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Two ORTEN products awarded

Moving innovations – motto impressively proven

ORTEN convincingly demonstrated its innovative power: At this year's international competition "Trailer Innovation", ORTEN bodies were awarded the first two prizes in the category "Body". Winner is the system OpenBox C+ which is produced by ORTEN's French partner SA LIBNER, the second prize was awarded to the Side-Liner developed by ORTEN. "The ranking proves our enormous creative power and innovation. It shows that ORTEN has a leading position on the national and international market", says Robert E. Orten, CEO of the creative company situated in South-West Germany. A total of 75 international manufacturers presented their products in 5 different categories in order to get a cup or certificate handed over by Matthias Wissmann, President of the German Association of the Automotive Industry (VDA).

The award „Trailer Innovation“ is exclusively reserved to newly developed products contributing to more safety and efficiency in road transport. The awarded products incorporate significant technical improvements resulting in customer's benefit.

Multifunctional curtainsider body OpenBox C+

The OpenBox C+ combines two functions in only one body: a curtainsider body with roof arches that cover the complete length in closed condition, and with its roof/side wall construction opened, an open platform without any annoying attachment parts that gives free access to the complete load surface. Furthermore, the opened package of the OpenBox C+ system may be stored at the front of the vehicle without exceeding the allowed total width and to such a short

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extent that at semi trailer length (13,6 m) even containers up to 40ft (e.g. ISO container) may be loaded.

The outstanding advantage of the OpenBox C+ technology is its multifunctional use: an open platform trailer that always carries along its tarpaulin construction. Thus, it may also function as curtainsider trailer, if needed, which surely enlarges the multifunctional use. A high value is set on operational safety during the metamorphosis.

ORTEN-Side-Liner – gain of time

With the second prize, the international "Trailer Innovation" jury whose members come from 10 different countries mainly appreciated the high comfort and extremely little sequence time. The electrical drive is the main advantage of the body system. Not only does it replace the common additional hydraulic equipment, but also does it reduce the work of the operating personnel. The undivided side wall facilitates meet the regulations of resistance pursuant to EN 12642.

The side walls of the Side-Liner consist of robust GRP panels which increase the payload. A manipulation of lockers is not necessary as each side wall automatically goes down in the counter supports (at floor level and in the corner posts). This means another gain of time as no lockers are to be operated manually.

Modern vehicles reduce cost pressure

Cost increase at the complete chain of production – in such situation you have to embark on a forward strategy: the dramatically high cost pressure obliges to develop optimized solutions for commercial vehicles – like the two awarded ORTEN body systems OpenBox C+ and Side-Liner.

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While the OpenBox C+ is an excellent solution to avoid empty runs, the Side-Liner reduces the sequence time by easiest opening and closing.

Sequence time underestimated

The so called sequence-time, the time of stay during loading and unloading, has a main impact on the economic efficiency of logistic processes. This time factor is often neglected upon the purchase of new commercial vehicles, although the driver's waiting period is now to be added to the working period and is no longer part of the rest period. Thus, the effective driving time is reduced by the factor of waiting time for loading and unloading.

ORTEN body systems particularly take into consideration the fast access to the loaded goods for loading and unloading purposes. Easiest and fast opening and closing of truck and trailer bodies is thus not only a question of disburdening the driver, but more than ever a decisive criterion upon the purchase of economically efficient means of transport (further information: www.orten.com/News).

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ORTEN, Bernkastel-Kues, is an ISO 9001 certified company. Thus, it meets any standards of a modern truck & trailer body manufacturer. ORTEN belongs to the so-called approved suppliers of all famous truck manufacturers. For years, ORTEN has been passing the "audits" of all well-known European truck manufacturers and the respective "framework agreements for supplier" have been concluded. This status was preceded by strict selection procedures, the so-called "body manufacturer audit".