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# ISUZU AND BUILTMORE CELEBRATE ASSEMBLY OF 100,000<sup>th</sup> ISUZU N-SERIES GASOLINE TRUCK

Only Five Years After Production of 50,000<sup>th</sup> Unit, North America's Premier Gas-Powered Low-Cab-Forward Truck Reaches Another Milestone

**ANAHEIM, Calif.**—Isuzu Commercial Truck of America, Inc., distributor of America's best-selling low-cab-forward trucks, has announced that the 100,000<sup>th</sup> gasoline-powered Isuzu N-Series truck was produced today, at the Builtmore Contract Manufacturing facility in Charlotte, Michigan.

Since April 2011, all Isuzu N-Series gas trucks for the U.S. and Canada markets have been assembled in Charlotte by Builtmore, the go-to-market brand of The Shyft Group.

The production milestone comes less than five years after the 50,000<sup>th</sup> gas-powered N-Series truck was built in Charlotte.

"This is a testament to the increasing popularity of our gasoline-powered N-Series offerings, which can be attributed in large part to the outstanding quality our partners at Builtmore build into every truck," said Shaun C. Skinner, president of Isuzu Commercial Truck of America and Isuzu Commercial Truck of Canada.

"We want to acknowledge and thank the team at Isuzu for the success we've been able to achieve together over the past 12 years," said Daryl Adams, President, and Chief Executive Officer of The Shyft Group. "We are proud to serve Isuzu as a cost-effective and flexible manufacturing partner for their N-Series and F-Series programs helping support their continued growth in the medium-duty truck market."

Isuzu N-Series gas trucks are powered by a 6.6-liter General Motors V8 engine that produces 350 horsepower at 4,500 rpm and generates 425 lb.-ft. of torque at 3,800 rpm.

A full range of models is available:

- Class 3 NPR (12,000-lb. GVWR)
  - Standard Cab in wheelbases of 109, 132.5, 150 and 176 inches
  - Crew Cab in wheelbases of 150 and 176 inches
- Class 4 NPR-HD (14,500-lb. GVWR)
  - Standard Cab in wheelbases of 109, 132.5, 150 and 176 inches
  - Crew Cab in wheelbases of 150 and 176 inches
- Class 5 NQR (17,950-lb. GVWR)
  - Standard Cab in wheelbases of 132.5, 150 and 176 inches
  - Crew Cab in wheelbases of 150 and 176 inches
- Class 5 NRR (19,500=lb. GVWR)
  - Standard Cab in wheelbases of 132.5, 150 and 176 inches
  - Crew Cab in wheelbases of 150 and 176 inches

The Class 3 and 4 NPR and NPR-HD models employ a GM 6L90 six-speed automatic transmission while the Class 5 NQR and NRR are equipped with an Allison 1000 Rugged Duty Series six-speed automatic gearbox. Both transmissions are noted for their reliability and smooth power delivery.

Builtmore also assembles the Cummins B6.7 diesel-powered Class 6 and 7 Isuzu FTR, FVR Derate and FVR at the Charlotte facility.

"Back in August 2018, I said that we were looking forward to the next 50,000 gas-powered N-Series trucks coming out of Charlotte," said Skinner. "We're very fortunate that—thanks to our loyal customers, our excellent dealer partners, and our assembly team at Builtmore—those next 50,000 arrived so quickly. We truly are looking forward to the next 100,000, and who knows? They may be assembled sooner than anyone could predict."

## <u>About Isuzu</u>

Headquartered in Anaheim, California, Isuzu Commercial Truck of America, Inc. is the distributor of Isuzu commercial vehicles in the United States. Isuzu commercial trucks have been the best-selling low-cab-forward trucks in America every year since 1986. For more information, call (866) 441-9638 or visit www.isuzucv.com.

# Isuzu Commercial Truck of America, Inc./100,000<sup>th</sup> N-Series Gas Truck

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