

## ROCKINGER all over the World

**ROCKINGER is celebrating its 14th consecutive Best Brand Award in the towing hitches category of the EMT Awards in Stuttgart, as voted for by commercial vehicle professionals across Germany.**

ROCKINGER, part of JOST World, is extremely popular across Europe and frequently wins industry awards for quality, performance and value. Perhaps best known in the UK as a manufacturer of draw bar couplings for commercial vehicles, it has a wide product range and supports many sectors of the transport industry. For instance, it offers specialist hitches and accessories for wagon-and-drag road vehicles with a focus on safety and convenience.

The ROCKINGER RO50, as an example, is a popular 50 mm Draw Bar coupling offering a D-Value of 285 kN, V-Value of 90 kN and a static load capacity of 2500 kg. It is designed for easy installation whether to a new vehicle or as a retrofit replacement. It is also simple to operate thanks to a one-piece hand lever and is designed for a long reliable working life through the use of features such as a rotatable bolt that minimises wear. Installed RO50s can be upgraded by fitting remote controls, in-cab displays and automatic lubrication.

For heavier loads ROCKINGER offer the RO57 Draw Bar coupling. With a 57.5 mm diameter Locking Pin its D-Value is up to 300 kN, and V-Value is up to 95 kN. It has a segment ring locking device, split funnel, is of a modular design and uses a special all temperature grease, all of which make installation, maintenance and repair straightforward. An optional pneumatic remote control is available, which can be fitted ex-works or as an upgrade kit.

The RO50 and RO57 can be factory fitted and are also offered as a complete package including the cross member or traverse, drop plates and bolt assemblies for retrofitting to upgrade existing vehicles.

Paul Clayton, UK Technical Sales and Support Manager with JOST UK, explains that the ROCKINGER couplings ensure safety, reliability and convenience, critical consideration in transport operations: *"We use cutting-edge electronic technology to increase safety and comfort. The idea is to make engaging the coupling as simple as possible and by fitting sensors we can have in-cab displays that show that the coupling is correctly engaged and safe to use."*

Similarly, ROCKINGER's Lubetronic technology offers a number of solutions for different types of vehicle. It uses an electronic dispensing mechanism that ensures optimum lubrication at all times and is fitted with a lubrication cartridge that will typically last 18-24 months.

Another ROCKINGER technology is the remote-control comfort coupling system, with which the coupling is operated from the driver's cab. This saves considerable time and increases productivity in operations that require frequent coupling and decoupling.

*"These technologies and other ROCKINGER solutions save vehicle operators time and money while ensuring good maintenance and proper usage, thus enhancing safety," says Clayton.*

ROCKINGER also has a wide range of other products so can meet the needs of many vehicle operators. For instance, its smaller ball couplings are suitable for van and car applications, while it also makes super-robust couplings for use in agriculture, forestry and related off-highway industries. Specialist couplings include pulling couplings for use on railway vehicles, hook couplings for military vehicles, and heavy duty towing couplings typically used on low loaders for transporting extraordinary loads like giant earth-moving equipment and tower cranes.

*"All of these are manufactured to the highest quality and backed up with ROCKINGER/JOST's renowned customer service," say Clayton. "We have about 80 service agents across the UK so that truck operators have access to full support and service wherever they are."*

Each agent is highly trained in all ROCKINGER and JOST World products, stocks spares and has direct links to experts at JOST, so is able to offer comprehensive support to busy truck operators. The service agent network provides a seamless link for drivers and operators to ROCKINGER and its sister companies.

Clayton again: *"Every truck, whether used on the public highway or on a private site, must be totally fit for purpose. It has to be able to operate profitably and efficiently, cope with all road and weather conditions, be reliable and easily serviced and above all, be safe at all times.*

*"ROCKINGER and JOST therefore strive to provide the best service backup for the road transport industry, farming and forestry customers, where ever they are."*

## **Photograph Captions**

### **Photograph 1:**

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### **Photograph 2:**

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**Photograph 3:**

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**About JOST:**

JOST is the world's leading manufacturer of vehicle connection systems, modules and components for trucks and trailers. Under the umbrella brand JOST, the comprehensive range of products is broken down into four areas: The JOST brand includes fifth wheel couplings, telescopic landing gears and accessories for semi-trailers, ball bearing turntables, king pins and container locks as well as components for alternating systems. The trailer axles of the DCA Family are also sold under the JOST brand. Under the traditional brand name of ROCKINGER, the company produces towing hitches, drawbar eyes and towing drawbars for both transporters and trucks, as well as for use in the agricultural industry. TRIDEC is the leading provider of steering systems and single wheel suspensions for trailers. Edbro is the specialist in the field of vehicle-mounted hydraulic systems. Its range includes front and underfloor dump trucks and trailers and extension cylinders, as well as customer-specific hydraulic construction kits.

JOST is the only supplier that can provide products and services all around the world. The company is located on all continents, with distribution, production and development. With sales and production facilities in more than 20 countries, the company is the global partner of choice for the commercial vehicle industry. JOST employs over 2.800 members of staff worldwide. It is listed on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange since 20 July 2017.

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