

BULK TRANSPORTER

Pilot to provide DEF at truck stops

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[Pilot Travel Centers LLC](#), Knoxville TN, has announced the details and scheduled rollout for diesel exhaust fluid (DEF) availability at its North American truck stops.

DEF is a required fluid for 2010 selective catalytic reduction (SCR) systems that reduce NOx through a catalytic process in the exhaust stream.

Starting in the third quarter of 2009, Pilot will rollout 25 bulk dispensing units per quarter so that approximately 100 of Pilot's locations ultimately will have bulk dispensing capabilities at the fuel islands. All 328 truck stops will have the packaged quantities available.

Pilot said the equipment will be state of the art and designed to store, pump, and transact DEF to customers in a wide variety of climates and conditions.

"Many of our customers will be purchasing SCR-equipped trucks in 2010, so as they began coming to us to learn more about SCR and DEF, we did a lot of investigating," said Patrick Deptula, director of design and construction. "We determined there was a strong opportunity to not only fulfill our customers' needs, but to be an industry leader. By working with Detroit Diesel and Daimler Trucks North America that also are leaders with their BlueTec 2010 technology, we learned even more about the benefits of those systems."

"We will continually review our rollout plan for bulk dispensing locations to ensure we are meeting the needs of our customers every step of the way," said Deptula. "This includes having convenient pay-at-the-pump transactions that can be simply completed while the driver is also filling up with diesel fuel. Our goal in the process is to make everything as seamless as possible for our customers."