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Freighter EziLiner™ Shortlisted for Design Award

Regarded a revelation since its introduction to the competitive transport market, Freighter's innovative EziLiner has been shortlisted in the Automotive and Transport sector of the 2008 Australian International Design Awards.

Other products shortlisted in this sector include Audi's impressive R8 Sports Car, the new Audi TT and the iconic Holden VE Ute. All are being judged against a strict set of criteria including environmental impact, function and excellence in design. Entries are open to both Australian and overseas companies.

The EziLiner's revolutionary new design in curtain sided trailers replaces traditional methods of buckles and straps used to tension the curtain vertically. The EziLiner is semi-automatic and requires a simple flick of a lever to tighten the high tensile cable that runs through a series of specially designed arcs at the bottom of the curtain.

On each side of the trailer, four tensioning arms, powered by compressed air, reach out from the side of the trailer to hook the cable and pull it downwards and back into the side of the trailer. The device is operated by a simple valve on the front wall of the trailer and the air supply of the truck provides the necessary power.

The design of curtain sided trailers has remained relatively unchanged since the 1980's, that is, until engineers at Freighter's manufacturing facility in Ballarat came up with the EziLiner. Its patented design has dramatically reduced the time required to open and close trailer curtains when loading and unloading. On a multi drop urban delivery route, it may be possible to achieve efficiency gains of up to 25%.¹

As a result, there is potential for operators to achieve similar output in work with fewer trucks and trailers. This potentially reduces fuel consumption, running costs and emissions that impact on the environment, all as a result of the introduction of this little piece of Australian ingenuity!

¹ Calculated on an "8 drop per day" route

The winners of the 50th annual Australian Design Awards will be announced on 30 May and further information on the Freighter EziLiner entry is available at www.designawards.com.au.



Freighter EziLiner – Revolutionary design in curtain sided trailers

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