



Ice hockey hits the road in NEOPLAN Skyliner L

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Hamburg Freezers ice hockey club goes aboard NEOPLAN

In future the German ice hockey league team Hamburg Freezers will be undertaking its road trips in a NEOPLAN Skyliner L. Down at Hamburg harbour the Freezers president, Boris Capla, was handed over the modern doubledecker bus by Mathias D. Kampmann, owner of Thies Bustouristik GmbH and RAINBOW Tours. Thies is making the NEOPLAN team bus available for use by the ice hockey club for three seasons starting in 2008/2009. "In future our team will be able to travel to its matches safely and comfortably in this modern NEOPLAN doubledecker with its individual Freezers design. If your players arrive in good shape you can expect them to play a good game", says Capla.

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Thies has been a name in transporting professional sports teams for more than 80 years, and knows exactly what the clubs need. Opting for a NEOPLAN Skyliner was simple: "Individual user service, straightforward coordination in handling the order, competent support after delivery too, and a first-class product – like here in a traditional but at the same time highly modern doubledecker. Factors like that make it easy for us to come back to NEOPLAN every time", reckons Kampmann.

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The NEOPLAN Skyliner L – with seating for 79, 13.79 meters long, 2.55 meters wide and 4 meters high – really is a convincing mix of first-class comfort and well conceived safety. Generously apportioned legroom and headroom plus extra integrated tables mean pleasant and relaxed travel for team, trainers and crew to close and distant away matches. Matching the nature of the game, the bus is powered by a 480 HP Euro 4 common rail engine, with **MAN PURE DIESEL** technology to stay well within exhaust limits. Separate DVD and audio systems of the latest generation brighten up the journey for captain Alexander Barta and his team, as well as allowing professional video analysis on the way back from a game. Even more convenience is in place with an extra number of outlets to power the entire technical equipment of the Freezers.

At the end of the ice hockey season, Thies uses the bus for regular tourism. In this way fans of the Hamburg Freezers even have a unique opportunity of going on holiday seated where their ice hockey idols would otherwise sit. But during the ice hockey season too, holiday-makers and excursioners are still offered ample comfort and safety. Because in addition to the team bus Thies has added another three NEOPLAN Skyliners to its fleet.

The unique Skyliner L in Freezers design is another demonstration of NEOPLAN's leading role in customized premium coaches, which will continue to be manufactured either direct at the Plauen plant or cooperating with experienced and certified coachwork builders.

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