

Lock and load

Lindsay King, well-known road transport innovator, recently developed a collapsible curtainsider kit body incorporating a revolutionary Quickloc automatic curtain locking system. The first to utilise the new system is Queensland-based Wickham Freight Lines, who have experienced first hand the time saving advantages the system affords.

About 18 months ago, Lindsay King, who through his company, Transking Innovations, has developed some revolutionary and innovative road transport equipment over the years, came up with the concept of a collapsible kit body curtainsider fitted with a new automatic curtain locking system. The device has since been dubbed the Transking Quickloc Curtain System.

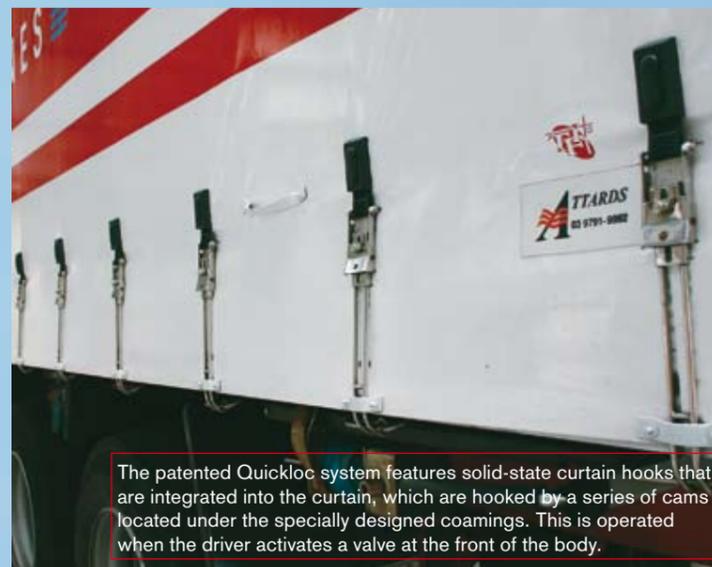
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The patented Quickloc system features solid-state curtain hooks that are integrated into the curtain, which are hooked by a series of cams located under the specially designed coamings. This is operated when the driver activates a valve at the front of the body. The curtains can be opened front to rear or vice versa in less than 10 seconds, saving valuable time and money. The system also allows major

OH&S advantages by reducing manual handling. Lindsay explained the first trial unit was built by Pumpa Engineering about 18 months ago, with another unit built and displayed at the 2005 Brisbane Truck Show. However, Lindsay said he soon realised that he needed finances to develop the concept further. That's when Queensland-based

Wickham Freight Lines came into the picture. "Wickham Freight Lines gave me an opportunity to further develop both the Quickloc system and the collapsible kit body that was specifically designed to incorporate the Quickloc curtain system. So in effect Wickhams are running both systems on the one unit," Lindsay explained. The new body is based in Melbourne

and does general day freight and metro pick-ups for Wickhams. The freight is then transferred to one of Wickhams' interstate trucks, which make the regular Melbourne-Sydney-Brisbane run. "It is brilliant because it saves us a lot of time," said Graham Keogh from Wickham Freight Lines. "We save on average around 10 minutes per pick-up and if you're making up to 10 pick-ups a day, this saves you over an hour and a half a day - the driver loves it!" Wickham Freight Lines, which is based in Warwick, Queensland, runs general freight between Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne. Graham added that the body has been running for six months now and reliability hasn't been an issue.



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"We appreciate Quickloc's simplicity and flexibility and there's no weight penalty, so in that regard it's a win/win situation," he said. "We appreciated Lindsay talking to us. He first came to us about 12 months ago and it took about six months to develop the kit system and build the body." As for future plans for the collapsible body kit and the Quickloc system, Lindsay explained: "I am also a Vawdrey agent and after we built the prototype unit, we brought the truck and body down to Vawdrey in Victoria and Mick Vawdrey said he would consider building the next unit for Wickhams incorporating the Quickloc system." "They were quite interested in the system and believe that it has great potential," he said. **TBB**

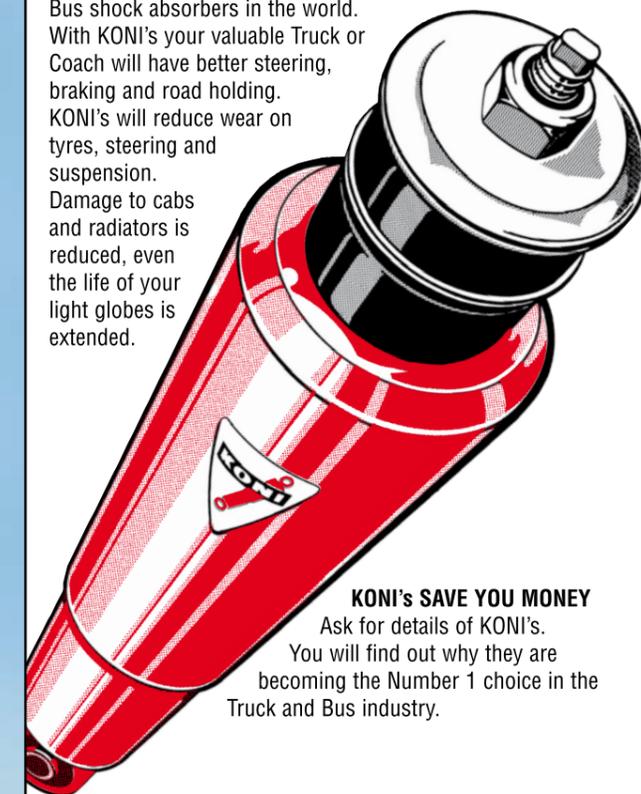
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