

Mercedes-Benz Econic Semi-Trailer Tanker Trucks Enter Service At London Farnborough Airport

Highlighting the diversity of their commercial vehicle range, Mercedes today has taken a moment to showcase two unique Mercedes-Benz Econic semi-trailer equipped with tanker bodies that have just entered service at the London Farnborough Airport. The trucks are based on the 18-ton Econic 1824LL chassis, and both have been fitted with Jost fifth wheel couplings and converted into 4x2 semi-trailer trucks to aid in their duties of transporting hazardous goods (namely, fuel). But that's merely the tip of the iceberg, ladies and gentlemen. In order to comply with strict ADR regulations, an extensive series of modifications were also necessary. A few highlights include interlocking systems that prevent the trucks from moving during refueling, speed limiters that restrict the vehicles top speed to 20 mph, and hydraulic fuel pumps that make use of the Econic's PTOs. In the end after all necessary changes, the Econic semi-trailer holds a total of 36,000 liters of jet fuel.

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