

## VWS HONoured FOR 'VITAL' VAN SAFETY OVERLOAD PROTECTION SYSTEM

Vehicle Weighing Solutions Ltd (VWS) has been announced as the winner of the Innovation in Safety Award at the Van Fleet World Honours 2017 for its VOPS™2 (Van Overload Protection System). The awards ceremony took place on 21 February at the RAC Club, Pall Mall, London.

One of the judges, Dan Gilkes, Editor, Van Fleet World said: "We were really impressed with the VWS overload protection system. As more than 80% of the vans stopped and weighed by DVSA last year were found to be overweight VOPS2 could provide a vital safety resource, particularly for fleets that regularly run near or at full weight capacity. VWS can also install an alarm that will sound as maximum weight is approached, preventing overloading and boosting road safety for all."

The market leader vehicle on-board weighing and axle overload protection, VWS developed VOPS2, a reliable enclosed measurement system, to help prevent overloading from occurring.

Julian Glasspole, Managing Director, VWS said: "We are delighted that the VOPS2 system has been recognised by Fleet World Honours. Vehicle overloading can have serious consequences and lead to fines, endorsements or even a custodial sentence in the event of an accident. Not only do vehicles become unstable, undue stress is also placed on the tyres and braking systems, and fuel usage is increased. Operators who overload put their licence at risk."

VOPS2 load sensors are installed between the axle and the body of a vehicle to detect the load applied to the axles. The system provides continual data, via an in-cab indicator display providing drivers with clear net, gross and axle weights for the front and rear of the vehicle. VOPS™2 can be fitted to most types of commercial vehicle ranging from 1-tonne and upwards, and it doesn't rely on springs or transducers.

With VOPS™2 overloading is easily avoided. The system is easy to install, extremely accurate and can be fitted to a wide range of vehicles.

Added Julian: "Any uneven weight distribution is highlighted as well as overloading so it is particularly useful for delivery companies where there is a high risk of overloading or having too much weight on either axle."

VWS will be showcasing VOPS™2 at this year's CV Show alongside its extensive portfolio of products, including the weights and measures approved ENVIROWEIGH bin-weighing system, LOADWEIGH vehicle onboard system, PURGO software package and the APOLLO range of portable & fixed weigh bridges & weigh pads.



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