

First ever Swedish locomotive in Denmark**Hector Rail has now become a rail operator in Denmark**

Hector Rail's rail operation in Denmark is now underway with the ordering of ten locomotives from Bombardier Transportation to carry through trains from Sweden to Germany via Denmark. The first locomotive has just completed tests in Denmark. The tests were conducted with Hector Rail as operator. Hector Rail is the only rail operator approved in the three Scandinavian countries of Sweden, Norway and Denmark and work is underway to get approval in Germany.

With these test runs, Hector Rail is taking an historical step in Swedish railway history. It is the first time that a Swedish electric locomotive has rolled on Danish rails.

The tests, which are now completed, were conducted to determine the locomotive's compatibility with the Danish signal and electrical systems. The locomotive has now left Denmark for similar tests in Sweden.

“Hector Rail is stepping up as a Scandinavian company to establish the Scandinavia – Continent rail product as an alternative to the existing offering, which is practically controlled by the German railways,” says Mats Nyblom, CEO of Hector Rail AB. Non-stop trains without locomotive changes at the borders can average around 70 km/h between the terminals in Scandinavia and on the continent.

Like all modern electric locomotives, these locomotives have electrical brakes which generate electricity that is fed back to the railway's electrical system to be used by other railway vehicles. Rail transport using this type of locomotive is the most environmental type of land-based transport.

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