

Event: The 18th International Trade Fair on Design, Construction and Maintenance of Motor Roads and Bridges AVTODOREXPO 2020

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18th edition of AVTODOREXPO international trade fair for road construction was successfully held on 11–13 November 2020 on the outskirts of Kyiv (Ukraine). Despite the pandemics, it doubled the exhibition area, showcased 70 companies and over 40 large-sized machines and vehicles. The event was visited by nearly 2,000 professionals from across Ukraine, and first sold machines went to their owners straight from the fair.

Road construction professionals from throughout Ukraine commonly visit **AVTODOREXPO** every November. This year's edition was literally phenomenal, since it doubled the exhibition area against the pandemics and uncertainty. For the first time ever, **AVTODOREXPO** was located at KyivExpoPlaza outside Kyiv and thus was able to provide all interested companies with enough area. **70 exhibitors** from Ukraine, Belarus, Denmark, Germany and Turkey showed **over 140 trademarks** of machinery, equipment and materials. Both indoor and outdoor spaces were really spectacular, since they **hosted over 40 large-sized machines and vehicles**.

The largest exhibitors at **AVTODOREXPO 2020** were such companies as E-MAK, MARINI MAKINA, SIGMA ASPHALT, AGSOLCO UKRAINE, IPT GROUP, AMAKO UKRAINE, ATMOSFERA DOROG, WIRTGEN UKRAINE, DORMASH GROUP, EVERLAST, ETS, EUROIZOL-GEOSYNTHETICS, EUROFORMAT, INTER CHEMICAL PRODUCTS, CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY, CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT DG, KREMENCHUK PLANT OF ROAD MACHINES, PEGAS ST, PROMTEHSERVICE, STIM UKRAINE, TERMINAL, TRINITY GROUP, ZEPPELIN UKRAINE, EUROMASH and others.

The major advantage is that **AVTODOREXPO** is squarely focused on roads and offers a full range of road construction, repair and maintenance solutions. It showcases asphalt distributors and rollers, patch planers, loaders, excavators and graders, asphalt and bitumen emulsion plants, road construction materials and chemicals; traffic signs, signals and lights; road marking machinery and materials; road barriers, sound and light barriers; laboratory equipment, quality control solutions, etc.

One of the largest stands (of over 300 sqm) was prepared by **WIRTGEN UKRAINE** to show two **HAMM** asphalt rollers; compact, powerful and versatile **Vögele SUPER 1600-3** tracked paver; and Wirtgen **W200F** cold milling machine that covers a wide range of applications from surface course rehabilitation to complete removal and fine milling.

Another spectacular stand located in the outdoor area was prepared by **ZEPPELIN UKRAINE**, official representative of Caterpillar. It had five exhibits: **CAT PM313** one-meter milling machine recently introduced to the Ukrainian market; **CAT 428** series 7 backhoe loader, **CAT PM620** milling machine, **CAT CB10** and **CAT 22** asphalt rollers.

ETS Kyiv, the exclusive dealer of **Volvo CE** in Ukraine, showed a road construction complex including **SDLG** motor grader for levelling, earth-moving and roadside construction; **Volvo** excavator, asphalt paver and asphalt roller.

However, it was also observed a growing interest in Chinese-made road machinery. For instance, **PEGAS ST**, the sole official dealer of **SANY** in Ukraine, showed a motor grader and two asphalt rollers.

Despite the pandemics, this year's edition of **AVTODOREXPO** still moved beyond Ukraine. Among other foreign exhibitors, several Turkish companies joined the fair. One of them was **E-MAK MAKINE**, a manufacturer of stationary, transportable and mobile asphalt plants; crushers, cold mix plants, bitumen tanks, and emulsion plants.

TERMINAL, a leading supplier of road bitumens in the Ukrainian market, promoted this year's successful project for supply of gasolines and diesel fuel oils.

STIM UKRAINE showed **Kontur 900** road marking machine. It can be equipped with three changeable modules that are intended for road marking application with a certain type of material: paint, cold plastic or thermoplastic. The module is a complete set of painting equipment and tanks that are installed on the same frame.

As with the previous editions, conference hall was one of the most visited places, and research-to-practice conference with a highly topical program lasted for two days. It was opened with the report by **Oleksandr Kubrakov, Head of the State Road Agency of Ukraine**, who mentioned the positive work atmosphere and presented road construction plans for 2021.

Against all complexities and uncertainties of the year 2020, **AVTODOREXPO** confirmed its status of the key event for Ukraine's road construction industry once again. It provided professionals with information about the latest solutions, showed them dozens of machines and vehicles, brought them in contact with potential partners and thus promoted conclusion of lucrative contracts straight at the stands.