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Green light for production of world leading tech in Metrocab following case dismissal

Bid to block production of the Zero-Emissions Capable Metrocab, designed & manufactured in the UK, fails again after original High Court decision is upheld

Ecotive's Metrocab is now in a position to bring their tried and tested world-leading British innovation into production following the Court of Appeal decision to uphold the original verdict made in 2016. Mr Justice Arnold, from the London High Court, dismissed the case, in January 2016 which claimed the design of Metrocab copied the shape of "iconic" polluting diesel black cabs on the road. The judge concluded that there was little similarity between the new Metrocab and conventional TX4 and earlier TX model taxis made by London Electric Vehicle Company (formerly London Taxi Company), owned by the Chinese carmaker Zhejiang Geely. The Court of Appeal upheld Mr Justice Arnold judgment in full, determining that the London Taxi Company trademarks should never have been registered because they were not inherently distinctive and rejecting the passing off claim.

The Metrocab electric vehicle, which will be manufactured in Coventry, will help improve air quality by tackling emissions of diesel fumes, allowing cities like London to meet international air quality standards.

The Metrocab became London's first licensed zero-emissions capable taxi in 2014 and took part in a two-year Trial in London, covering hundreds of thousands of miles with 75% zero-emissions operation, substantially enhancing air quality, reducing emissions, and delivering significant fuel savings to drivers.

The Metrocab is fully ready for the introduction of London's Ultra-Low Emissions Zone and in 2014 introduced a host of new features never before seen on a London taxi, including all-LED lighting; the London taxi market's first panoramic glass roof for the passengers; USB charging; and zero-emissions capable operation. Following the success of the trial, Metrocab can proceed with production which will bring enormous environmental benefits to London.

Speaking on behalf of Metrocab, a spokesman said: *"Metrocab are delighted that the Court of Appeal have upheld Mr Justice Arnold's original decision. It is a great pity that unnecessary time has been wasted on a false accusation, especially when we could have been contributing to the improvement of air quality for Londoners, with our innovative and game-changing technology.*

We have continued to trial, improve and develop our technology over the last three years with taxi drivers in active service and are extremely proud of our decision to design and develop the entirety of the Metrocab here in the UK. We are looking forward to getting production up and running in Coventry following the court's decision."

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Notes to Editors:

The Court of Appeal awarded the following terms for the order:

- The Appellant is refused permission to appeal to the Supreme Court
- The stay of paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Order of the Honourable Mr Justice Arnold dated Tuesday 9th February 2016, which stay was continued by Order of this Court date 7th February

2017, is extended until disposal of the said appeal to the Supreme Court/disposal of the Appellant's application for permission to appeal to the Supreme Court;

- The Appellant shall pay the Respondents' costs of and occasioned by the said appeal, to be assessed by way of detailed assessment if not agreed; and
- The Appellant is to pay to the Respondents the sum of £125,000 on account of costs such sum to be paid within 14 days.

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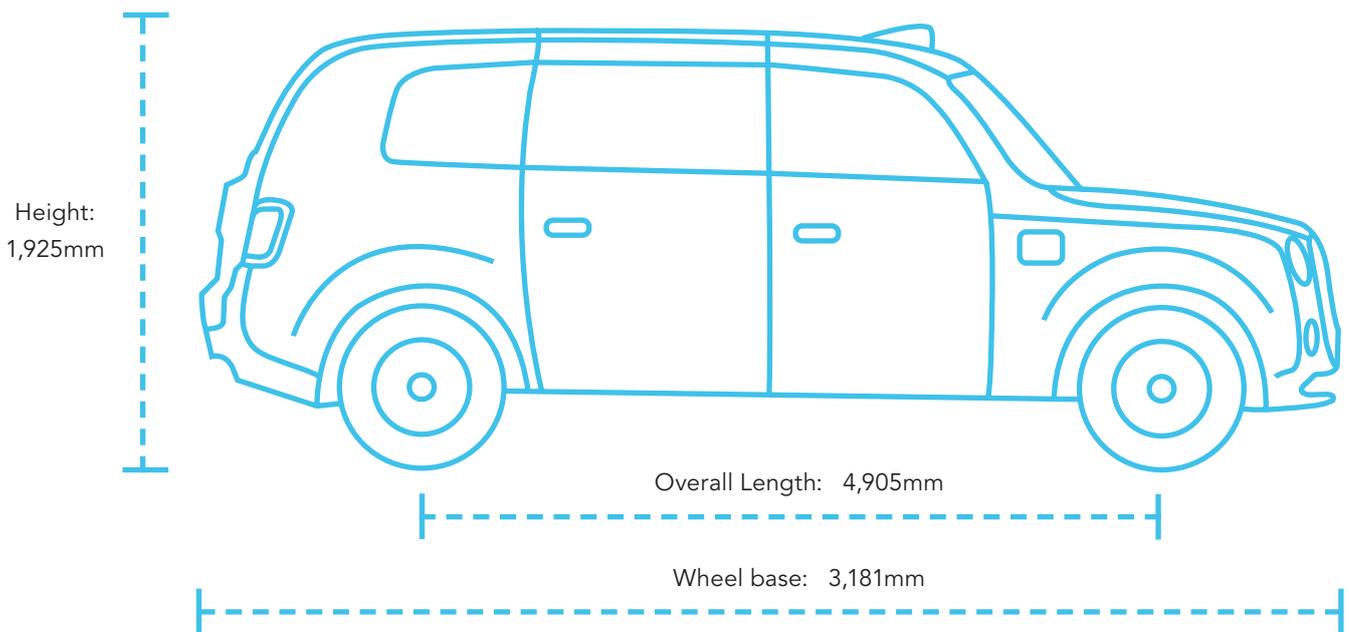
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Metrocab Facts & Figures

98+_{MPG}

120,000 miles

DRIVEN IN GREATER LONDON



Minimal
Environmental
Impact

75%

ZERO EMISSION OPERATION

SUCCESSFUL 2 YEAR LONDON TRIAL COMPLETED

Features:

- Driver multi-function touch screen display and instrument cluster with colour display
- WiFi hotspot
- Passenger & driver display with the ability to mirror any smart device
- USB charging socket
- Digital infotainment system
- Hands free telephone
- Air conditioning and heating
- Anti-lock braking system (ABS)
- 3-seater rear bench seat - fore/aft adjustable for more luggage space when required
- 3 rear facing flip down seats
- 1 optional front passenger seat
- Full wheelchair access
- Panoramic glass roof

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