

Celebrating coupling connections

JOST AUSTRALIA'S ROCKINGER TOW COUPLING RANGE HAS BEEN LAUDED WITH ANOTHER PRESTIGIOUS BRAND AWARD IN ITS HOME COUNTRY OF GERMANY, CELEBRATING THE COMPANY'S 140 YEARS OF COUPLING EXPERIENCE.

While Munich, Germany, is famous for its annual Oktoberfest, the Bavarian state capital is known for more than just a big party – especially in the global heavy vehicle transport industry. The town in southern Germany is also the birthplace of tow coupling brand, Rockinger. In 1875, Johann Rockinger started his self-titled company, which has today grown to become one of Europe's largest

manufacturers of tow couplings. With over 60 different types of couplings, Rockinger offers a full range of manual, fully automatic and pneumatically operated couplings to suit almost all requirements and applications.

The Rockinger range is owned and distributed by the JOST Werke Group in Europe, which was recently presented with the 'Best Brand' award for the

13th time (see breakout box). Accepting the award, Lars Brorsen, Chair of the Executive Board of the JOST Group, said, "I'm absolutely delighted with this important award. Our continuing success in the readers' poll for more than a decade shows that readers appreciate the high quality, sophisticated technology and good service that Rockinger provides. This award is more than just a prize for us – it

Chair of the Executive Board of the JOST Group, Lars Brorsen (centre).





is an incentive to continue to satisfy our customers with outstanding products in future, too."

On the other side of the world, JOST Australia supplies the Rockinger range to the local commercial road transport and agricultural industries. The fully automatic RO500 coupling is a popular choice in 50mm couplings but there are a number of 40mm couplings also gaining momentum, JOST says. Australian Design

Rule (ADR) approved, the 50mm coupling has a D value rating of up to 285kN and also has a high static vertical load of up to 2.5 tonnes. In addition, the design of the RO500 allows for angles over 90°, creating a tight turning circle with truck and dog combinations.

"When the latest version of the Rockinger RO500 coupling was released some time ago, German engineers designed the single-hand operating coupling for future

technologies that the Australian market hadn't even realised yet," says General Manager, Sales & Marketing, Corey Povey. "Now the coupling is already prepared for technologies such as locking sensors, turn-angle sensors and pneumatic operation, which are easily retrofittable giving operators the choice to upgrade without buying a new coupling." Another consistent strong performer, particularly as grain season nears, is the



Rockinger RO500.

Fast Fact

The Best Brand award winner is chosen based on a poll of 11,430 readers of European transport publications *Trans Aktuell*, *Lastauto Omnibus* and *Fernfahrer*.

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JOST Australia recently moved its head office to a new, bespoke home in Victoria. Now found in Melbourne's industrial hub in the Derrimut, the facility boasts additional warehousing space, new racking and more roller doors for improved goods receipt and dispatch.



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RO243. This smaller coupling is ideal for use in the Agricultural sector on comb trailers, JOST says, as the coupling features a fully sealed head unit to keep dust out, making it ideal for Australian farming conditions.

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As well as being available for first fitment on new equipment in Australia, JOST offers a dedicated after sales service of technical expertise and spare parts on all of its products that is backed by a nationwide supply network, with branches located strategically in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth. “We wanted to make sourcing reliable components as easy as possible for

end customers and manufacturers,” says Corey.

“Trailer builders know that when they choose a JOST product, they are choosing equipment that is guaranteed to stand up to the harsh Australian environment and comply with the strict government safety ratings. The Rockinger brand is no different.”

Backed by a German parent company that has engineered high-quality and innovative solutions for a wide variety of transport applications since its beginnings, the Rockinger tow coupling provides over 140 years of proof that Munich is just as innovative as it is festive. ■

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Fast Fact

JOST Australia will soon launch a new website design with a brand new user interface that will provide customers with up to date company news, easy to access product information and a host of other new features aimed at improving the customer experience.