



# Massyn's fleet is **a family affair**

The Massyn transport business relies on its fleet of Scania trucks to provide reliable, cost-effective service to its customers, writes Matthys Ferreira

**F**rans Massyn started his transport business back in 1981, with an operation in the Mpumalanga area, which has since grown into one of the most dynamic freight companies in South Africa.

Massyn Vervoer currently comprises a fleet of over 50 Scania trucks, which Frans Massyn says is perfectly suited for the company's long-haul requirements. "We've operated many other brands throughout the years, but we will stick to Scania simply because the trucks are tough and the fuel consumption is low," added Massyn.

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which is run by his family, mainly covers the Durban –Johannesburg –Nelspruit route. However, if certain freight needs to be delivered elsewhere in the country, arrangements can be made. "The Scania trucks in our fleet have proven to be reliable and we receive excellent service and support from Scania South Africa," says Massyn.

Massyn believes that the technology in Scania trucks allows for longer service intervals and reduced service costs in the long run. He explained that due to the unique Scania retarder system in the truck gearboxes, brake linings are only changed every 650 000 kilometres – while service intervals on the new series of trucks is pegged at 30 000 kilometres. "In the transport industry, downtime results in a major loss of income. We are able to operate a more cost effective fleet with the Scania trucks, while ensuring that all our trucks exceed roadworthy requirements," adds Massyn.

The Massyn Vervoer fleet of trailers is just as impressive as the company's fleet of trucks. A range of tautliners, flatdecks and brick-handlers ensures that there is always a trailer for the correct application. Also, 24-hour monitoring ensures that all vehicles are driven in accordance with road traffic laws, while doubling up as a security instrument.

Massyn is quite impressed by the diesel consumption figures achieved across the Scania trucks, especially considering the horsepower produced by the engines. "We achieve figures around 1, 9 kilometres a litre,

which is impressive considering the loads carried and the condition of the roads," says Massyn. The company also has its own dedicated workshop facility, where trucks are inspected and maintained, but it also utilises Scania's service centres when necessary.

Massyn described the close-knit business as one involving his family, saying that it has always been a family orientated operation. Massyn's son Bernard handles logistics, while Duan handles the workshop and technical aspects. Frans's wife Bettie and his other son Frans Junior both handle the administration and financial functions of the business.

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