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## **Steel Making Light Work With Freighter**

Leading logistics Company, Mannway, was transporting steel pipes, tubes and coils from OneSteel's Newcastle warehouse to Melbourne but needed flexibility to load and unload steel products more safely and effectively. Mannway Managing Director, Stuart Brown has been a long term supporter of MaxiTRANS over 25 years. Stuart and the management team approached Freighter Major Accounts Manager, Bob Macpherson, seeking trailers that would provide increased safety in loading and operational flexibility.

Mannway's OH&S team and Bob Macpherson developed the concept of modifying a Freighter Safe-T-Liner by adding a conventional tipper style roll tarp roof. The Safe-T-Liner's lack of gates or curtain buckles and the roll tarp roof provided Mannway with ease of access from the side and top of the trailers, guaranteeing ease of loading and greater safety for Mannway operators.

The 4 modified Safe-T-Liner lead units proved to be the right combination for carrying steel, allowing better clearance from the top and resulting in improved efficiency. All 7.5 metres in length, the lead trailers allow Mannway to hook up other trailers they have on their fleet easily and effortlessly, giving them operational flexibility.

"The Safe-T-Liner gives us more flexibility with our loads from Melbourne to Sydney or Newcastle. Apart from steel, we are able to load grocery products or for that matter anything else we would normally load in a T-Liner," Stuart Brown said.

Mannway, with its National operations, transports hundreds of thousands of tonnes of steel in this particular activity. Mannways' drivers load steel product in Newcastle and deliver to Melbourne, return loading is done from a number of locations in Melbourne to Sydney.

Not only are the custom built Safe-T-Liners providing Mannway with greater flexibility and improved materials handling but increased operational efficiency.

“We have been able to move more B-double loads than before we received the Safe-T-Liners. We are able to transport an additional 12 tonne per leg as opposed to running single trailers,” Mannway’s Group General Manager, Michael Mann, said.

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**Easy access: with the roll tarp roof removed, Mannway can load steel pipes, tubes and coils from the top and sides of the trailers.**



**On a roll: the roll tarp roof on the Safe-T-Liner is proving to be the right transport solution for Mannway, increasing their efficiency by 12 tonne per leg.**

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