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Vanguard National Trailer Corp. Introduces VXP Composite Plate Trailer

(Louisville, KY) Friday, March 24, 2006 – At the Mid-America Trucking Show, Vanguard National Trailer Corporation introduced their new VXP Composite Plate Trailer. Composite plate sidewalls have proven their road worthiness and reliability in the trailer industry for many years providing maximum cube and inside width.

The composite sidewall, panels sandwich a HDPE foamed plastic core between two galvanized steel cover sheets providing strength and durability against abrasion and damage. Rust preventative primer and polyester finish coats are baked on the cover sheets for longevity.

In addition to Vanguards standard trailer warranty, the composite side panels carry a ten-year warranty.

The composite plates are joined by unique steel posts paired with galvanized internal posts with log slots. The smooth, rounded rivet heads provide a snag-free interior sidewall. These inside posts on 48" inch centers provide vertical logistic availability the full length of the trailer.

If damaged, the composite panels may be removed and replaced without affecting adjacent panels. No special shop tools are required.

Vanguard has included many premium specifications as standard on the VXP Composite Plate Trailer. These specs have proven to add years of useful trailer life, while maintaining a superior cosmetic appearance. When the VXP's added value is totaled, the increased value of the VXP is obvious.

These premium specs include:

- ✓ Galvanized Rear Frame, including gussets.
- ✓ Galvanized Rear Underride Guard (bolted on for easy replacement).
- ✓ Galvanized Threshold Plate to protect the rear floor from fork truck damage.
- ✓ Galvanized Front Apron on the upper coupler.
- ✓ Galvanized one-piece Front Understructure between the upper coupler and the landing gear provides superior floor support and acts as a tire protector plate.
- ✓ Galvanized Landing Gear Brackets and Bracing.
- ✓ Galvanized Air/Electrical Channel full-length each side.
- ✓ Galvanized Logistic Posts and Bonded Roof Bows.
- ✓ Galvanized Mudflap Brackets.
- ✓ Galvanized Steel Internal Bulkhead.
- ✓ Galvanized Five-Post Front Wall Construction.
- ✓ One-piece, Extruded Aluminum Top Front Rail.
- ✓ Welded Steel Gussets are located on every other crossmember to reinforce the slide rails.
- ✓ All LED Lights, both California and Canada Legal.

In addition to the above, there are other premium specifications that provide even more added value. This includes five hinges per door, all rear door hardware is theft proof, three screws per crossmember per board, a six-inch galvanized steel scuff band atop the extruded Aluminum inner base rail provide a full 12" of scuff protection to the bottom sidewalls, an air-ride suspension w/anti dock walk and robust, extruded Aluminum front radius corners.

The Vanguard VXP is engineered and manufactured to provide dependable service with extended trailer life and value.

Production of the new VXP Composite Plate Trailers will begin ??? in Vanguard's modern manufacturing Indiana facilities, along side the already widely accepted VIP 4000 freight van and the MaxCube freight van.

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