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SCHMITZ CARGOBULL HELPS STARDES KEEP THE BAND ON THE RUN

New trailers from Schmitz Cargobull will ensure the show goes on for bands on tour with StarDES.

StarDES, the Sheffield-based specialist entertainment logistics provider, which transports equipment for concerts and touring artistes throughout Europe, has taken four Schmitz Cargobull FP25 dry freight box van trailers to provide more capacity for its operations.

StarDES Transport Manager Tim Stansbury says: "Our trailer needs are quite different from that of a typical haulier and require a lot of customisation, such as extra internal lighting, load security equipment, and bespoke loading ramp carriers. Even with our extra demands, Schmitz Cargobull offered us a very short lead time, which is a critical factor for us."

He adds: "We plan to run our trailers for at least 15 years across Europe, and Schmitz Cargobull is probably the only manufacturer we know we can trust to have that kind of parts support and a reliable pan-European service network."

The trailers were delivered right on time for the start of a busy winter touring season.

The FP25 trailer is well-suited to StarDES operations where volume capacity is critical, as it sits lower on a unique Mega full chassis design, offering greater capacity while still remaining under the 4m height limit imposed for international European transport.

The trailers were manufactured as a bespoke build from the factory in Vreden, and further modifications were carried out in the UK at Schmitz Cargobull's Doncaster site.

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Editor's notes:

Schmitz Cargobull (UK) is a subsidiary company of the German-owned Schmitz Cargobull Group, the biggest and leading manufacturer and supplier of semi-trailers in Europe. The Schmitz Cargobull Group has manufacturing plants in Germany, Spain, Lithuania and Russia and employs over 5,100 people. In the last financial year (2013/2014), Schmitz Cargobull had a turnover of approximately €1.625 billion and produced more than 45,300 trailers.

A number of additional services complete the company profile: Cargobull Finance for leasing and lease purchasing; Schmitz Cargobull Parts & Services for vehicle servicing and spare parts; Schmitz Cargobull Service Partners for repairs and maintenance; Schmitz Cargobull Telematics for trailer telematics and Schmitz Cargobull Trailer Store for used trailers. Schmitz Cargobull refrigerated units are constructed using the company's FERROPLAST® Thermo Technology modular steel-skinned panels to keep loads at the desired temperature.



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