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They feature FPT Industrial 10.3 litre Cursor 10 engines which produce up to 450 hp between 1,550 and 2,100 rev/min and up to 2,100 Nm of torque between 1,050 and 1,550 rev/min.

The specification also includes Iveco's automated EuroTronic transmission, continuing the trend Iveco started with the launch of the original Stralis in 2002, when it became the first heavy truck to be fitted with an automated gearbox as standard.



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