have to have some sort of heat exchange in the pumping system, and that’s what we do. We put a small heater into the system and have not had a problem.

“By the time DEF becomes a normal part of everyday business, I’m confident the supply and the infrastructure will be there. It is not a hazardous material and you don’t need any special permits to carry it. No special handling is required. It will be no different than carrying windshield washer fluid.

“A lot of smart engineering by many smart people went into making sure these engines work, so there’s no reason to be afraid. And as to performance, it’s amazing. When you look at the exhaust pipe on an SCR truck, it’s clean. And what’s more, our drivers have said they think the response is better on SCR-equipped trucks.”

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