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Fontaine Fifth Wheel Introduces Industry's Lightest-Weight Fifth Wheel Slider System

Fontaine® Ultra LT fifth wheel can be used for on-highway applications, including tankers

Trussville, Ala. (Oct. 21, 2009) – Fontaine Fifth Wheel introduces the Fontaine® Ultra LT fifth wheel — the lightest-weight fifth wheel slider system available. The compact Ultra LT is as light as an aluminum fifth wheel, with the additional strength, durability and cost-effectiveness provided by its steel construction. The Fontaine Ultra LT is part of the company's new Ultra family of fifth wheels.

Fontaine designed the Ultra LT fifth wheel to meet the needs of fleets looking for weight reductions to offset heavy 2010 emission system components and to improve fuel economy. The Ultra LT offers weight savings of up to 100 lbs. or more over other fifth wheel systems, making cost per pound very attractive to fleet operators.

“Over the last year, fleets that previously had little interest in lightweight fifth wheels have been coming to us looking for a way to take some weight out of their vehicles,” says Terry Mennen, vice president of sales and marketing for Fontaine. “The benefit to a fleet of choosing the lightweight Ultra LT varies based on the type of fleet operation and can range from \$2 per pound for truckload carriers all the way up to \$12 per pound for bulk carriers.”

The Ultra LT is offered as a complete system that includes the top plate and one of a variety of mounting configurations, including inboard and outboard slide assemblies and a stationary mount. Both the inboard and outboard slide assemblies are lighter weight and more compact than standard slide assemblies. The Ultra LT system is for use in on-highway applications only, including highway tanker operations.

Like all Fontaine fifth wheels, the Ultra LT features a patented lock design that eliminates the possibility of false trailer couplings to prevent dangerous high hitching. A patent is also pending on the fifth wheel's secondary lock. Air actuation with in-cab air release (operable only when parking brake is engaged) is available.

The Ultra LT fifth wheel offers a vertical load of 50,000 pounds and a drawbar pull of 150,000 pounds. The top plate is formed steel.

For more information about the Ultra LT fifth wheel system or any of the other products in Fontaine's full line of fifth wheels, visit www.fifthwheel.com or call (800) 874-9780.

About Fontaine Fifth Wheel

Based in Trussville, Ala., Fontaine Fifth Wheel is the world's largest fifth wheel manufacturer. It has ISO 14001 registered manufacturing facilities worldwide.

Fontaine is a Marmon Highway Technologies (MHT) company. MHT companies support the transportation industry worldwide with a wide range of high-quality products and services.

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Editor's Note: A photo of the new Fontaine® Ultra LT is available for download at http://www.fifthwheel.com/press/Ultra_LT.jpg.

Caption: The new Fontaine® Ultra LT is the industry's lightest-weight fifth wheel slider system. It can be used for on-highway applications, including highway tankers.