

A look behind the scenes as innovation drives the future of DAF Trucks

A car transporter like no other





At DAF, innovation isn't about winning awards for the coolest trucks on the planet — though we do that, too. It's about delivering the trucks and parts that help you reach your business goals. In a world where climate change, sustainability, driver retention, changing legislation and tight budgets are major concerns, innovation is one of our ways to support you in staying ahead of the competition. Read on to find out how...

Innovation—the theme of this issue of our magazine—is a mindset that we encourage throughout the company. "From the smallest new part to the biggest New Generation XG+ cabin, it takes a team of smart thinkers to create something special", says Jeroen Frankenmolen, Manager Aftermarket Engineering PACCAR Parts. "We work together within the company and externally with suppliers, customers and universities to turn good ideas into inventions that enhance our vehicles", adds

Felix Hendriks, Assistant Chief Engineer, Vehicle Integration and Advanced Technology at DAF Trucks. This is an ongoing process in which we set industry standards, exceed customer needs and influence legislation, while leveraging advanced technology to contribute to EU-funded initiatives that help shape the future of road transport. Take a look behind the scenes here.

Are you in the automotive industry? Read about our second-tonone DAF Car Transporter. Want to know how you can access the latest parts for your trucks? Find out how the DAF Webshop is changing, in keeping with our spirit of innovation, and so much more...

"Together with our partners, we're deciding what trucks will look like next year and in 10–20 years' time", Felix points out. Innovation is all about your business success, today and tomorrow.

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### What to expect in this magazine?





### A car transporter like no other

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Are you ready for winter? Check your batteries now

Get ready for the winter in Europe — make sure that your truck's batteries are in good shape.

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Your truck and trailer deserve parts that go the distance — and a trusted supplier who understands that uptime matters.

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Is your DAF truck up to date? Are you benefiting from our latest innovations?

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DAF Genuine Parts — Why original quality matters

Transporters often look to cut costs by using cheaper alternatives to original parts and services.

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Take a spacious industry-leading cabin, lower the roof 18 cm, create an ultra-low chassis height, add a specialised wide-track pusher axle, liaise with leading body builders and what do you get? Answer: a car transporter like no other!

An upcoming new entry to the market, the New Generation XD Car Transporter is already gaining attention. Orders are in, with the first delivery expected before the end of this year.

"We're looking forward to receiving this new vehicle and getting it on the road", says Barry Robinsons, owner of Robinsons Auto Logistics in Corby, UK. "Our company moves cars all over the UK, covering long distances. We're expecting great things from the XD with its spacious cabin, outstanding fuel efficiency and extra safety features. DAF has worked well alongside our preferred body builder".

### **Tailor-made innovation**

Lopping 18 cm off the top of a cabin that's known for its generous dimensions seems unthinkable. But it's essential to carry one extra car above the driver. Combined with an exceptionally low chassis—dropped 4 cm by adjusting the wheel suspension—low-profile tyres and specifications set by the customer's preferred body builder, the result is a best-inclass car transporter.



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**Cornelis van der Lee**Director of Rigids and Vocational
DAF Trucks



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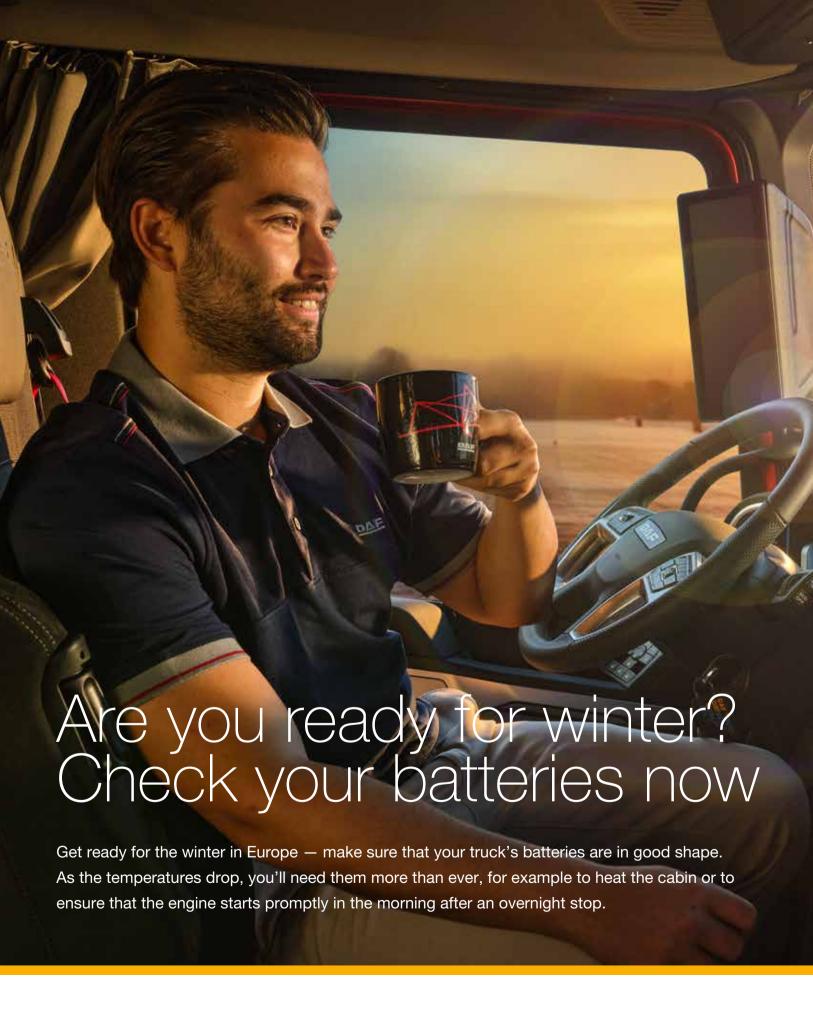
The DAF XD Car Transporter comes with the latest recent New Generation DAF innovations, including:

- Further improvements to the powertrain with PACCAR engines designed for maximum fuel efficiency and performance
- Top comfort and smart safety in every drive.

The new lowered cabins, with or without a chamfered roof, are only offered on the XD model. The wide-track pusher axle can, however, also be fitted to the XF, XG and XG+ models. The ultra-low chassis is available in a range of wheelbases, to suit different transport needs. The 6x2 features a wide-track, lightweight 4.5-ton pusher axle and 17.5-inch wheels, which have been designed specifically for car transporters to enhance payload and vehicle distribution.

### DAF - A reliable partner

"The DAF XD Car Transporter sets a new benchmark in car transport", says Cornelis van der Lee, Director of Rigids and Vocational at DAF Trucks. "Orders are coming in as our customers recognise DAF's commitment to building the best truck. We're partnering closely with leading body builders to customise the XD car transporter models to their exact specifications. Each vehicle is a tailored solution, designed to meet specific needs and deliver maximum efficiency".





The fact is, batteries are wear & tear items — battery life is not indefinite. But proper battery care can extend their life, which is why we recommend checking them regularly and replacing them every two to three years.

### All-weather high performance

Our DAF Webshop stocks a complete assortment of DAF and TRP batteries. They are all high-quality products with a two-year warranty. Whether you're parked at the roadside for a short stop or staying overnight, these charge units will keep your power-consuming devices running and your driver's cabin warm, even when it's freezing cold.

### **DAF Genuine Ultimate AGM**

- Newest technology: for all your power demands
- Longer lifetime: up to six times the typical cycle life
- Depth of discharge: up to 80%
- High charge: maximum charging efficiency, short charging time
- Extra robust: handles intense vibrations

### Battery balancing for more uptime

- Extended battery life: Regular balancing prevents premature battery failure.
- Reduced risk of breakdown: Balanced batteries are less likely to fail unexpectedly.
- Lower operating costs: Fewer battery replacements and less unplanned downtime due to improved reliability.

Call us now for battery balancing to improve your uptime.

### **Deals & Gifts**

Power up your winter with Deals & Gifts. Colder temperatures are on its way, which could hurt your truck's battery and decrease its capacity. With a purchase of 12 selected batteries in one order, you get a free **DAF XD truck 1:50 miniature** worth over €150. Only in the DAF Webshop and for a limited time.

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## TRP parts — For quality and exceptional value

Your truck and trailer deserve parts that go the distance — and a trusted supplier who understands that uptime matters. Welcome to TRP, your reliable parts choice for quality parts at exceptional value! Now more accessible than ever on our new, customer-friendly website: www.trpparts.com.

With more than 80,000 items in stock, TRP's lineup includes top-tier brands ranging from Fleetguard to Hella, blacktech, BPW and many more.

### Reliable and affordable

Manufactured to recognised industry standards, TRP parts are reliable, durable and affordable. Whether you're looking for brake pads, drive shafts or heavy-duty bearings, all items are designed to fit perfectly on DAF trucks and trailers like yours.

### Easily accessible

Visit our new TRP website. It's fast, easy to navigate and mobile friendly. Search by chassis number to find exactly what you need. Discover the latest product updates plus tips & tricks in our TRP News Centre. Register for prices and promotions. With 25,000 satisfied webshop users, you're sure of a good deal.

International distribution is managed through 18 centres worldwide, 2,300 dealerships (DAF, Kenworth and Peterbilt) and TRP hubs in 90 countries, plus 300+ TRP Stores across 45 countries.

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available for your truck. Find out online now and contact us for this performance-boosting service.

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owner, there may still be available upgrades. Think of the latest software or a new mechanical part that helps you conform with the latest EU regulations. Don't miss out! Check by yourself or ask at our service desk - it's quick and easy. We can even combine your upgrade with regular maintenance.

Go for maximum performance with the latest innovations!



# Innovation that drives the future — a look inside DAF Trucks

Innovation. It's not just bolted into DAF's international award-winning trucks. It's a mindset that's encouraged across the company. On key themes from sustainability and clean energy to self-driving trucks, AI and digitalisation, DAF Trucks is moving the whole industry forwards, with multiple inventions!

"Many of the parts on a DAF truck are an example of innovation", says Jeroen Frankenmolen, Manager Aftermarket Engineering PACCAR Parts. Every piece is the result of teamwork. "Whether we're designing air brakes, cabin interiors or electric powertrains, we work with a range of industry experts", explains Felix Hendriks, Assistant Chief Engineer, Vehicle Integration and Advanced Technology at DAF Trucks. "Together we decide what trucks will look like next year and in 10-20 years' time".

### International awards

The future has already arrived. Wherever you look at DAF, technology is on the move – from robot arms painting a cabin in the production environment to AI (artificial intelligence) being used to design and validate new products. The company's innovative approach has brought in a glittering array of international awards. Innovations from recent years include:

- New Generation DAF trucks that set the standard for efficiency, safety and driver comfort.
- Industry-leading charging solutions for electric trucks
- Cameras, radar systems and other crucial road safety solutions.

With more to come...

### Looking for ideas and rewarding innovation

Every invention starts with a good idea. DAF looks for them



both in-house and externally with suppliers, customers and universities. "We gather hundreds of ideas and then we start funnelling", Felix notes. "We focus in on the ones that will be most beneficial for the future, contributing to the best total cost of ownership, and then move into creation, prototyping and testing".

Whether a concept starts with a chat at the coffee machine, in the core development programme or during DAF's participation in EU consortia; cooperation is key. Innovation is encouraged and rewarded throughout the company.

### What's next?

The future is being created every day at DAF, both in-house and through participation in EU-funded initiatives. For



Read about DAF innovations at the IAA

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**Jeroen Frankenmolen**Manager Aftermarket Engineering,
PACCAR Parts

example, the MAGPIE project. Here, we are contributing to decarbonised transport around European seaports by developing automated electric driving and recharging technologies. We're also involved in the MODI project, aimed at introducing automated freight transport within logistic

supply chains – to and from ports, between hubs and even on motorway corridors. Curious to know more? The most important innovations are being presented at the International Motor Show in Germany (IAA). Just scan the QR code.

### DAF Webshop — Gateway to a world of innovation

As the proud owner of a DAF truck or fleet, you're in command of a masterpiece of engineering. But even the most advanced machine needs good aftercare for peak performance. That's where the DAF Webshop comes in — your go-to place for the right part at the right time. And in true DAF fashion, it's getting even smarter and faster.

The DAF Webshop already offers you 24/7 access to 180,000 parts from DAF and other leading brands. Behind the scenes, a team of more than 20 specialists are busy working on a whole range of improvements. Innovations coming up include: a new look and feel, a faster and easier way to navigate and much more.

### Easy to search - It's that simple

Louis Torres, a mechanic at Transports Ducamin, uses the DAF Webshop frequently. "I mainly search using the truck's chassis number, which allows me to find the exact parts without making a mistake. That way, I'm much more confident when placing an order", says Louis. He finds the DAF Webshop easy to use — thanks to good training from his local dealer.

A family-owned company, now part of FETR France Europe Transports Rapides based in Montbartier, Transports Ducamin specialises in refrigerated transport, delivering fresh products and wine throughout France and Switzerland. The company has 60 trucks—mostly DAF—and 70 trailers.

"I generally search for and order parts to maintain the vehicles or when a vehicle has been in an accident", Louis explains. "The hardest orders are for accident-damaged trucks, because the list can be very long and you have to navigate through the parts categories to find everything. Usually I manage without any problem, and if I do encounter any difficulties, I can count on help from my dealer". The DAF vehicle search experience will be enhanced with easier navigation, special price details and the introduction of service kit information.

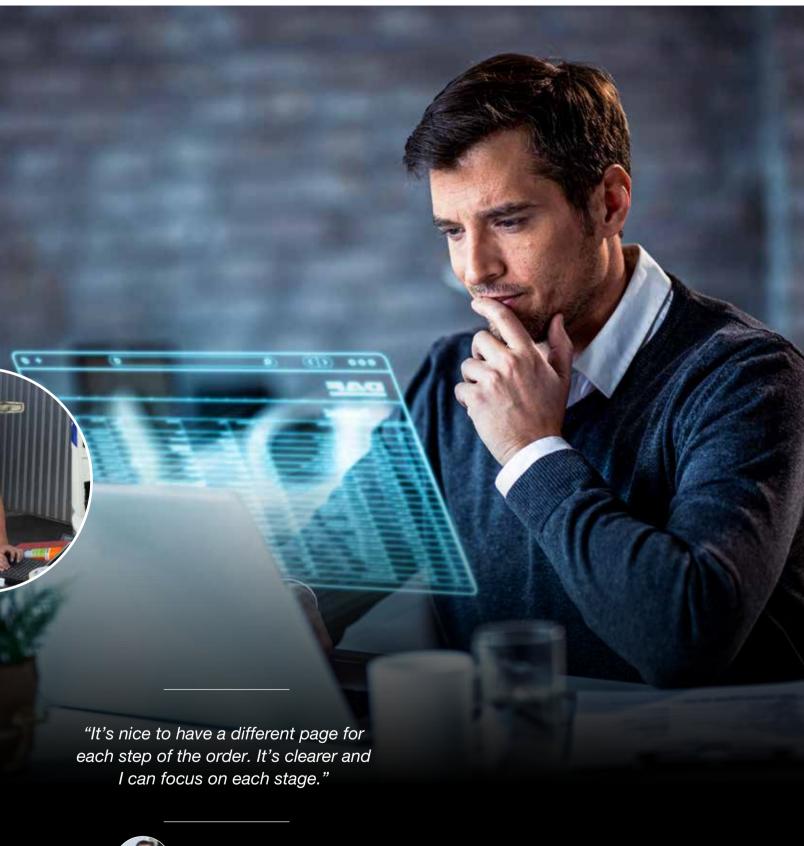
### Easy to buy - We're mobile!

The Shopping Basket in the DAF Webshop has a new look and feel. Mobile friendly, it takes users through the ordering process step by step.

"It's nice to have a different page for each step of the order. It's clearer and I can focus on each stage", Louis comments. Next: placing his first orders by mobile!

Get all the parts for your trucks in the DAF Webshop — open 24/7.







**Louis Torres** Mechanic FETR Ducamin





Transporters often look to cut costs by using cheaper alternatives to original parts and services. But this can negatively affect total cost of ownership in the long run. Even a small part or a seemingly simple service can have a big impact on a truck's performance, affecting everything from fuel efficiency to vehicle uptime.

Choosing DAF Genuine Parts means that you can expect the latest technologies and the best materials. It also guarantees you a part with a perfect fit, avoiding surprises in the workshop or when back on the road. Similarly, DAF Genuine Services assure you of the highest quality, always keeping your fleet in top condition.

### **An outstanding DPF Cleaning Service**

A good example of DAF's commitment to original equipment quality in after sales is its DPF (Diesel Particulate Filter)
Cleaning service. An improperly cleaned DPF not only weakens a truck's performance, it can also cause costly damage to engine components.

Here's what a customer said recently: "We've had some negative experiences with having filters cleaned externally", said Kornelis Schrijver, workshop manager at St vd Brink. "The DPFs that came back looked clean, but the quality was substandard—sometimes achieving only partial cleanliness and causing damage to the Exhaust Aftertreatment System—so the costs in the end far outweighed the savings".



Explore the power of DAF Genuine Parts

"The DAF Service ensures the reliability of our vehicles and gives us maximum uptime."



By contrast, DAF guarantees 100% clean DPFs and returns them with the same quality and service interval as the original filter. "We notice the positive effect of less regeneration and lower fuel consumption", says Kornelis. "The DAF Service ensures the reliability of our vehicles and gives us maximum uptime".

Explore the DAF Webshop to find the parts and services you need.

## Purchase 12 selected batteries in one order and get a free DAF XG+ truck miniature

Only in the DAF Webshop and for a limited time.

Get ready for winter with the DAF and TRP batteries. For maximum reliability, longer life and excellent cold-start performance. Helping you keep your vehicles running and avoiding downtime. All winter long.

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