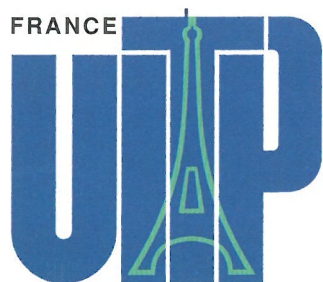
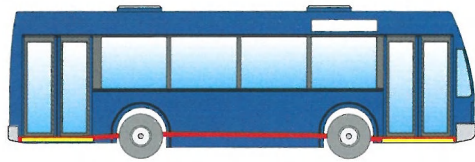


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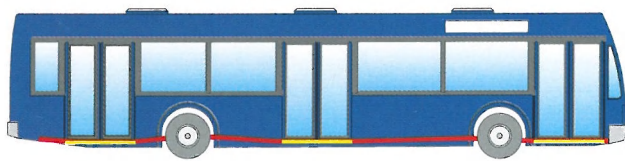


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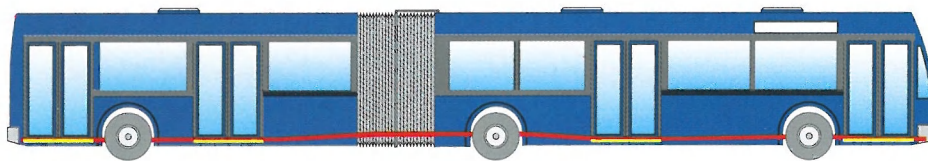
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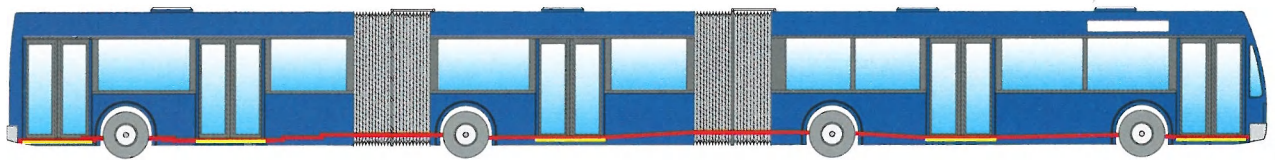
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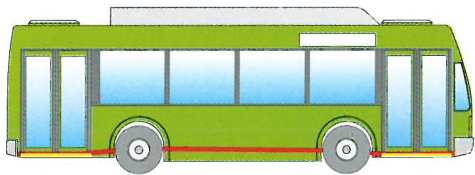


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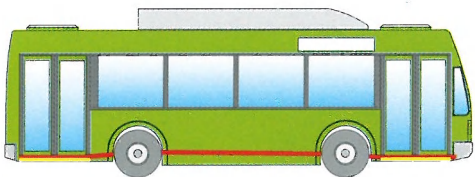


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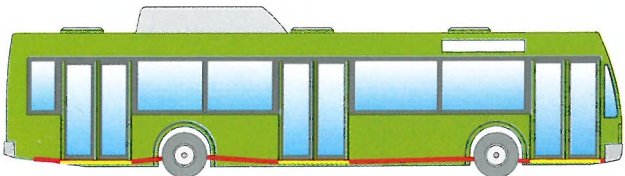
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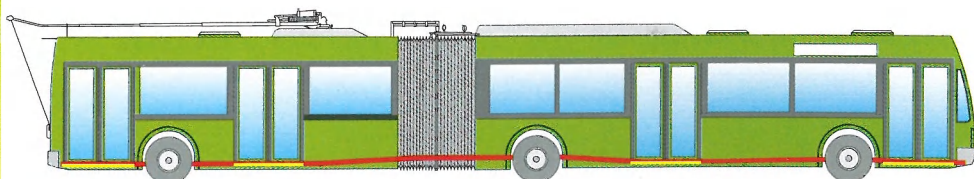
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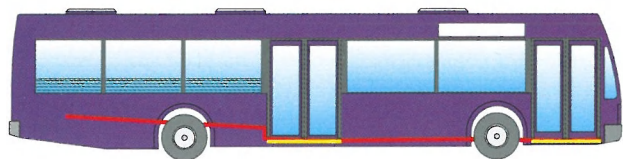


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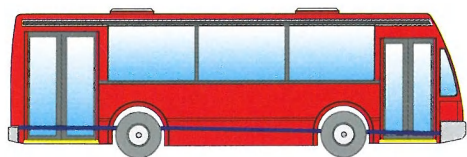
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Low-floor bus

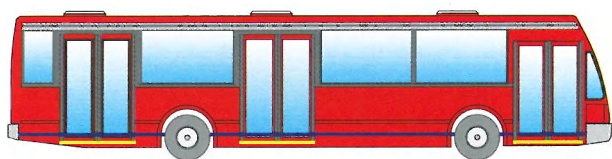


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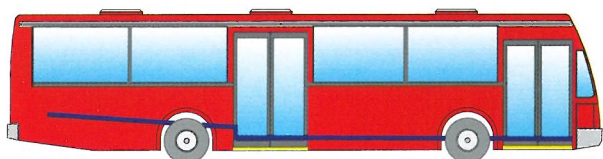
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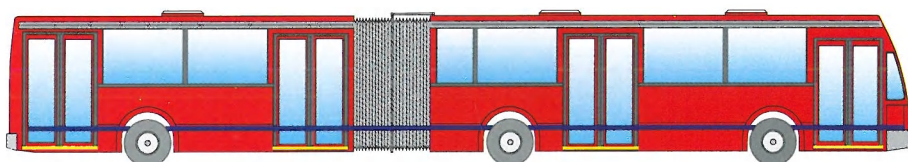
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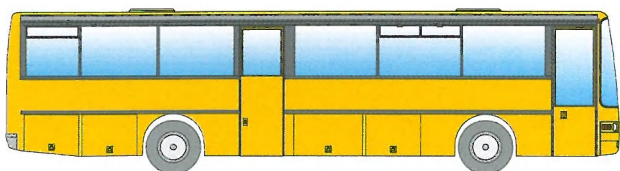


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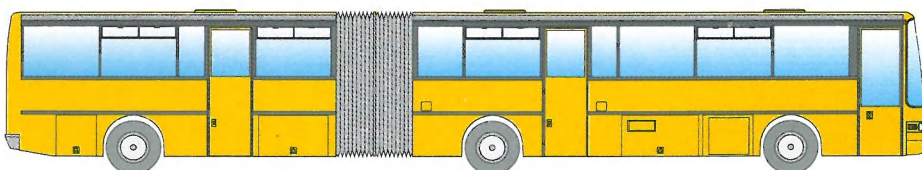


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Intercity coaches



T815CL



TG821CL



VAN HOOL N.V. based at Liege/Koningshooikt in Belgium is one of the largest independent manufacturers of integral buses and coaches in Western Europe with annual sales of about 1,500 vehicles. VAN HOOL also builds a comprehensive range of semi-trailers, trailers and tank containers, approximately 3,500 units a year. About 80% of the company's production is exported to other European countries (two thirds), Africa, America and Asia. The industrial site covers an area of 46 ha. The company employs 3,500 staff and its annual turnover is in excess of 14 thousand million BEF.

The development of VAN HOOL's unique low-floor bus concept started in 1979. In order to obtain a stepless floor over the entire length, the engine - formerly rear-mounted - was fitted sideways between the axles.

During the 1985 UITP Congress, VAN HOOL launched the **A500**: a 12-metre city bus with a completely flat and at that time very low floor, without intermediate steps, at 500 mm above ground level over the entire bus length and offering the possibility of up to three wide double doors.

Thanks to VAN HOOL's modular construction, a midibus and an articulated version could be developed on the basis of this standard A500 bus type.

This **medium low-floor** bus range has become a familiar sight all over Europe.

Proceeding on the same basic idea and in compliance with the recom-

mendations of the UITP, VAN HOOL presented the **A300** in 1991: a genuine low-floor bus with a stepless low floor over the entire vehicle length and a boarding height of only 320 mm at the three double doors (only 260 mm with kneeling option).

This **100% low-floor** concept is now available for the entire range of integral VAN HOOL buses: midi, 12-metres, articulated and even double articulated.

Over 650 VAN HOOL low-floor buses are in operation already all over Europe.

Today, attention is focused on **alternative drive systems** and their integration in the low-floor bus range.

VAN HOOL was the first manufacturer to combine the concept of a 100% low floor with a trolley/dual mode power system as well as a CNG fuel version (1993). The latest development is a hybrid midibus that is electrically powered

by a set of batteries or a diesel generator.

The newly developed **A360** combines the advantages of the low-floor bus (up to and including the second entrance) with a larger seating capacity (the rear section offers a maximum number of seats). The A360 is therefore ideal for both urban and suburban transport.

For **intercity transport**, VAN HOOL offers so-called "Cars de Ligne" (intercity coaches) in single and articulated versions with more seats, some underfloor luggage space and a higher comfort level.

All the VAN HOOL buses are built according to the specific wishes of the public transport companies. They are known Europe-wide for their operational reliability and for their environment- and mobility-friendliness.



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