

## Press Release

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### **IVECO goes trackside with Arise Racing GT and Ferrari**

*IVECO Trucks Australia has teamed up with up-and-coming GT3 racing team, Arise Racing GT, for this year's instalment of the GT World Challenge Australia racing season.*

The team which is backed by Australian entrepreneur and exotic car fanatic, Laurence Escalante, and supported by the Ferrari factory in Maranello, is already an outfit to be reckoned with, clinching both the Driver's and Teams Sprint Championships in its debut season last year.

There are big hopes for 2025 as well, with Arise Racing recently confirming a two-car line-up to be piloted by Jaxon Evans and Elliott Schutte (car 26) and Steve Wyatt and Jordan Love (car 77).

IVECO's role is to get the race cars from the team's base in Perth, to tracks in New South Wales, South Australia, Queensland and Victoria, using a flagship S-Way 550 AS prime mover which recently joined the team. The partnership builds on IVECO's 20 plus year legacy of supporting Ferrari's racing efforts, including as official partner Scuderia Ferrari and Official Sponsor – Ferrari Challenge Europe.

The race cars which are loosely based on Ferrari's stunning 296 GTB road car, are specially prepared by specialist prototype and GT3 race vehicle manufacturer, Oreca, and are valued at approximately 1.25M AUD each. Tipping the scales at a light and nimble 1300kg and outputting around 600hp, the cars are some of the fastest anywhere in the world to lap a track.

The high value cargo is transported in a specially designed B-double trailer. The A trailer is predominantly used to accommodate the team's tools and equipment, while the B trailer houses the two Ferraris (with room for a third) along with additional equipment. Loading and unloading the cars is fast and efficient thanks to the trailer's rear tailgate loader.

The S-Way 550 AS prime mover hauling the special cargo features a 550hp / 2500Nm engine, coupled to IVECO's 16-speed Hi-Tronix AMT, providing plenty of power and torque for the long drives from Perth to the eastern seaboard.

Arise Racing GT Commercial Manager, Jake Klarich, said that the S-Way – and IVECO – was an ideal fit for the outfit.

"IVECO has a strong pedigree in top level motorsports as the transporter of choice for many high-profile race teams, and is even trusted and utilised by the Ferrari Formula 1 Team," Jake said.

"A long brand relationship between IVECO and Ferrari also exists, and finished in 'rosso scuderia', Ferrari's racing colour, the S-Way and trailer set look amazing – very sleek and aggressive on the road."

Aside from looking the part, Jake said there were other aspects of the S-Way that were important for the team.

"We wanted a powerful prime mover that would easily handle the weight we carry, although the cars are light, we operate like a mobile workshop so there are a lot of tools, equipment, spare parts, wheels and tyres that come with us," he explained.

"Two other important considerations were safety and comfort, especially for the long road trips across the Nullarbor, and the S-Way is certainly well equipped in these two areas."

Already driven on its maiden trip to the east coast this month for the pre-season testing at Phillip island, Jake said driver, Garry, was impressed with the performance of the S-Way.

"Garry had a great run from Perth to Phillip Island in the brand new IVECO S-Way. The truck didn't miss a beat and he spoke highly of its smooth and comfortable ride," Jake said.

"He was especially impressed by the quietness of the cabin and the user-friendly layout of the interior."

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