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## **No Road? No Problem for New Fontaine Heavy-Duty Fifth Wheel** *New Fontaine® Ultra HD fifth wheel rated for severe service applications*

**Trussville, Ala. (Oct. 15, 2009)** – Fontaine Fifth Wheel has taken the best features of its two heavy-duty fifth wheels, the No-Slack® H5092 and X5092, and combined them into a single new heavy-duty fifth wheel, the Fontaine® Ultra HD. The Fontaine Ultra HD is part of the company's new Ultra family of fifth wheels.

The new Ultra HD fifth wheel weighs less than the Fontaine X5092 and retains the special steel reinforcement offered by the H5092 for added strength and durability. It is rated for severe duty applications such as oil fields, logging, chip hauling and end dump trailers. It is also expected to be a popular model for export to regions with limited road infrastructure.

The Ultra HD fifth wheel fits Fontaine's existing mounts, including two sliders and a number of stationary mounts. It is also available as a blocked model for frameless dump applications. It offers a 70,000 pound vertical load and 200,000 pound drawbar pull.

"Through our continuous improvement efforts, we realized that the minor differentiation that existed between our two heavy-duty products was not offering significant benefit to our customers," explains Terry Mennen, vice president of sales and marketing for Fontaine. "By rationalizing the two products into one, we reduce part numbers for our OEM customers while continuing to offer a heavy-duty fifth wheel that meets the severe service needs of our end-user customers in the field."

Like all Fontaine fifth wheels, the Ultra HD features a patented lock design that eliminates the possibility of false trailer couplings to prevent dangerous high-hitching. The Ultra HD is a cast steel top plate.

For more information about the Ultra HD or any of the other products in Fontaine's full line of fifth wheels, visit [www.fifthwheel.com](http://www.fifthwheel.com) or call (800) 874-9780.

## About Fontaine Fifth Wheel

Based in Trussville, Ala., Fontaine Fifth Wheel is the world's largest fifth wheel manufacturer. It has ISO 14001 registered manufacturing facilities worldwide.

Fontaine is a Marmon Highway Technologies (MHT) company. MHT companies support the transportation industry worldwide with a wide range of high-quality products and services.

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*Editor's Note:* Please see photo Ultra\_HD.jpg.

*Caption:* The new Fontaine® Ultra HD heavy-duty fifth wheel from Fontaine Fifth Wheel is lighter than some heavy-duty wheels, but strong enough for severe duty applications like oil fields, logging and chip hauling.