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BTK Logistics opts for 50 new Kögel Light^{plus} trailers

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- **Kögel Light^{plus} stands out through its low tare weight and high degree of individualisation**

BTK Befrachtungs- und Transportkontor GmbH, based in Rosenheim, Bavaria, is partially renewing its existing fleet, consisting of 180 trailers, with more than 50 new Kögel Light^{plus} trailers. With 80 years of experience, 15,000 square meters of logistics warehouses and 290 employees, BTK is an international transport and logistics company for complete and partial loads, as well as general cargo. BTK is also a member of the E.L.V.I.S. AG (Europäischen Ladungsverbund internationaler Spediteure - European cargo association of international freight forwarders) and the pan-European cargo network, International Logistics Network (ILN).

The 50 new Light^{plus} trailers of the NOVUM generation are equipped with the new Kögel external frame profile and body as standard. This enables, for example, the lashing of the cargo in the VarioFix perforated steel external frame when there are aluminium lattices in the depot. The 13 pairs of lashing shackles, included as standard, have grip hooks at the sides for easier handling, and have a tensile force of 2,500 kilogrammes. For increased payload, the front wall, including the front volume corner posts, the rear corner posts and the rear wall door portal are made from aluminium as standard. As you would expect, the Kögel Light^{plus} trailers have the DIN EN 12642 Code XL load-securing certificate.

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Kögel KTA trailer axle

The standard Kögel KTA trailer axles fitted on the Light^{plus} trailers are easy to maintain, whilst providing excellent tracking and reliability. The unique “double suspension” of the KTA, made from a soft rubber bearing and a spring steel wishbone, not only enhances the driving characteristics of the trailer but also reduces tyre wear.

A wide range of BTK customised equipment

To further reduce the weight of the trailers, BTK has opted for aluminium roof support frames and air tanks. A total of four rows of aluminium lattices, distributed over the post height, hold the load in place and protect the tarpaulin. The floor load-bearing capacity of the vehicle is increased to 7,200 kilograms with a reinforced frame. To withstand heavy daily use of the ramp, a 720-millimetre-long transition plate is mounted above the rear end beam, while for enhanced impact protection, the rear of the vehicle is equipped with protective rubber bumpers. The protective bumper is completed by an eight-millimetre-thick transverse steel angle over the entire width, and a locking cam protection in the middle of the frame end plate. Further customised equipment includes ADR certification complete with the corresponding equipment, an axle lift for the first axle, two pallet storage boxes, toolboxes and much more.

Cathodic dip-paint coating: lasting protection from corrosion

As with all Kögel vehicles for the forwarding industry, the entire vehicle frame on the Kögel Light^{plus} has long-term corrosion protection provided by nano cathodic dip-paint coating and subsequent painting.

Photo, from left to right: Bernhard Reichert, Managing Director of BTK Befrachtungs- und Transportkontor GmbH and Thomas Conseil, Key Account Manager at Kögel in front of a Kögel Light^{plus} in the BTK design

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Kögel is one of the leading trailer manufacturers in Europe. Since it was established in 1934, the company has manufactured more than 550,000 trailers. With its commercial vehicles and solutions for freight-forwarding companies and the construction industry, the company has been providing 'Made in Germany' engineering quality for more than 80 years. During this period, it has maintained its passion for transport and innovation, enabling it to offer proven, long-lasting added value to freight-forwarding companies. The company headquarters and main production facility of Kögel Trailer GmbH are located in the Bavarian town of Burtenbach. Kögel also has factories and offices in Ulm (Germany), Duingen (Germany), Chocen (Czech Republic), Verona (Italy), Zwolle (Netherlands) and Moscow (Russia).

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