

Press information

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Innofreight brings in 2010 AgroTainer and WoodTainer XL on the market

The Styrian Innofreight company group has developed the innovative transportation technology WoodTainer which is successfully used in the European paper, cellulose, timber and energy industry. This year Innofreight brings two new containers as well as a special compact forklift to usage.

The two new container developments are AgroTainer XXXL as well as a further development of WoodTainer XXL in the XL version. To be able to transport bulk cargo and pallet goods with one container in the future, Innofreight has developed AgroTainer XXXL with the loading volume of 55 m³ which comes on the market this year and will be applied exclusively at Agrofright, a daughter company of Rail Cargo Austria. "The new container is particularly suitable for moisture-sensitive and high-quality bulk goods, such as grain, salt, sugar etc., or alternatively, for commodities packed on pallets as well." emphasizes Peter Wanek-Pusset, the managing director of Innofreight. The loading of bulk goods is carried out through a roof opening, the unloading through a bulk flap. The loading capacity amounts to 22 pallets which are loaded into the container through the side and rear doors. The AgroTainer XXXL has food-safe paint and sealing materials as well as double doors on the whole length which can be opened also under load. The advantages contain the high flexibility thanks to numerous loading openings as well as the low tare weight at a high load.

The WoodTainer XL is designed for heavy bulk goods, such as ores, coal or building materials and is notable due to the particularly strengthened floor and walls. Wanek-Pusset: "With the XL we offer to the European steel and construction industry a practical transportation container which can be extended at any time with a frame attached at the top." If the frame is attached to the XL, WoodTainer XXL turns out of

it, with more volume and capacity. To be able to unload the container XL at the building sites fast and flexibly, Innofreight has developed a special compact forklift which goes with the train and is used for loading and unloading of the containers on the spot.

Important partner: Rail Cargo Austria

Innofreight has a container fleet of 2,500 WoodTainer XXL and XS and rents these out to large railway companies all over Europe. Rail Cargo Austria (RCA), the logistic area of the Austrian Federal Railways (ÖBB) has, for example, rented 1,200 WoodTainers from Innofreight with which different products for paper, cellulose and basic commodity industry are transported. However, WoodTainers are used also in Sweden, Norway, Germany or Switzerland. In Sweden biomass is transported with WoodTainers to power plants. The Finnish railway company VR Cargo transports iron oxide with WoodTainers from mines to the Finnish harbour Kokkola. "With our containers we have managed to offer to the coal and steel industry an efficient means of transportation", emphasizes Wanek-Pusset. Innofreight sees broader expansion chances over Finland in the direction of Russia. As an additional service to the container rental Innofreight takes care of the unloading places.

Innofreight started with the development of WoodTainer eight years ago and has created a European standard in the bulk goods transport. Wanek-Pusset: "Combining innovative transport technologies with modern logistic solutions brings the customer provable cost and performance advantages." The customers have relations to the railway companies which rent the containers from Innofreight. "The partnership between the railways and us creates the success. The railways concentrate on their core business and we supply them with the suitable means of transportation", explains Wanek-Pusset. WoodTainer is a patent examined according to CSC (CSC stands for International Convention for Safe Containers).

Last year Innofreight brought a special round wood pallet on the market for round wood transport. "In this way, containerization of round wood transport on rail and road has been made possible", says Wanek-Pusset. The loading width of the pallet is 2,700 mm and it is equipped with an integrated tensioning winch; the stanchions are

2,100 mm high and the floor is closed. This compact loading unit can be loaded fast on a truck or a wagon with a forklift and brings more flexibility to wood transport. Four to five round wood pallets can be loaded per wagon.

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