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## **JOST at the CV Show: Greater Safety during Coupling and Uncoupling**

**JOST GB will be presenting the latest cutting-edge safety and comfort systems for fifth wheel couplings, landing gear and towing hitches at the Commercial Vehicle Show in Birmingham from 24-26 April 2007. With the introduction of the Sensor System for the JSK 36 plate metal fifth wheel coupling, the coupling specialist has once again underscored its leading role in the development of safe coupling systems. Additionally, JOST will be showing for the first time the RO\*CM 75 cross member, developed especially for the installation of ROCKINGER brand to towing hitches, in Hall 5, Stand 5135.**

“Increasing safety when working with trucks and trailers is one of our most important development goals,” explained Dirk Schmidt, Director of Technology at JOST, at the presentation of the JSK 36 plate metal fifth wheel coupling with Sensor System. JOST fifth wheel couplings equipped with Sensor System have sensors to show the driver in his cab that the fifth wheel coupling has locked securely. This means that the weight-reduced JSK 36, highly popular in the UK, can now also be operated with absolute safety in any situation.

A further JOST safety and comfort option can also be viewed at the CV Show: the Easy Drive for landing gear. Easy Drive makes coupling and uncoupling even easier and safer. The drive can be retrofitted on all JOST landing gear of the Modul and E series lines. JOST goes even further with KKS, the comfort coupling system. Using KKS, the driver can not only operate and monitor the fifth wheel coupling from his cab, but also the landing gear. The driver

now only has to get out of the vehicle in order to connect and disconnect the electrical supply cables. In addition to the various sensors and the Easy Drive landing gear drive, the KKS system features a cable drum and a specially-developed wedge located behind the king pin. The wedge integrates the interface between the truck and the trailer. The interface ensures that the signals for driving and monitoring the landing gear are transferred reliably.

Inaccurate coupling may have serious consequences for the driver, the vehicle and other motorists. A survey carried out by JOST GB among transport companies and drivers in the run-up to the CV Show highlights the extreme importance of safe operation of the fifth wheel coupling: trailers which slip from the tractor and get damaged as a consequence of incomplete coupling are a widespread problem in the transport sector. 80 per cent of all surveyed companies, and every tenth driver, have already experienced a lost trailer. For this reason, JOST has been focusing for many years now on the development of sensor-controlled coupling systems such as the SKS and KKS systems shown at the trade fair. The systems help the driver reliably avoid damage due to mistakes while coupling. The low investment costs for safety systems developed by JOST mean that they pay for themselves in no time.

JOST and ROCKINGER brand fifth wheel couplings and towing hitches are marketed in Great Britain through the branch JOST (GB) Ltd. From its base in Heywood, north of Manchester, the team takes care of well over 120 dealers and workshops throughout Great Britain. For more information online, visit [www.jostgb.co.uk](http://www.jostgb.co.uk).

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