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Presenting Innovations from the JOST World at Solutrans 2007

At the Solutrans trade fair in Lyon from 17 – 21 April 2007, JOST France will premiere a number of products new to France, such as the ROCKINGER brand high-performance RO*50 BNA towing hitch, which has been developed especially for the French market. In addition, the JOST presentation at Stand L 59 in Hall 7 will focus on safety and comfort systems for fifth wheel couplings, landing gear and towing hitches.

As its highlight, JOST will be presenting for the first time in France the high-performance RO*50 BNA towing hitch from its ROCKINGER brand. The towing hitch is designed for the trailers with 68 mm BNA ring towing eyes that are widely used in France. The RO*50 BNA has a 50 mm diameter pin and is thus particularly suited to heavy demands. A pin with pivoting bearing and the special hydraulic cushioning system ensure low wear and the greatest possible ease of driving.

A further innovation in the field of ROCKINGER brand towing hitches is the RO*CM 75 rear traverse. It has been especially developed for attaching ROCKINGER towing hitches and can be used universally thanks to a design featuring central slots. Specially chosen steel alloys make for a particularly light but nevertheless robust construction. In addition, the cathaphoretic dip-coating (KTL) provides reliable and lasting protection against corrosion. The long-established ROCKINGER brand, a byword for high-quality towing hitches for over 100 years, has belonged since 2001 to the JOST group, the leading global specialist manufacturer and supplier of connection components for commercial vehicles.

With its new JSK 26 fifth wheel coupling, JOST is now also entering the field of light trucks and trailers. The JSK 26 is suitable for use on tractor units with a permissible fifth wheel 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. In the market segment of trailer/fifth wheel combinations, a segment seeing growth throughout Europe, the fact that such combinations are mainly used in the distribution business means that force-steered axles are widespread. For this reason, the JSK 26 is also suitable for use on force-steered trailers.

Alongside these innovations, the safety systems for trucks and trailers form the focus of the JOST presentation at the Solutrans fair. Amongst others, these include the sensor-controlled lock checking system Flashtronic and the SKS sensor coupling system. JOST fifth wheel couplings equipped with SKS have sensors to show the driver in his cab that the fifth wheel coupling has locked securely. The driver also has the option of unlocking the coupling pneumatically via a remote control – even when the tractor-trailer is twisted or in unfavourable space conditions.

A further JOST safety and comfort option can also be viewed at Solutrans: 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.

In France, JOST fifth wheel couplings and ROCKINGER towing hitches, plus REGENSBURGER brand drawbars, have been marketed successfully for many years now by the team from JOST France. From its base in Ris-Orangis, near Paris, the team takes care of well over 100 dealers and service points throughout France.

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