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Western Star offers new options

At a special event in Phoenix, AZ, in May to salute its 50-year anniversary, Western Star, a division of Daimler Trucks North America, rolled out a bevy of new options for its trucks.

Chief among them is a new configuration for its XD Offroad heavy-duty work truck line, based on the Western Star 4900 platform—the XD-25, so named for its 25-ton capacity—for use in smaller construction, mining and quarry site hauling operations.

The XD-25 is available with a Tier 3 Series 60 or Detroit DD13 engine and is powered by Allison Transmission's Off-Road Series gearbox and planetary gear sets.

Additional features found with all Western Star XD Offroad products include rugged slipped spring suspensions, simplified maintenance components, and metal fender butterfly hoods for long-life durability.

"Our customers want an off-road so-

lution that has great ton-per-mile savings and a lower purchase price over conventional articulated equipment," Platt said. "The XD-25 Offroad's low maintenance design and versatile platform configurations deliver on performance every time."

Western Star also used the event to announce a number of other new options for the rest of its product lineup including the following:

- ▶ RollTek seats for its 4700, 4800 and 4900 models;
- ▶ Sealed frame rails for its 4700, 4800 and 4900 truck models to help reduce corrosion on double channel and partial liner configurations;
- ▶ Abrasion tape for exterior harnesses on the 4700 and 5700 models;
- ▶ Aluminum diamond plate tool box for the 4700 model;
- ▶ Detroit 23,000-lb. front steer axle for the 4800 and 4900 models;
- ▶ Five-man crew cab option for the



Western Star XD-25

4700, 4800, 4900 and 6900 models; and
 ▶ New 5700 model configuration for expeditor and RV applications with either a day cab or sleeper.

"The needs of our customers continue to grow and change, so we will continue to add new options that will help our customers while delivering the power, performance and comfort expected from a Western Star truck," said Platt.

PEOPLE

KARMAK has announced that John Pacione will assume the role of president and CEO.

MACK TRUCKS has named Richard Hoyle vice president of national accounts. He will be responsible for all national accounts activities in North America.



HOYLE

MCLEOD SOFTWARE has expanded its senior leadership team by adding Kenneth Craig as a new vice president reporting to president and CEO Tom McLeod.

NTEA welcomes George Survant as senior director of fleet relations. He will work with Christopher Lyon, NTEA director of fleet relations, to lead the association in serving truck equipment distributors/manufacturers and end-user fleets.



SURVANT

PHILLIPS INDUSTRIES has hired David Diaz as director of marketing. He will direct all marketing efforts for current Phillips products as well as play a key role in rolling out Phillips Connect Technologies (PCT), the company's new business.

TRANSERVICE LOGISTICS has appointed William "Bill" Rodri-

guez director of sales, western region. He was most recently an account manager for Inland Kenworth and TEC Commercial Truck Leasing,

USA TRUCK has appointed Zachary King to the position of vice president/corporate controller. He is now responsible for all accounting, financial reporting and controllership at USA Truck.

WOMEN IN TRUCKING ASSN. has announced Andra Rush as the winner of its 2017 Distinguished Woman in Logistics Award. Rush is chair and CEO of Rush Trucking Corp.; CEO and president of Dakkota Integrated Systems; and chair, CEO and president of Detroit Manufacturing Systems.