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Fontaine SmartConnect® Wins HDT Top 20 Award

JASPER, ALABAMA -- Fontaine Fifth Wheel Company has been honored with the prestigious Heavy Duty Trucking Top 20 Products Award for their innovative SmartConnect® fifth wheel. This recognition comes as a result of a thorough evaluation process conducted by a panel of fleet executives and HDT's Editorial Advisory Board, focusing on three key criteria: Innovation; The ability to address an industry issue; and The potential to affect a fleet's bottom line.



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Paige Petroni, the president of the company, expressed her pride in the achievement, stating, “SmartConnect® stands as the world’s first smart fifth wheel, offering substantial benefits to fleets by reducing maintenance costs and enhancing operational effectiveness. This recognition is a testament to the dedication and expertise of our engineering and management teams, and I am honored to accept it on their behalf.”

SmartConnect® utilizes advanced sensors to monitor the fifth wheel lock position every time you couple or de-couple from a trailer. Through the collection and analysis of this data, it proactively identifies maintenance requirements before they escalate into problems. While featuring a standard indicator light similar to other fifth wheels, SmartConnect® distinguishes itself with its predictive maintenance capabilities. LED flash codes provide drivers with early alerts indicating the need for fifth wheel servicing at the next maintenance interval.

Furthermore, SmartConnect® is designed for seamless integration with the truck OEM's CAN and telematics systems, utilizing the high-level SAE J1939 communications protocol. This integration enables the automatic transmission of crucial information, including lock status, usage hours, coupling count, and alerts directly to fleet managers, streamlining maintenance scheduling.

For more information about Fontaine Fifth Wheel SmartConnect® products and support – contact Fontaine Customer Service at 800-874-9780 or email info@fifthwheel.com.

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Serving heavy-duty transportation customers for more than 75 years, Fontaine Fifth Wheel is the innovator of SmartConnect®, the world’s first smart fifth wheel and Fontaine No-Slack®, the only self-adjusting fifth wheel lock in the industry. With IATF 16949:2016 certified manufacturing facilities worldwide, Fontaine is dedicated to providing dependable, robust solutions for each demanding market segment that we serve throughout the globe. Fontaine is a member of Marmon Holdings, Inc., a Berkshire Hathaway company.

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