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PRESS RELEASE

**Ford Transit Service Line – workshop vehicle with variants**

## **Ford on the outside – Sortimo Globelyst on the inside**

Sortimo and Ford has put its partnership on a new basis. In May 2005, an agreement was reached to intensify the degree of cooperation. Equipped with Sortimo know-how, the Ford Transit will come onto the market as the "Service Line" workshop vehicle. The conversion will be done in Vlissingen, Holland, or in Koper, Slovenia. Introduced onto the market at the beginning of this year, the new Ford Transit will premiere at the IAA in Hanover in the "Service Line" version as a customer service and trade vehicle.

The Transit has long been in Ford's standard range. The workshop vehicle with the Ford emblem on the front is one of the most successful – and not just in Germany. Service personnel and trade professionals know all about the advantages, so much so that around 250 orders were logged before production of the new models even began.

The automobile industry is always at the fore when it comes to equipping new vehicle models with Sortimo Globelyst modules for the market launch. The use of the SobogripPlus® safety assembly floor means that no holes at all need to be drilled when installing the modules. The holes for every screw are already pre-drilled in the factory, thus substantially reducing the set-up and installation times. Sortimo is the leading manufacturer of in-vehicle equipment which manages without any drilled holes in the vehicle bodywork. Corrosion damage is thus ruled out and the vehicle resale value is retained in full, an especially important point for leased cars.

Fitted as standard in the Transit are shelf trays made of aluminium to reduce the weight even further.

The mobile workshop equipment complies with a basic pattern that does justice to a host of different applications and which can be tailored exactly to the individual branch of trade quickly and easily. There is a double shelf unit on the left-hand side of the vehicle that is 1270 mm high, 382 mm deep and – dependent on the wheel arch – either 1972 or 2214 mm long. The shelf unit has six shelf trays with dividers and anti-rattle mats plus two shelves with S-boxes. The shelf on the right is 1104 mm wide, 1148 mm high and 382 mm deep, and has six fully opening drawers and two service cases. A hinged workbench with vice, an aluminium perforated panel to hang unwieldy tools, for example, as well as a gas bottle holder including the stipulated air circulation and ventilation system complete the equipment of the Transit Service Line.

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