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Hi

* The prime requirement was for an overall length envelope of 10500 mm as this was the longest free space to enable garaging in the fire station vehicle bays of the time – given that some fire stations had to have bays extended by changing the doors (from bifold to roller).

* The standard Panther is approximately 600 mm longer than the ASA Panther.

* In order to achieve the overall length of 10500 mm as required in the tender, Rosenbauer modified their standard Panther as follows:

- The chassis was shortened between the steer and intermediate axles by 400 mm. The position of the cabin and pump modules remained standard in relation to their position on the chassis. The resultant effect of this was a smaller water tank.
- The rear wall of the engine module was changed and shortened by 150 mm. The rear bumper was further behind the rear axle on a standard Panther, with the rear wall of the vehicle being curved to match it. The back of the ASA Panther is vertical, with the bumper a little bit closer into the engine module and not protruding past the round capping.
- The front bumper was moved back into the cab by about 50 mm. The standard Panther is further forward, so they shortened up the bumper mounts to pull it closer into the body.

I can explain in more detail on Wednesday and actually show you the changes on one of your vehicles.

Regards,

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