

NAPT Trade Show off to fast start
SCHOOL BUS FLEET
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KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The National Association for Pupil Transportation's 32nd Annual Trade Show opened Tuesday afternoon with a large crowd of attendees inspecting the more than 150 exhibits on the show floor. A wide range of products and services was displayed, with new offerings coming from bus manufacturers and other equipment and service providers. Blue Bird showed off its new 2008 Vision, which features a redesigned driver's compartment and a sleeker hood design. The Type C bus is offered with a propane-powered engine. Another vehicle on display was EC-72, a more economical Type C bus that offers fewer options but provides quality transportation service. Meanwhile, IC Corporation unveiled a low-floor concept vehicle that allows all students to enter and exit through the service door. The low floor eliminates the need for a stepwell, improving access for all students. In particular, access to students in wheelchairs is improved because a ramp, rather than a wheelchair lift, can be used for boarding and alighting.

Details about the other new product debuts will be published in SCHOOL BUS FLEET Magazine.