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With cost reduction, sustainability and corporate social responsibility high on fleets' agendas and the added impact of the pandemic, LCV operators large and small are closely examining ways of further improving the efficiency and green credentials of their vehicles, according to remanufacturing specialist Ivor Searle.

Among the major businesses that Ivor Searle is helping to effect positive change is one of the world's largest fleet management companies. Aligning with Ivor Searle's

philosophy on the sustainability and cost benefits of remanufacturing rather than replacement of OE major units such as engines and gearboxes, this fleet provider operates a proactive 'predict and prevent' approach.

Turning the traditional 'break and fix' model of fleet maintenance on its head, its preventive maintenance programme is said to enable fleet customers to control costs, avoid unnecessary repairs and minimise downtime.

The use of data helps to identify trends in specific component failures, so that the company can work with customers to navigate potential failures across similar vehicles.

Ivor Searle says it has helped to prove that, by investing in preventive maintenance as a commercial necessity, businesses can not only cut their costs but also go a long way to reducing their carbon footprint.

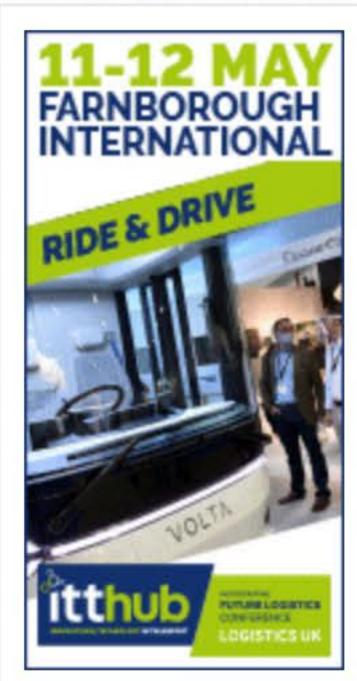
Whilst more obvious services such as oil changes or tyre rotation will extend the life of a vehicle, for diesel-powered vans that make up the bulk of the UK's light commercial parc, maintenance of the diesel particulate filter (DPF) is a prime contributor to extending vehicle life expectancy in the fleet cycle, says the firm.

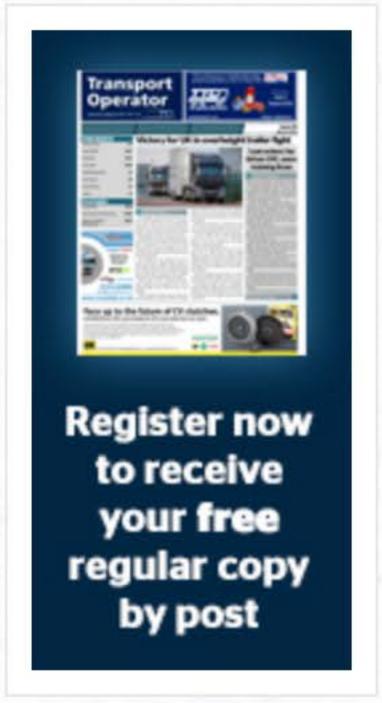
In a post-Covid economy, the longer a van can remain in service, the less funding is required for replacement vehicles, which is good for a company's budget.

In addition to its role as a leading remanufacturer of major units for light commercial vehicles, Ivor Searle also provides a professional trade-only DPF cleaning service.

Over the past 18 months, just one of its major fleet customers has saved its own customers almost £77,000 by utilising Ivor Searle's DPF cleaning service, says the firm, based on an average DPF replacement price of £772 per vehicle, the majority of which are fitted to light commercial vans.









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