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JOST world presents TRIDEC products for the first time

JOST – the worldwide leading producer of systems, modules & components for connecting vehicles - will be presenting itself from April 22-26, 2008 with its largest range of products ever. Besides fifth wheel couplings, telescopic landing gears, towing hitches, ball bearing turntables and drawbars, JOST will also be exhibiting trailer steering systems and special wheel suspensions by TRIDEC for the first time. The JOST stand will be in Hall 14, Pavilion 3, Stand 14-207.

For the first time since the integration of the Dutch company TRIDEC in January 2008, JOST World will be presenting four successful brands at an international fair. During the COMTRANS from April 22-26 in Moscow, the company will be exhibiting its current fifth wheel couplings, telescopic landing gears, towing hitches and safety systems of the JOST brand. But in addition to this, they will also be displaying enhanced towing hitches from the ROCKINGER brand, drawbars from the REGENSBURGER ZUGGABEL brand and the trailer steering systems and special wheel suspensions from the TRIDEC brand, which have been newly incorporated into the JOST range of products. With this broadly diversified range of systems, modules and components for commercial vehicles, the JOST World is emphasizing its leading position in Eastern Europe.

TRIDEC forced steering systems and single wheel suspensions

As the sole developer and producer of independently manufactured trailer steering systems, TRIDEC has over the last years become synonymous with

forced steering in Europe. The experts of TRIDEC not only develop and produce mechanically controlled steering systems for trailers, but also hydraulic and electronically ones, too. The company offers independent axle suspensions for double-deck and glass-transport trailers as well as for hydraulic suspensions and swinging axles. TRIDEC systems can be utilised in all application areas, from single axle city trailers all the way to hydraulically steered transport platforms up to 250 tons.

At the COMTRANS 2008 in Moscow, TRIDEC will be presenting the suspension for TP-O swinging axles for extremely heavy loads in transit. The TP-O is distinguished by an extremely large spring travel and swing-ability, making it possible to build vehicles for special transports with imposed loads of up to 45 tons and a total load of up to 100 tons. In combination with the hydraulic TRIDEC steering HF-E, it is possible to reach a steering angle of up to 70 degrees with the TP-O oscillating axle suspensions. Thus, the TP-O is perfect for use in extremely heavy load transit. In addition to this, it is extremely easy to maintain. Except for retightening some screw fastenings and the visual inspection of the hydraulic parts, no further maintenance work is necessary. Installing the TP-O suspension is simple as well since all parts have already been pre-assembled as one unit. The TP-O can be equipped both with single tire at a permissible axle load of 12.0 tons as well as with twin-tires at a permissible axle load of 20.0 tons.

A further highlight, the LV-O single wheel suspension can be seen at the JOST stand in Hall 14. It was constructed for use in inloaders or double-deck trailers. Through years of development work, the TRIDEC engineers succeeded in achieving an extremely narrow build for the LV-O. It is thus possible to have loading measurements of 1620 millimetres – sufficient for two euro-pallets side by side. As an additional option, there are also wheel houses available for automotive engineers that were especially developed for this purpose; they have been prepared for the simple installation of the LV-O single wheel suspension. The LV-O is distinguished by a simple wheel alignment with two bolts, as well as by its use of extremely low-maintenance components.

JOST Fifth wheel couplings - Safety with a system

JOST has always placed a special emphasis on safety during coupling and decoupling. The world market leader has therefore developed systems for locking control and remote control such as the Flashtronic, the sensor-coupling system (SKS) and the comfort-coupling system (KKS). At COMTANS 2008, JOST will be presenting the SKS sensor-coupling system in combination with the robust, lightweight JSK 42 skid plate fifth wheel coupling for imposed loads of up to 20 tons. This is equipped with sensors to show the driver in his cab that the fifth wheel coupling has locked securely. Damage from improperly coupled trailers can thus be easily and reliably avoided.

JOST will also be showing the JSK 37 C fifth wheel coupling with maintenance-free, shock-absorbing rubber bearing that is especially suitable for use in bad road conditions. The JSK 38 G fifth wheel coupling was developed for use on uneven surfaces. It has a gimbal-mounted bearing which makes torsion-free use of the tractor possible off-road. When travelling on roads, the lateral swinging axles can be locked.

Multi-purpose safety-towing hitches

The traditional brand ROCKINGER offers commercial vehicle operators a wide spectrum of towing hitches for various installation positions and for every application purpose. Another highlight is the newly developed ball coupling ROKU 80. This was specially developed for use on vehicle transporters. This new coupling is the first to offer an automatic interlocking of the ladle as a standard feature as a special safety-comfort model. The advantage: more convenient operation along with more safety. In addition, ROCKINGER also will be exhibiting the standard coupling RO*500 G65 as well as RO*57flex, which is suited especially for difficult use in off-road areas.

Independent solutions for Transporters

JOST has also developed independent solutions for the connection of trailers and semi-trailers suitable for the quickly growing segment of transporters and light trucks. The JSK 26 new fifth wheel coupling represents the optimal solution for transforming transporters into tractors with city-capable mini-trailers. The JSK 26 is suitable for use on tractor units with a permissible

imposed load of up to 6.0 tonnes and offers the same simple and safe operation that drivers and vehicle owners are used to from all JOST fifth wheel couplings. Since the JSK 26 is approved for trailers with positive steering, the minitrailer can even be outfitted with a steering axle, which will enable even more agile use in distribution transport.

The trailer coupling system VARIOBLOC of ROCKINGER was also developed for transporters and light trucks. It is designed to incorporate different types of couplings. The coupling can be removed in a few simple steps. Thanks to its simple use and high flexibility, a towing hitch can be used with this system even with an elevated tail board or a rear carrier system mounted on. There are various coupling options available for the attachment block that is connected to the vehicle, for ex. the RO*243 or the ball coupling RO*KK.

JOST and ROCKINGER brand fifth wheel couplings and towing hitches are marketed in Russia through the branch JOST RUS in Moscow. **The team, with Georgi Krutov as managing director, takes care of vehicle producers, customers, dealers and workshops anywhere in Russia.** For more information online, visit www.jost.ru

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JOST is the worldwide leading producer of vehicle connection components for systems, modules and components for truck & trailer. Under the umbrella brand name of JOST, the comprehensive range of products is broken down into four areas. The JOST brand includes fifth wheel couplings, telescoping landing gears and accessories for semi-trailers, ball bearing turntables, king pins and container locks and components for alternating systems. Under the traditional brand name of ROCKINGER, the company produces towing hitches and drawbar eyes for both transporters and trucks, as well as for use in the agricultural industry. With REGENSBURGER ZUGGABEL, JOST completes its range of products for coupling technology with towing drawbars for both road and agricultural use. TRIDEC is the specialist for mechanical and hydraulic steering systems as well as wheel suspensions. JOST is the only supplier that can provide its products and services throughout the world. The company is located everywhere, with distribution, production and development on all continents. With production plants in Germany, Spain, Hungary, Poland, Romania, the US, Brazil, Australia, South Africa, China and India, JOST is the global partner of choice for the commercial vehicle industry. JOST employs around 2000 employees worldwide.