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New show truck in London

COVER STORY

James Removals' new show vehicle has now arrived from Unique Van Bodies. The process began in January 2007 when the directors were

deciding on a make of chassis for their new road train. An order was placed with MAN during August 2007 with delivery being ahead of schedule in February 2008.

Billy Wells, the new driver for the road train, got behind the wheel to drive straight up to UVB at Warrington with a long list of specifications for James' chosen bodybuilder.

For a few years now the vehicles at James Removals have been shown at many truck shows. The office holds a cabinet of trophies to show for all the effort, so when deciding to put together its new showpiece it had to be worth the wait.

The new vehicle is a MAN TGX XXL 18,400 drawbar outfit, the unit was built as a 4.5 container rigid with a 16-tonne 4.5 container trailer. This shorter prime mover specification was decided on to give the cubic capacity required by James Removals and be better for bad access jobs and to leave space on both units for blankets, wardrobe cartons, etc when loading containers.

The completed road train body and chassis has been built to a very high specification to include front and rear air suspension, low chassis height, 7.5-tonne front axle, up-rated batteries/alternator, XXL high roof cab, climate control, fridge, table, CD player with six disc changer, remote locking, shunting lights, 800 litre fuel tank, diff lock, sunvisor,



Fully loaded – James Removals' impressive new road train

Alison McDougall from UVB reluctantly hands the keys to Billy Wells for his new showpiece

tipmatic gearbox and most importantly a microwave. It also has three reversing cameras with 7" monitor, one for the driver to view when attaching the trailer in difficult circumstances, a specially moulded wind breaker for extra capacity, air assisted towing hitch, Kelsa stainless front and side bars with LED Hella spots, stainless steel rear underbar, stainless steps, custom curtains and floor mats, over 150 LED marker lights and custom airbrushed cab and many other creature comforts.

The finished vehicle was at Brands Hatch Truck Show on 1st and 2nd of November. It

has already gained lots of attention and comments and is definitely worth a viewing. The driver says it's the best vehicle he has ever driven and has marked his cab a shoe free zone (we think he may be working alone a lot!).

James De-Machen, Director said, "Hopefully this road train will need a trophy cabinet all of its own." As a final note James would like to express a big thank you to Geoff Knott (MAN), Bailey truck parts, Kelsa (light bars), Andy and Tom Scott (airbrush work), Terry Sinnott, Mark Leatherbarrow and all the staff at Unique Van Bodies.