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Exporting the London taxi

- LTI exports the London Taxi all over the world
- The London taxi system with professional drivers is the envy of the world
- LTI is talking to distributors in Russia, Poland, Greece and Bahrain, amongst others to export the taxi and the London Taxi service
- LTI will look to develop a unique individual taxi and service for each country
- Passengers can relax and enjoy their own private space in the rear of the taxi
- Business can also take advantage of a tailor made taxi service to set themselves apart from the competition



Chinese Venture

- In November 2006, Manganese Bronze Holdings plc signed a joint venture agreement with Chinese manufacturer Geely and Shanghai Maple to manufacture the London taxi in China
- The venture transforms LTI Vehicles from a UK producer of specialist motor vehicles into a major global brand
- The planned capacity of the Shanghai LTI facility is 40,000 vehicles, with production ramp-up starting from mid 2008
- Final assembly and sales will be undertaken by Shanghai Maple who will have the rights to sell the London taxi in Asia, while Manganese Bronze has the rights to distribute and sell the vehicle in the rest of the world
- The joint venture also brings benefits to LTI's UK sales, with the company taking advantage of more cost-effective components for its current range

LTI Fact Book



HAILED THE WORLD OVER

London

Within Greater London there are currently:

- More than 20,000 licensed Hackney carriages
- Around 24,500 licensed drivers
- Making more than 90 million journeys each year
- Totalling 6 billion miles driven by taxis in London each year

In the rest of England, Scotland and Wales, there are currently 52,000 licensed taxis of which 12,000 are purpose-built London taxis - 10,000 in England and Wales and 2,000 in Scotland.

Legislation

All vehicles wishing to operate as Hackney carriages in London have to adhere to the Public Carriage Office's Conditions of Fitness.

By law, Hackney carriages (public hire) are licensed to stand on ranks, ply for hire and be hailed in the street.

Private hire vehicles / minicabs must be pre-booked in advance. Passengers are not insured if travelling in a licensed private hire car, that they've hailed in the street.

Features and Benefits

The TX4 uniquely incorporates as standard all of the following features designed to make life easier and safer for passengers:

- Integral fold-out wheelchair ramp and restraint system
- Intermediate step and swivel seat to assist people with reduced mobility
- Induction loop linked to a voice intercom for the hard of hearing
- Bright yellow grab handles and seat edges for easier identification by the partially sighted
- Door handle lights for easier location at night



- Floor, roof and puddle lighting for safer access and egress at night
- An adjustable centre rear seat belt harness to suit younger and smaller passengers

The TX4 Vehicle

- More than £5.5 million was invested in developing the TX4
- The TX4 retains the instantly recognisable London taxi shape of its predecessors, but features a Euro IV emissions compliant VM Motori engine
- Enhanced safety features on the TX4 include ABS fitted as standard for the first time on a purpose-built taxi
- The TX4 incorporates a child restraining harness as standard to suit younger and smaller passengers
- More than 1,000,000km of testing was carried out on different terrains and in extreme weather conditions on the TX4 prior to its launch in October 2006, to ensure its durability
- An instantly recognisable icon of the UK, the TX4 and its predecessors the TX1 and TXII have been exported to USA, Russia, China, Japan, Spain and Thailand, among many other countries
- Not all models are used as taxis. Other functions include radio cars, mobile offices, wedding cars and even mobile doctors' surgeries!
- Other enhancements on the TX4 include new suspension, restyled front grille, new air conditioning, an improved intercom and all round head restraints

Company History

- The world's premier manufacturer of purpose-built taxis
- The largest UK-owned automotive manufacturer
- Established in Coventry in 1919 as Carbodies Ltd
- Built first FX3 taxi in 1948
- More than 130,000 taxis have rolled off the production line since 1948
- Produced the Fairway, the first truly wheelchair accessible taxi, in 1989
- TX4 vehicle was launched in 2006
- LTI employs over 400 people in Coventry and its four wholly-owned Mann & Overton dealerships in London, Birmingham, Leeds and Manchester
- LTI has a further network of independent franchised dealers in Glasgow, Edinburgh, Liverpool, Peterborough, London and Bexhill; plus 60 service agents nationwide
- A wholly-owned subsidiary of Manganese Bronze Holdings plc



Countries to which LTI taxis have been exported since 1989



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| 1 Angola | 22 Japan | 42 Saudi Arabia |
| 2 Austria | 23 Jordan | 43 Serbia |
| 3 Bahamas | 24 Kenya | 44 Singapore |
| 4 Belgium | 25 Kuwait | 45 Slovenia |
| 5 Brazil | 26 Madagascar | 46 South Africa |
| 6 Burkina Faso | 27 Mauritius | 47 South Korea |
| 7 Cameroon | 28 Mexico | 48 Spain |
| 8 Canada | 29 Monaco | 49 Sweden |
| 9 Channel Islands | 30 Morocco | 50 Switzerland |
| 10 China | 31 New Zealand | 51 Taiwan |
| 11 Croatia | 32 Nigeria | 52 Thailand |
| 12 France | 33 Norway | 53 The Netherlands |
| 13 Gabon | 34 Oman | 54 Trinidad & Tobago |
| 14 Georgia | 35 Philippines | 55 Tonga |
| 15 Germany | 36 Portugal | 56 Turkey |
| 16 Hong Kong | 37 Qatar | 57 Turks & Caicos |
| 17 Iceland | 38 Republic of Ireland | 58 Uruguay |
| 18 India | 39 Reunion Island | 59 UAE |
| 19 Indonesia | 40 Russia | 60 U.S.A |
| 20 Israel | 41 Romania | |