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HESTAL presents MultiMaster: multifunctional trailer roof rail optimises safety for driver and load

- Integrated LED lighting and CargoMaster rails increase work safety
- Innovative design eliminates tripping hazards and improves load securing
- Weight saving of 3.8 kg per metre makes safety even more economical
- Easy retrofitting and maintenance reduce operating expenses

- More efficient loading by saving time when lashing the load
- Presentation at IAA Transportation 2024

The cargo area of a trailer can be a dangerous workplace: dim lighting, load securing equipment lying around as a potential tripping hazard and inadequately secured loads can pose considerable risks. HESTAL addresses these challenges with the new MultiMaster, a multifunctional roof rail that will be presented at IAA Transportation 2024.

Dortmund, 11 September 2024 --- F. Hesterberg & Söhne GmbH & Co. KG, a subsidiary of BPW Bergische Achsen KG and known under the <u>HESTAL</u> brand, presents the MultiMaster, a solution that significantly increases the safety of drivers and loads while simultaneously boosting transport efficiency.

The MultiMaster is a multifunctional roof rail for the HESTAL sliding roof, which not only supports the roof and serves as an attachment for side tarpaulins, wall and support elements ("pillars"): for the first time, the newly developed cross-section of the MultiMaster integrates LED lighting elements from the ERMAX brand, which also belongs to the BPW Group, as well as running rails for the HESTAL CargoMaster load securing system. "This solution immediately creates more safety and efficiency during loading, without any additional design effort for vehicle manufacturers," explains Dirk Miesen, Managing Director of F. Hesterberg & Söhne. With their integrated LED elements, the improved illumination of the load compartment significantly reduces the risk of accidents, and not just in the dark winter months or on poorly lit loading ramps. The CargoMaster system, whose rails are now integrated directly into the roof rail, keeps load securing equipment ready to hand but out of the way - an important contribution towards trip prevention and efficient load securing.

For hauliers and logistics companies, the MultiMaster offers economic advantages in addition to the safety aspect. Integration of the CargoMaster system into the roof frame results in a weight saving of 3.8 kg per metre. "This weight reduction can translate into considerable fuel savings over the service life of a vehicle," emphasises Dirk Miesen. "The MultiMaster from HESTAL improves work safety without costing more – eliminating the CargoMaster guide rail even makes the load securing aid slightly cheaper." The easy retrofittability and ease of maintenance of the system are further plus points: the LED lighting from ERMAX can be installed without tools and easily replaced if necessary. It is waterproof and protected against

mechanical damage thanks to its material properties.

Dirk Miesen: "We will be showing well considered details that offer great added value at the BPW Group stand at IAA (Hall 26. Stand A30). This has been our thing for over 240 years."

About F. Hesterberg & Söhne GmbH

The company F. Hesterberg & Söhne GmbH & Co. KG, based in Dortmund, is a reliable mobility and system partner for trailer superstructure technology. Under the brand name HESTAL, the company, which is certified to DIN EN 9001, offers innovative solutions from one source. The portfolio includes superstructure components for the truck and trailer industry. The technologies from Hesterberg & Söhne GmbH & Co. KG create maximum efficiency in loading and transport processes. www.hestal.de

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