





Invention of the semitrailer



AUGUST FRUEHAUF (1868–1930)

The life of August Fruehauf, the sixth child of a German immigrant couple, is like the American dream come true. In his youth, August honed his skills in renowned workshops and was able

to get into manufacturing all horse-drawn equipment.

This path led him to make the quality of the work done and the materials used his watchwords and pride.

In October 1890, August married Louisa Schuchard. They will have 5 children : Harvey, Andrew, Harry, Marple et Roy.

The young couple moved to Detroit, the heart of the American motor trade at the time, and founded a joint venture. Despite a difficult start, with two devastating fires forcing them

Customers appreciate especially the quality of his work and equipment reliability

to start all over again, the couple are working hard. August gradually built up a reputation as an excellent blacksmith

and manufacturer of high quality materials. Customers loved the quality of his work and the reliability of the equipment.

"Do a good job. Put everything into it of materials and workmanship. Take pride in your work whether you get paid for it or not."



LISTENING TO CUSTOMERS

In 1914, Frederic M. Sibley Sr. was looking for a way to transport a sailing boat to his holiday destination and asked August Fruehauf to adapt

a piece of equipment to his Model T Ford. Far from just executing this first idea,

August Fruehauf and Otto Neumann, his longtime collaborator, developed the initial concept. They manufactured a bed platform with sides high enough to safely transport the sailing boat

and its accessories. On the front of the trailer, they installed the first special hitch pivot compatible with the rear of the car. To do this they needed to

"A horse can pull more than he can carry"

horse can pull more than it can carry », the first tractor and semitrailer articulated assembly was born. This invention propelled road transport into the motorised era.









remove the back seat of the Model T Ford.

Starting with the idea that « a



FRUEHAUF Trailers Company







FOUNDATION OF FRUEHAUF TRAILERS **COMPANY IN 1918**

Impressed with the capabilities of this new vehicle and the savings, Frederic M. Sibley recommends others for his company. Local entrepreneurs seeing it as an opportunity to save time and money flocked to order from August Fruehauf. Two years later, in 1916, his company had already designed three kinds of vehicles for road transport: trailers with one and two axles and semitrailers. Sales continued to grow quickly throughout the United States, far exceeding the production capacity of the workshop. In 1918, August Fruehauf founded the Fruehauf Trailers Company to satisfy increasing demand. Fruehauf's name quickly became associated with quality and customer satisfaction.

The company owes its phenomenal success, among other things, to its efficient research and development department. By constantly expanding the product offering to meet the needs of all sectors of the economy, innovations and development enabled the company to grow impressively in the years that followed. By 1920, the company had reached \$ 1 million in sales.

ARRIVAL OF THE FIRST SEMITRAILERS IN EUROPE

semi-articulated The tractor unit trailer thus became the common transport equipment in the United States. Only when the allies landed in Normandy in 1944 did the first FRUEHAUF semitrailers appear on the old continent, going on to be a huge success. 10 years later, Fruehauf Trailer Company had 9 production sites and 88 branches in the USA, Canada, Brazil and France and

was one of the largest multinationals in the world.

When he died on 11 May 1930, August left a thriving and prosperous company to his sons.



The name of Fruehauf is very quickly become a guarantee of quality and customer satisfaction.



RELEVANT COMMUNICATION

Harvey Fruehauf was the first to understand the importance of widely advertising the benefits of his father's invention. He started by convincing him to invest \$28 in an advertisement in the American Lumberman periodical in 1915. This initial investment quickly paid off by generating sales worth \$22,000 in a year. The monthly advertising budget quickly increased to \$100 a month.



"A horse can pull more than he can carry"

The advertising slogan quickly demonstrated the value of a new means of transport designed by August Fruehauf. Little by little, the sales pitch developed and sales ensued. In fact, from the first years that followed the invention, the use of solutions devised by August Fruehauf made it possible to go from 2 tonnes of load transported during conventional transport to 9 tonnes, and then to 35 or 40 tonnes for low loader designed by the Fruehauf Trailers Company.

The sure profitability of investing in a tractor and a semi-trailer was proven.



The Fruehauf Trailer Historical Society
www.singingwheels.com



REASONS..WHY ALERS GUT GOSTS:



AVERAGE cost of a heavy-duty truck (5-ton capacity) is \$3300. Average cost of a tractor-truck plus Semi-Trailer (5-ton capacity) is only \$2100. Less that f_2 the capital outlay base the same payload ability. Thus the initial saving with a Tractor-Trailer unit amounts to \$1300 or approximately \$5%.



THE Semi-Trailer has no mome at driving mechanism to take up valuable space. Unlike the ordinary track bady, the Trailer body is built to fa the load. Where loading space is of primary impurtance, a Semi-Trailer, built to fa specific conditions, could easily carry loads whose bulk would ordinarily require the use of two light-duty thicks.



IF a truck catches fire, the entire load may be a complete loss. If either the tractor Trailer should catch fire, the other unit may be saved. Since the tractor is easily actuable, it can be quickly removed from the Trailer should a fire break out. Thus loss of property is reduced.

FRUEHAUF



THE light-duty tractor polling the Trailer has a smaller engine than the heavydury truck and convequently uses less gasoline in traveling the same distance. In traveling 510 miles, the Tractor-Trailer (with 5-ton load) user only 50 gallous of gasoline. Actual Tractor-Trailer records show a foel saving of about 50 %.

INCREASED FLEXIBILITY

"HINGED" in the middle, a Tractor Trailer can be turned shotter, mannuvered laster, parked more easily. A 1 j-non tractor, pulling a Semi-Trailer, can mem in a circle 13 feet smaller than that required by a treck of equal load capacity.

MORE ADVERTISING VALUE



BECAUSE of their de losse, streamlined appearance, Fruchand Trailers attract favorable amontion wherever they gu. The broad smooth sides of a Trailer offer adversising space of real value worth many dollars. Each side of the body, attractively pained and interved, makes a regular "travelling billboard" to carry the





BASED on \$6,000 miles of operation, the average cost of maintenance and repairs on a heavy-duty truck is about \$1000. The average maintenance conton a light Tractor-Trailer of equal load espacity over the same distance is about \$575. Saving on maintenance approximately \$6.56.

SHUTTLE OPERATION WHITE MOTOR trucks that must stand idle while loading or unloading are "White Ele-phants." Idle power is wanted ELEPHANTS phanes. Idle power is wanted power, Oue power unit can handle several Semi-Trailers-score being loaded and en-loaded while one is in transit. Only the Trailers need to remain falle during loading or unloading operations.



. . . AND SIX-WHEEL EQUIPMENT IS NO EXCEPTION



THE "Tandem" morely gives the pack burse stronger hand legs. It still carries the load on its back. Men who have used both 6-wheel and tractor-trailer equipment

say that tractor-trailers: Have 40% in 60% lower milial cast Save 25% in 30% on fael cast Reduce meintenance express

TRAILER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

- · Increase tire mileage
- Cut depreciation costs Emprove handling case





A HEAVY-DUTY truck, couring \$3300 mmm be replaced wors every 100,000 miles—core \$2500. A fight-duty treator must be explaced twice every 100,000 miles at \$700 each imme—fide life of the Trailer is 300,000 miles) core \$1400. Series on destectation for every 100,000 miles is \$1000 or approximately 50%.



IF a loaded truck heeaks down on the mad, the entite load must be transferred in another itsels. If a tractor unit breaks down, on unloading and reloading is necessary. Road stooble means only a quick transfer of power units. When the tractor needs servicing, the Tealter can be transferred to another power unit.



Improve performance through correct land distribution
 Are safer under all conditions;
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THE 1ST VAN

With the invention of the van, transport companies could get into markets thus far inaccessible, delivering all kinds of goods quickly and directly to customers.

The Fruehauf van has been continuously improved and adapted to each customer order and each need.

Originally made from steel and wood, aluminium and stainless steel were quickly adopted to increase the capacity of these vehicles to great customer satisfaction.



HOW NATIONAL BISCUIT COMPANY SOLVED A BULK-CARGO PROBLEM

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NATIONAL BISCUIT COMPANY

 $\mathbf{Y}^{\mathrm{OU}}_{\mathrm{fluffy.}}$ But, as commercial cargo, they're as 11,500 loaves of bread. bulky and awkward to handle. More Efficient Distribution with Fruehauls

That's why National Biscuit Company considered Warren S. Warner, Vice President in Charge of Sales truck haulage of up to 6,000 lbs. of crackers per load a for National Biscuit Company, says: "Each Trailer in record job. Then greatly increased sales and the call for our fleet of 25 Fruehaufs averages 40,000 miles per year. stepped-up deliveries from bakeries to branch We get more efficient distribution through the use of this warehouses led to a need to haul more merlarger equipment by Fruehauf-and that is important in our chandise at one time. sales operations."

So National Biscuit put Fruehauf Trailers on If high-efficiency, low-cost handling of bulky cargo the job. Today, their hauling capacity is subis what you're after, Trailers are the answer to your stantially higher than before, thanks to Truckhauling problems. And, Fruehauf is the world's largest Trailer haulage. Each of these giant Fruehaufs builder of Truck-Trailers-proof that industry has learned in the fleet hauls as many as 974,400 crackfrom experience that Fruehaufs last longer and cost less to operate. Ask the Fruehauf man for the complete storyers at a time. Fruehaufs are also used to haul NBC bread and cakes, now distributed from facts and figures.

> World's Largest Builders of Truck-Trailers FRUEHAUF TRAILER COMPANY DETROIT 32 . In Canada: Westen, Ont. . LOS ANGELES 11 79 Factory Service Branches

Fruehauf Trailers + First in Truck-Trailer Transport!

How to pass the crackers... ...974,400 at a time!



THE 1st HYDRAULIC CYLINDER TIPPER

Taking advantage of the experience gained during work on the lift tailgate, Fruehauf's engineers had the brilliant idea of using the hydraulic cylinder to create the first tippers.

As the tipping capacity was greater, the payload gradually increased by adding more axles.





This illustration is drawn from an actual photograph shawing haw a Truck-Trailer can get in and out of tight places more easily than an ordinary truck of less carrying capacity. Because it is "hingedin-the-middle", the whole vehicle turns in the same radius as the short-wheelbase truck that pulls it.

The Dump Trailer is an excellent example of the adaptability of Trailer usefulness to an almost endiess number of special hauling requirements. Whatever your hauling job may be, there's a Fruehout Trailer built to do it!

> Do Truck Operators Pay for the Use of the Highways?

he Use Commercial vehicle operators not use-but service obsate for road building and maintenance-but service pay every year from 55 each tor farm trucks up 5287 each for truck-trailers of over 5-ton capacity Reports show that from 1925 to 1943 almost 2 Reports show that from taken from highway as billet, and used for other purposes.

This Fruehauf Trailer Delivers 12 Tons of Coal Up Narrow Alley!

GIANT

Big cities with huge buildings and narrow streets and alleys present some really tough delivery problems. Often a Truck-Trailer is the only answer.

Wm. Curran & Sons, who operate the Metropolitan Coal Company, in Chicago ... and deliver a lot of coal in congested areas of the city ... solved the problem to their complete satisfaction with the Fruehauf Trailer method.

EASY TO MANEUVER!

Take the word of Lew Diesem, who drives for Metropolitan. Lew says, "Boy, what a difference! This double-jointed giant handles with half the effort. I can get into a narrow alley, make my delivery and get out with no trouble at all. With the rig I had before, I had to back up an entire block to get into position to deliver one particular load. Now I can turn the whole job in a narrow circle and back right into position."

LOW-COST OPERATION!

There's more to it than that, however. Currans report not only greater driver satisfaction because of the easier handling, but also tremendous savings in tires, gasoline and oil. Tire mileage alone is doubled, and because of the quick facility with which the Truck-Trailer can be handled in cramped quarters, much valuable time is saved

Here's another point: the Trailer, handling 12-ton loads, is pulled by a truck with a 2½-ton rating. That's because any truck, like a horse, can *pull* far more than it is designed to *carry*.

Thousands of users, large and small . . . in more than 100 different kinds of business . . . have found similar economy and efficiency with Fruehauf Trailers.

World's Lorgest Builders of Truck-Trailers FRUEHAUF TRAILER CO., Detroit 32 Service in Principal Cities





THE 1ST TANKER

The first tanker designed by Fruehauf was intended to transport flour. The concept was later expanded to the transport of milk and other liquid foods, then to fuel and gas.

The tank is subdivided to secure movement of the load and enable different products to be transported.

Available in steel or aluminium, insulated, pressurised or refrigerated, the tank significantly broadened the spectrum of products that could be transported







5,000 Gallons Per Trip . . . ENOUGH FOR A QUART ON 20,000 DOORSTEPS

LIKELY AS NOT, you think of your daily milk supply traveling to the creamery-as it did for years-in trucks loaded with bulky 10-gallon metal cans. But perhaps, in the early hours, you have seen big streamlined Fruchauf Tank-Trailers hurrying to the city, to start your milkman on his daily rounds.

Maintain an Exacting Schedule

Ira Wilson and Sons, for example, keep milk flowing from their receiving station near Owosso, Michigan, to the main Detroit plant in these 5,000-gallon Fruehauf Tank-Trailers.

Milk touches only stainless steel in the sanitary mirror-bright tanks . . . insulated so thoroughly that summer or winter the temperature change of the milk is held to less than 2° on the entire trip.

Over this 100-mile "milky way" these dependable Trailers maintain an exacting daily schedule. Deliveries must be certain.

There are many advantages for Wilson customers. In using Fruehauf Tank-Trailers, reduced delivery cost and savings in manpower help to hold the price of milk to a minimum. This giant "milkwagon," with one operator, does the work of four smaller trucks and drivers. Loading and unloading time is cutmilk reaches the customer fresher-spoilage in transit is unknown.

Wilson's experience with Fruehaufs is typical of many other creameries. In fact, in more than 100 different types of business, Fruehauf owners have learned the flexibility and economies afforded by the Trailer-method-which in most cases does the job better than it could be done in any other way.

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Motor Transport will GET YOUR JOB DONE If you aren't using truck transportation, why not challenge your shipping costs and efficiency with he job that professional haulers can do for you?



Service in Printing Cities



Modern transportation is paralleled by modern sanita tion. A partial view of the creamery's laboratory where skilled technicians goord the health of Detroiters by their constant microscopic and chemical tests

IRA WILSON & BONS DAIRY CO DETROS



Movement of milk within the plant matches the efficient Truck-Trailer delivery. Bottles and store cartons are filled automatically on a production line at the rate of 300 quarts per minute-ready for the milkman's wagon





THE 1st REFRIGERATED VAN

August Fruehauf introduced the first refrigerated van semitrailers to be able to quickly distribute perishable foodstuffs on remote markets previously inaccessible and initially supplied by rail.

With a capacity of 4 to 6 tonnes, these vehicles were originally used to transport ice cream containers.

After loading, ice was sprayed through a hatch on the roof.





THE 1st LOW-BED VEHICLE

To transport heavy machinery and large installations, FRUEHAUF developed a low-bed high-capacity solution.

As soon as they appeared on the market, Fruehauf low-bed vehicles could transport up to 40 tonnes, allowing deliveries to places until then inaccessible.







YES, the first Carryall was a Fruehauf, built to specifications for a particular hauling job. Today, there are seventeen standard models and a host of "specials", designed to fit the requirements of most heavy-equipment users.

Ever mindful of the changing needs in heavy equipment hauling, and always keeping ahead in Trailer engineering and design, Fruehauf is ready to supply you with a modern Carryall to fit your particular hauling job - with either a "standard" or a "special".

For complete information, blueprints or specifications on the Fruehauf Carryall for your job, write --

World's Largest Builders of Truck-Trailers

FRUEHAUF TRAILER COMPANY DETROIT 32 LOS ANGELES SE IN CANADA: WESTON, ONTARIO



BUILT TO CARRY YOUR LOADS ... CAPACITIES TO 74 TONS!

Fruehauf Carryalls are available in capacities from 10 to 74 tons in the standard models . . . to 150 tons in "specials". Frame designs as single- or double-drop "Semi" or full Trailers. No matter what your hauling problem may be, there's a Fruehouf Carryall to fit your job.

DESIGNED TO YOUR SPECIFICATIONS

WORLD'S LARGEST BUILDERS OF TRUCK-TRAILERS

THE 1ST SHIPPING CONTAINER

The first FlexiVan combined Road-Rail transport solution was developed by Fruehauf for the NY Central Railroad. The wagon, equipped with a hydraulically operated rotating plate, enabled quick and easy transhipment of the box truck van.

Following the request of a customer and friend to design a container that would withstand the conditions of maritime transport but that could also be easily transported by rail and road, Fruehauf's engineers came up with a twist lock mechanism at the four corners of the container for easily lifting it and locking it on vessels, vehicles and trains.





THE 1ST TIMBER TRAILER

To transport timber, August Fruehauf was faced with the need to carry increasingly heavy loads, especially for transporting logs.

The engineers therefore developed an ultra-lightweight structure, comprising only one rear twin mount tandem undercarriage connected to the hitch platform by an extendible structure, easily adapting to different lengths.





Lumber On the Job and Plenty of It, -Right On Time

When building costs were low and labor was plentiful, it was all well enough to deliver lumber in 1,000-foot loads. But now it is different. The builder wants his materials more promptly, and in bigger lots.



Representative Lumber Dealers Who Use Fruehauf Semi-Trailers

Sibley Lumber Co., Detroit, Mich. Allen Coal & Lumber Co., Detroit. Newton Lumber Co., Colorado Springa, Colo. W. D. Wood Lumber Co., Birmingham, Ala. Julius Seidel Lumber Co., St. Louis, May Lumber Co., Pittsburgh, Pa. Proctor Lumber Co., Peoria, III. Burton-Lingo Lumber Co., FL Worth, Texas. Douglas Lumber Co., Chicago. Richardson Lumber Co., Florence, Ala.

There's a Frankauf Trailer user in your vicinity. Ash him. We'll glady tell you his name, on request.



Lumber dealers everywhere are putting their hauling equipment on a better basis. They are delivering 3,000 board feet at a time, and doing it at less cost than in the old way with smaller loads.

Trucks and Fruehauf Semi-Trailers are enabling lumber dealers to speed up deliveries and to reduce the cost. More Fruehauf Trailers than any other kind are used in the lumber industry.

The Lowrie-Robinson Lumber Co., **Detroit**, Uses Seventeen Fruehauf Semi-Trailers

They started with one small truck and one trailer. They now have seventeen trailers, every one a Fruehauf Semi-Trailer.

With extra trailer units, the trucks are kept moving while the extra trailers are being loaded or unloaded. The total investment for light trucks and semi-trailers is far less than would be required for trucks of equal carrying capacity.

A truck and two trailers will handle twice as much lumber as two trucks alone, and do it at less cost. You save on the first cost, you save in labor and operating costs.

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LES 1^{ers} GRANDS ENSEMBLES ROUTIERS

Fruehauf was the first manufacturer to design road trains comprising carriers or tractors and semi-trailers and trailers.

These new trains doubled and sometimes even tripled the payloads transported.





"Our company hauls over three million pounds of bananas a week," says the vice president of one of the nation's most successful cartage companies, "and that's approxi-mately a third of all the bananas that arrive in the ports we serve.

"In this highly competitive field, we've gained extra officiency with a fleet of lightweight, 24-foot, single-axle Fruehauf Volume # Vans PLUS. Fruehauf built these units on special order for us, reducing their weight without any sacrifice in strength.

Leadership in ENGINEERED TRANSPORTATION since 1914



Lightweight

"Operated as doubles, they haul a thousand 40-pound boxes of bananas . . . a total of 23 tons per load. With our previous equipment, only 900 boxes could be carried, so we've boosted our doubles load by an average of 4600 pounds!"

Get complete details from your Fruehauf representative, or write Fruehauf Division, Fruehauf Corporation, 10941 Harper Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48232. In Canada: Fruehauf Trailer Company of Canada Ltd., Ontario.

FRUEHAUF INNOVATIONS AT THE ORIGIN OF A NEW INDUSTRY

The creation by Fruehauf of efficient transport solutions, quickly adapting to needs of all areas of economic activity, has allowed the development of a whole new industry.

Thanks to the various Fruehauf Trailers Company inventions, entrepreneurs were finally able to deliver their goods quickly to markets up until then inaccessible because of a lack of suitable means of transport.

In less than half a century, road transport had become a key factor in the development of the US economy, representing 10% of all jobs.





FRUEHAUF FRANCE



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Fruehauf's establishment in France was part of the international deployment of Fruehauf Trailers Company. At the end of the Second World War, subsidiaries were set up in various European companies, including in France from 1946.

Commercializing the vehicles left by the Allies after the D-Day landings in Europe, Fruehauf France began importing in 1946 its first semitrailers from America. At a time where post-war reconstruction was in full swing under the Marshall Plan, orders continue to build. In 1949, Fruehauf S.A. set up its own design office, which adapted vehicles to the needs of the French market and developed new products. Sales rocketed.

10 years after it was founded, Fruehauf France already had a 30% share of the national market, leading to the creation of a large, modern production plant.



Here, Roy Fruehauf presents a new vehicle design during a leaders visit by Fruehauf France

KEY DATES



- Raoul Massardy started selling Fruehauf semitrailers left behind by the allies after the war in 1945 Toulouse. 1946
 - workshop for tankers imported from the United States.
- The company moved to Toulouse where Fruehauf France technicians designed and fully 1949 manufactured new semitrailers.
- The 7,600 m2 Viry-Châtillon factory opened to respond to growing demand. 1952
- Production reached 90 vehicles a month, representing 30% of national demand. 1956
- The Auxerre factory officially opened, representing 15,000 square metres 1958 of production surface area.
- The headquarters and sales departments were set up in Ris-Orangis. In the same year, production 1963 reached 1,130 vehicles.
- Production of shipping containers began in Auxerre. 1968
- Fruehauf acquired the Bourges and Bernon factories and took over the company FAR. 1972
- The Fruehauf France workforce reached 2,000 employees for total production of 700 vehicles 1975 and 800 containers per month. Construction of the Maubeuge factory got under way (160,000 square metres).
- Benalu was acquired by Fruehauf. 1982
- The holding company SESR was created, grouping together FRUEHAUF France and its European 1987 subsidiaries. One year later, SESR became the European leader and in 1999 became General Trailers France.
- Fruehauf and Benalu were acquired by Caravelle in March 2004, following bankruptcy of 2003 the General Trailers Group. Fruehauf expanded further, developing sales and significantly increasing its market share from 20 to 30%. New vehicle ranges were launched: steel tippers and centre-axle trailers.
- CITY vehicles were launched. 2014
- Collaboration with WIELTON, a Polish semitrailer manufacturer, which acquired 65% of the 2015 capital, giving it a European dimension.
- A full range of aluminium tippers was launched. 2016
- URBAN vehicles, low-bed trailers and semitrailers launched. Fruehauf became the Group's 2017 centre of expertise in the manufacture of vans.
- Fruehauf celebrated 100 years of innovation. 2018

Creation of Fruehauf SA in France and establishment in Colombes of the first assembly



INNOVATION BORNE OF PARTICIPATION dite : Fruehouf France

Continuing the legacy of Fruehauf Trailers Company, FRUEHAUF continues to develop numerous innovative solutions. Staying faithful to the principle established for new products, developments are defined in close collaboration with customers and users who are experts in their fields so that they meet each of their needs perfectly.





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BREVET D'INVENTION

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EXEMPLAIRE









RÉALISATION KANGOUROU

La Savoyarde FRUEHAUF équipe également les véhicules prévus avec l'adaptation rail-route Kangourou.

ENTRETOISEMENT

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SEARCH FOR COMBINED RAIL / ROAD TRANSPORT SOLUTIONS



















INNOVATIONS



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 Maximum decayses

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Savings productivity and security through constant innovation







RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

Innovation involves the ongoing search for new features, new and better products and new transport solutions.

FRUEHAUF has modern and powerful development means. The Development Engineers use the latest tools, 3D development using finite element calculation constraint simulators.

To ensure total reliability of the new solutions developed, FRUEHAUF uses the most powerful, most modern test centre in Europe, officially opened by the Group in 2016.

It can simulate, at full scale and accelerated, 10 years of use or 1 million kilometres in just a few weeks.

















FALCON

THE FUTURE AT WORK

ADVANCED RESEARCH PROJECT



FRUEHAUF is involved in the « **FALCON** » (Flexible & Aerodynamic Truck for Low CONsumption) project, an advanced research program on the vehicle of the future at the cutting edge in terms of innovation, aiming to improve the energy efficiency of road trains and therefore reduce their fuel consumption and CO2 emissions.

The FALCON project brings together a consortium of 13 French partners who are specialists and leaders in each of their fields, including RENAULT TRUCKS which pilots the program, FRUEHAUF for a flexible, aerodynamic and connected semitrailer, MICHELIN for connected low-resistance tyres, TOTAL for optimized lubricants but also Faurecia, Wezzoo, Benomad, Styl-Monde, Polyrim, l'IFPEN, the LMFA (École Centrale de Lyon) and the IFSTTAR (LTE ; LESCOT), for new predictive driver assistance and energy management features.

The goal is to put into circulation at full scale between the end of 2018 and 2020, a laboratory demonstrator assembly combining cutting-edge technology in every field and aimed at anticipating future regulations on CO2 emission reductions.

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We had to participate and get involved in this ambitious project alongside the largest French partners specializing in their field. Innovation has been at the center of concerns and within the very DNA of FRUEHAUF for more than 100 years.

We are proud to be a player in this project, to work now on the vehicle of the future and to commit to a new concrete action to protect the environment.

Francis DOBLIN, President of FRUEHAUF



