

Press release

Wielton with a broad portfolio of innovative vehicles and solutions at NUFAM 2023

Wielton, which is ranked among the TOP 3 manufacturers of semi-trailers and truck bodies in Europe, will present as many as eight cutting-edge products at the NUFAM Specialized Trade Fair for Commercial Vehicles in Karlsruhe. Visitors to the exhibition hall from 21 to 24 September will be able to see the new products on offer from by the Polish manufacturer, including the Scrap Master tipper, the Recycle Master Slider hook trailer and the Curtain Swap Master swap body, as well as the spectrum of vehicle configuration options. There will also be solutions and products from the Aberg brand.

Among the wide portfolio of semi-trailers of the Polish manufacturer, as many as 8 different vehicles will be presented at this year's NUFAM, which will prove themselves in both traditional and intermodal transport, or in very difficult conditions of use. The multitude of product families and their configuration options mean that Wielton is able to meet the expectations of even the most demanding customers. In addition, what unites the brand's products on display in Karlsruhe and differentiates them from its competitors is their personalization and high degree of customization to meet the diverse needs of the industry. Several new products will be presented at the stands of the manufacturer from Wieluń, and there will be no shortage of flagship products and solutions. Visitors will be able to see, among other things: the Curtain Master semi-trailer in standard and mega versions, tipper trailers including the Weight Master, Bulk Master and the new Scrap Master, as well as intermodal transport products.

"Visitors to this year's trade fair will find innovative products at our booths, created with the most demanding customers in mind. We focus on a wide range of products, high quality, reducing negative environmental impact and developing our offer in line with current trends and market needs. We are a company that takes an individual approach to each order. A number of vehicles will be on display in Karlsruhe, including several new products, such as the Scrap Master tipper, the Recycle Master Slider hook trailer and the Curtain Swap Master (BDF) swap body. I would like to invite you to visit our stands and talk to Wielton experts," says **Piotr Kuś, Managing Director of Wielton S.A.**

A variety of transportation solutions

Year after year, there is an intensive development of intermodal transportation, which has a real impact on reducing the carbon footprint generated by the TSL industry. Wielton has an extensive range of vehicles designed precisely for this type of transportation. In Karlsruhe, at indoor booth No. A111 in Hall 1, it will present its new product, the BDF **Curtain Swap Master**. The swap body (BDF) with a dedicated chassis, provides a complete, certified solution for road and railway transport which is suitable for a variety of operations. The vehicle is 7,820 mm long, translating into 56 m³ of volume and a payload capacity of up to 19 pallets, with an unladen weight of 2.8 tons. The swap body, equipped with special support legs, is easy to handle and quick to reload. The body can be transported by various vehicles, which significantly reduces the need for vehicle downtime, which translates into reduced



transport costs. **The Curtain Master MEGA with Intermodal system**, presented at NUFAM, will be perfect for intermodal transport of large-sized goods, such as those from the automotive industry and cargo requiring tightness of a large loading capacity, such as beverages, tires and household appliances. This semi-trailer can transport goods up to 3m high, and the total volume of the vehicle is about 100m³. It has the appropriate reinforcements in the chassis to enable vertical handling, i.e. detachable suspension, 4 "grab handles" arranged in accordance with the UIC 596-5 standard, as well as a reinforced connection board, which is protected by additional rubber bumpers. The vehicle can also be used for ferry transportation. In addition, the semi-trailer has also been equipped with the ELDECK roof defrosting system and a new cargo locking solution, the Aberg Fix. Wielton will also present **Curtain Master** semi-trailers in standard version, which are well known to customers. These are universal vehicles, capable of transporting various types of cargo in bulk or on pallets. They are characterized by durability, tightness and functionality of use. The modern construction of the frame and body ensures high durability of the semi-trailers, confirmed by numerous tests conducted at Wielton's Research and Development Department. Wielton-branded curtainsider trailers will be on display at the company's outdoor and indoor booths.

Presented at indoor booth No. A111 in Hall 1, the new hook trailer **Recycle Master M3 Slider** for transporting various types of waste is designed to transport roll containers in accordance with DIN 30722. The trailer is equipped with a reinforced beam, cylinder and heavy duty axles. The vehicle's curved frame is made of high-strength S700 steel. The product is characterized by the lowest container height from the ground on the market, guaranteeing driving stability and greater safety, and equipping the vehicle with an extendable trolley on the frame makes it easy to load containers, even with damaged rollers. Wielton will also show the **Recycle Master M2** trailer at its outdoor booth, which is used in municipal waste transportation. The product features a strong, rigid, yet lightweight design. Depending on its configuration, the trailer can weigh as little as 3,700 kg and transport 14.3 tons of cargo.

"We are delighted to participate in the NUFAM trade fair again and to have the opportunity to meet our customers in person. Wielton semi-trailers are becoming increasingly popular on the German market and the brand is gaining recognition. Customers appreciate the high quality of the products, their wide range of configurations, and the openness to producing customized vehicles. Semi-trailers equipped with unique, modern solutions developed together with customers set Wielton apart from the competition," said Holger Kauer, Managing Director of Wielton GmbH.

Partners for the toughest assignments

Wielton will also present 3 tippers at its indoor and outdoor booth: the new Scrap Master model, as well as the Weight Master and Bulk Master models, which are well known to customers. The **Scrap Master** tipper is designed to transport scrap metal, that is, to work in the most difficult conditions. The excellent rigidity of the box, confirmed by **FEA** calculations, is also ensured by the new revised shape of the top flange made of HARDOX 500TUF. The volume of the cargo box, up to as much as 62 m³, and the length of the inner floor, at 12.1m, make it possible to transport scrap metal of various dimensions and shapes. The **Weight Master** aluminium tipper is used for transporting construction materials, asphalt, as well as pallet loads, big-bags and agricultural crops. The vehicle is characterized by a low unladen weight starting at 4,700 kg, as well as high strength and reliability during transport. The capacity of the cargo box ranges from 23m³ to 64m³. Depending on the conditions in which the semi-trailer is used, there are two versions of the frame to choose from - one in standard design (Super Light) and the other reinforced (SL HD). The **Bulk Master** aluminium tipper is a semi-trailer with increased capacity, designed for the agricultural sector. It has a cargo box with a volume of 67m³, made of ENDUR-AL. HB110 and a durable frame made of high-grade S700 steel. A distinctive feature of this vehicle is the reduced overall height and lower loading threshold of the upper flange and floor.



Aberg brand solutions

In addition to vehicles, the NUFAM show will feature products with the Aberg logo, i.e. high-quality components and spare parts for Wielton Group semi-trailers. Aberg Service, with its extensive service network, is present wherever the Group's customers need it. Thanks to modern solutions, it deals with preventive maintenance of vehicles, and when this is not possible, it manages the repair process so that customers can continue driving in the shortest possible time. In addition, solutions from Aberg Connect, the company responsible for its own telematics and TPMS solutions dedicated to products from all Wielton Group brands, will also be presented in Wielton products. The company offers systems designed to monitor the condition of vehicles in real time. The technology enhances the safety of drivers and cargo, making it easier to operate and maintain the proper condition of vehicles.

Visitors to the NUFAM 2023 Specialized Trade Fair for Commercial Vehicles in Karlsruhe from 21 to 24 September this year can learn about Wielton's offers at indoor booth No. A111 in Hall 1 and at the Polish manufacturer's outdoor booth.

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About Wielton S.A.:

Wielton S.A. with its registered office in Wieluń is the largest Polish manufacturer of trailers, semi-trailers and car bodies. The company, listed on the Warsaw Stock Exchange, is among the world's top ten producers in its industry. Wielton's customers include transportation, construction, production, distribution and agricultural companies. The Wielton Group has five production centers: in Poland, Germany, France, the United Kingdom, and Spain, as well as two assembly plants: in Italy and Russia (operations suspended from 24.02.2022). In 2017, Wielton launched a subsidiary in Côte d'Ivoire, and in 2020 a Wielton Africa subsidiary was established in Casablanca, Morocco.

The entire Group currently employs around 3,400 employees, with the largest number, 2,000, in Wieluń. The manufacturer also provides its customers with service support. Drivers can use one of 380 points located in 29 European countries. In 2016, Wielton opened a Research and Development Center in Wieluń. Investments in research and development constitute an important element of the company's strategy. The company already cooperates with institutes and universities in Poland and abroad, and the Research and Development Department has the only in Poland and the second in Europe whole-vehicle testing station for semi-trailers, which makes it possible to detect possible defects already at the stage of testing of manufactured vehicles.

The Wielton Group's offer expands year by year and is enriched with new products. Customers can choose from 10 groups of vehicles, available in 800 configurations. The Group's strength is its consistently implemented strategy, based on organic growth and acquisitions.

In 2015, the Group acquired leading Italian brands Viberti and Cardi. In May 2017, the Wielton Group acquired the German company Langendorf, thereby expanding its product range to include, among other things, specialized vehicles for transporting glass and precast concrete, and in the last quarter of 2017 it finalized the acquisition of a 100% stake in the French company Fruehauf. The acquisition of Lawrence David in September 2018 allowed the Group to add more unique vehicles to its portfolio. Particularly noteworthy are last mile delivery products and pillarless curtainsider trailers, which allow for more efficient loading and faster transportation. In turn, the acquisition of Guillén Desarrollos Industriales, in 2021, enabled the Group to expand its operations into another important market - Spain.