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The Latest News from J&J Truck Bodies & Trailers®
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New Style Tipper Goes to Trinidad

J&J Truck Bodies & Trailers recently completed a new style tipper trailer for a customer in Trinidad, who will use it to haul grain and other similar materials. The high polish aluminum trailer has a capacity of 104 cubic yards, is 40 feet long, 8 feet wide, 13 feet 10 inches high, and features a possum belly style bottom. In addition to top loading the trailer, the operator can also place palletized materials through the large double doors located on each side of the trailer. It was designed and custom built to haul the maximum payload allowed in Trinidad and is the first of three that will be shipped there.

Because of the trailer's height, special permits were required to get the trailer to Baltimore, Maryland, where it was placed on a ship bound for Trinidad. In addition, the driver's routes were carefully selected to allow the trailer to safely pass under bridges and alternate routes were found to avoid tunnels on the way.

This crossmemberless dump truck was recently sold to a dealership in Connecticut. It is built to haul a wide variety of aggregate materials and construction and demolition debris.



ATA OFFERS WINTER DRIVING TIPS

The **American Trucking Association's** Road Team is offering advice to truckers and four-wheelers alike on the dangers of winter driving, and how to make the experience less perilous.

- **Conduct a walkaround of your vehicle before starting the day.** Check tires, wipers, fluids, radiator, and heating system.
- **Slow down.** Increase your following distance substantially in snow and ice to help with braking and ease visibility problems from spraying slush.
- **Expect the unexpected.** Try to avoid situations where you have to make a quick move. Your vehicle may not stop or turn as you want it to. If your vehicle is equipped with antilock brakes, do not pump the brakes in attempting to stop.
- **Look farther ahead in traffic than you normally would.** Actions by cars and trucks ahead of you will alert you to problems and give you extra time to react safely. Use low-beam headlights for best visibility. Stop often to clean lights, especially taillights.
- **Be aware of a truck's blind spots and spray from snow and slush.** If you can't see the truck driver in his or her mirrors, the truck driver can't see you.
- **Signal your intentions to change lanes well ahead of time.** If a truck is signaling its intention to change lanes, allow it space to do so.

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For complete specs, call Jim Weir at 800-262-6578.

J&J first showed this **Quad Axle Dump Trailer** at the regional North Carolina Dump Truck Association meeting last December. Its 27 foot aluminum body is mounted on a 28 foot, 10 inch steel frame. It features a newly designed 3-way ground controlled tailgate.



Dumps to Ground Zero

On Sept. 11, Leif Johansson, President of AB Volvo, happened to be in Volvo's Manhattan offices. That very day, he hand-delivered a letter to Mayor Giuliani offering Volvo and Mack heavy duty trucks and construction equipment to help in the search and recovery efforts.

In Greensboro, NC, Volvo headquarters, employees were trying to figure out how to actually handle the paperwork behind Johansson's offer quickly. Two days after the attacks, Randy Bolinger, in the PR dept., hit upon the idea of sending 4 Volvo show dump trucks up to a local dealership, so NYC would have them at hand.

By Friday morning, the 4 dump trucks were ready to roll for the 10-hour drive to NY, with commercially licensed Volvo employees at the wheels and with flags flying. Bolinger drove the chase vehicle. The VA Hwy Patrol gave the convoy the green light to breeze by scales and permission to break the speed limit, within reason.

In constant contact with FEMA and NY's emergency management officials, Bolinger got word along the way to bring the trucks down to City Hall and sign them over instead of taking them to the dealership. As they got closer, the directions changed again. The dump trucks were needed at Ground Zero right away. They had a police escort from about 30 miles out. The trucks were loaded up as soon as they got there.

"As much as we've all seen on TV, what makes it real when you're standing there at Ground Zero, in addition to the scope of the devastation, is the smells and sounds," Bolinger says. The sight of the donated dump trucks was a poignant contrast, he said in a personal journal he wrote

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Bolinger took this picture as the trucks start working in NYC

Winter driving tips

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- **Remember that large trucks are heavier** – especially in winter road conditions – and take longer to respond safely and come to a complete stop. Avoid cutting in front of them.
- **Use smooth merging techniques on highway entrance ramps.** Avoid slowing down in front of vehicles at a ramp.
- **Dress warmly.** Make sure your cell phone is fully charged. Keep a snow shovel, blanket, warm gloves, flashlight and batteries, and non-perishable snacks or food in the vehicle.
- **Understand that trucks cannot always stop to assist you,** but most will use their radios to contact the police or highway patrol with your exact location if they see you are in trouble.

As reported by Jess Nicholas of etrucker.com. For the latest trucking news, visit their website at www.etrucker.com

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This DynaHauler/LWC is a lighter weight crossmemberless steel dump body that features an optional high tailgate door. It allows operators to easily and safely discharge larger pieces of payload.



Trucks to Ground Zero
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after he returned to Greensboro. "This imagery was in stark contrast - shiny new trucks in the foreground of one of mankind's greatest accomplishments reduced to a smoldering scrap heap."

The four drivers who went up in the trucks stayed a couple of days each to operate the trucks, then headed home, leaving the dump trucks in the care of NYC. Bolinger wrote about the feelings he had just before the convoy left for NY. "A sense of pride rushed in as I thought about what these show trucks were built for vs. the noble cause they would be christened for. I realized that the offer made by our chairman was a truly sincere offer - these show trucks could have been individually crafted from gold bars and it would have made no difference.

"This was not about Volvo, it was not about being a good corporate citizen, it was not about public relations or selling trucks - it was about being American."

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New Distributor Named

J&J Truck Bodies & Trailers added a new distributor for their municipal line of dump trucks and equipment. H.P. Fairfield, Inc. is located in Skowhegan, Maine and will be representing J&J in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont. Founded in 1951, H.P. Fairfield is northern New England's largest and most extensive distributor of municipal snow removal equipment. Vist their web site at www.hpfairfield.com.



PennDOT Has New Logo



This J&J dump body sits on a new Sterling truck that features PennDOT's new logo.



Custom Built Truck Features Nine Product Lube System

J&J Truck Equipment, a division of Somerset Welding and Steel, Inc., recently completed a new lube truck that will be used by an aggregates company to service the heavy equipment located at their stone quarry. The truck's specially designed, heavy-duty body structure is built to withstand harsh, off-the-road worksite conditions that are typically found at these sites.

The truck is equipped with a 1000-gallon diesel fuel tank, five 100-gallon oil product tanks with electronic level indicators, a 100-gallon aluminum antifreeze tank, and two grease drum systems. It also features a hydraulic air compressor, air-operated transfer pumps, underbody storage boxes, and a waste oil system for transfer of used oil. The truck's enclosed rear compartment includes an aluminum roll-up door that protects the reels and meters, which are individually labeled for operator convenience and safety.

For more information on specialized truck equipment, contact Jim Weir, email sls@jjtruckequipment.com and/or call **800.262.6578.**

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