

Railcare presented the world's largest battery-powered maintenance machine for the railway

Railway specialist Railcare presented its new innovation the MPV (Multi-Purpose Vehicle). The new maintenance machine is equipped with self-propelled vacuum pumps, hydraulics, and control cabins enabling the vehicle to be used as a complement to Railcare's vacuum excavator, snow melter, and function as a towing vehicle for, for example, ballast wagons during track work. What makes the MPV extra unique is that it is battery powered.

The unveiling was carried out at Railcare's head office in Skelleftehamn, Sweden, by Minister of Infrastructure Tomas Eneroth, Minister of Employment Eva Nordmark, and Västerbotten's County Governor Helene Hellmark Knutsson.

"I am proud that we are the first to produce a maintenance machine for the railway that is emission-free and with the same high performance as our other machines. It is a unique product where we at Railcare can contribute to a more sustainable future", says Daniel Öholm CEO of Railcare Group AB.

Railcare's partners in the project were also represented. Emad Zand, President Battery Systems at Northvolt, and Erik Svedlund, Head of Marketing at Epiroc talked about electrification on a larger scale within the industry.

The MPV is the first of its kind and there are no other battery-powered maintenance machines for the railway of this size. The capacity is equivalent to thirty electric cars and one of the biggest advantages of battery operation is that the noise levels are significantly reduced.

"It is exciting that we are the leaders in the development of battery-powered maintenance machines for the railway. Our customers around the world have a huge demand for this type of solution. Especially in city centers, tunnels, and mines where exhaust fumes and noise levels are a big environmental problem. This machine will be a game-changer for the entire railway industry", says Daniel Öholm CEO Railcare Group AB.

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About Railcare Group

Rail specialist Railcare Group AB offers products and services that strengthen customer reliability, punctuality and profitability, mainly in the Nordic countries and the United Kingdom. The rail industry is growing and developing well, with increasing traffic volumes and extensive investment programs, along with a rapid development of cost-effective freight and passenger transport and increasing environmental awareness. Railcare has unique opportunities to deliver efficient solutions that contribute to the railways increasing their share of the total transport market. Railcare Group AB (publ)'s share is listed on the Nasdaq Stockholm Small Cap since April 2018. The Group has approximately 140 employees and annual sales amounting to approximately 400 MSEK. The Company's registered office is domiciled in Skelleftehamn, Sweden.