

Tippers are often the unsung heroes of the road transport world, so to redress the balance we have teamed up with Volvo and Tip-ex 2013 to find Britain's smartest working Volvo tippers.

Tip-ex 2013 takes place in Harrogate on May 30 to June 1, and the three category winners and their trucks will be VIP guests at the Gala Dinner on May 31.

That's just the start, though. The three winners will each win a Volvo driving day in the UK. For the overall winner, there is a VIP driving experience at Volvo's HQ in Sweden, with the chance to get their hands on some of the company's latest products.

CATEGORIES

- 1 Tippers under five years old (08 registration or newer)
- 2 Tippers over five years old (57 reg or older)
- 3 Specialist vehicle (this includes any vehicle that is not eligible for categories 1 and 2, based on a Volvo three- or four-axled chassis)

PRIZES

One overall winner will travel to Sweden for a Volvo VIP driving experience in October (dates to be confirmed).

All three finalists will be invited to a Volvo driving experience in the UK in the autumn (dates and location to be confirmed).

In association with Tip-ex, a certain Swedish manufacturer is on the search for Britain's smartest working Volvo tippers. If you drive or own a contender then you could be in line to win some great prizes!

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COMPETITION RULES

The three category winners will be responsible for making their own way to and from Volvo's UK HQ in Warwick. They must be in possession of a valid LGV licence. Suitable refreshments will be provided throughout the day.

For the overall winner, the cost of flights to Sweden, and of accommodation and meals in Sweden, will be covered. The winner will be responsible for making his or her own way to and from the UK departure airport and must be in possession of a valid passport and LGV licence.

Entries will be made by submitting photographs of the truck. The minimum requirement is for three good-quality images showing front three-quarter, side and interior views. Prints (minimum 150mmx100mm) or digital JPG files (minimum 2Mb) are acceptable.

Prints should be sent to: Volvo Competition, Truck & Driver, Road Transport Media, 2nd Floor, NINE Sutton Court Road, Sutton, Surrey SM1 4SZ. Email JPGs to competitions@roadtransport.com (or post, on CD/DVD, to the Sutton address).

Each entry must include owner's or driver's name, address, email address and telephone number, plus vehicle model, body, brief specification, history, age, registration number and mileage.

Only complete entries received by midday on Friday, May 10 will be considered. Winners will be selected and notified by the end of the following week.

Trucks entered must be genuine working trucks.

Trucks in Categories 1 and 2 above must be fitted with tipping bodies operated by hydraulic ram. 'Custom' trucks are welcome provided they are operated regularly on a

commercial basis. The judges' decision on what constitutes a 'working' truck is final.

Entrants agree that if they are one of the three finalists they will make their truck available for display at the Majestic Hotel, Harrogate during the Tip-ex 2013 Gala Dinner from 1800 on Friday, May 31 until the next morning, and to attend the Gala Dinner with a guest to publicly accept their prizes. Gala Dinner tickets and overnight accommodation for one night, if required, will be provided by Volvo.

The winners also agree to be featured in *Truck & Driver* and in Volvo's own publicity.

The judging panel will comprise John Comer (Volvo product manager, UK & Ireland), John Reilly (Volvo tipper superstructure field sales engineer) and Colin Barnett (T&D editor). The judges' decision is final.