

Introducing **GEN X**

When it comes to carrying ten cars, most operators would run a B-Double. But car carrier specialist, Transmech, set out to find a more cost efficient solution. The result is the Gen X car carrier.

The Gen X was created after Jose Chiriff, from Jose Car Carriers, asked Transmech if a car carrier could be designed to hold ten cars on a normal semi and prime mover set up. Transmech started off putting some designs into the computer, six months later they had the solution: a long vehicle semi trailer that allows the operator to carry seven cars on the trailer and a further three over the prime mover.

While it is early days for the concept, Theo Heuft, Manager of Transmech, says that it is so far so good.

"Because the Gen X is a B-Double alternative, operators can save on the costs of having that extra trailer on the road, such as the cost of the extra registration, wheels on the road and the extra fuel that is consumed." Built to ADR standards,

The Gen X was created by Transmech following a customer enquiry for a car carrier that could carry ten cars on a normal semi and prime mover set up.

the Gen X car carrier features SAF axles and disc brakes throughout, Bridgestone tyres and all hydraulics from Freckleton Hydraulics.

"Just about all of our car carriers go out with SAF axles and suspensions because they are the best thing for our higher centre of gravity design as they are an extremely stable product," explains Theo.

"We have built 26 car carriers for Patricks over the last 2-3 years and all of them have had SAF axles and suspensions. We have had no problems with the product and the backup service from HDTE is very good." Transmech got their start around 20 years

ago when they began repairing and modifying car carriers for customers. Five years ago they decided to start building their own range of car carriers after realising they could create trailers that provide customers with higher efficiency. Having just finished the design stage, the Gen X will now be tested extensively by Jose Car Carriers for 2-3 months to evaluate the performance of the trailer and decide if any



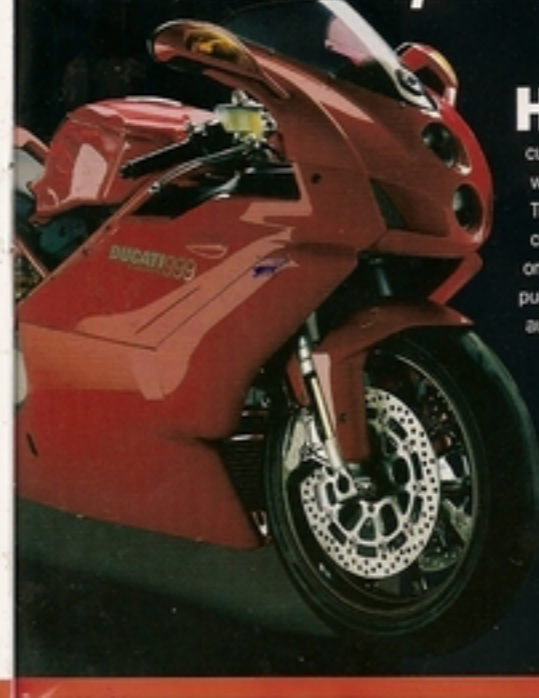
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modifications need to be made. According to Theo, the design of the Gen X is unique and is the only one of its kind in Australia. "The length of the single trailer is actually the same length as a B-Double, so it is 22 metres long unloaded or 24.4 metres long when fully loaded."

"At Transmech we like to find ways to do things quicker and more efficiently for our customers

and the Gen X epitomises this. Customers can now carry virtually the same amount of cars on a normal semi and prime mover combination as they can on a B-Double, without all the extra costs another trailer brings," said Theo. "Although the car carrier is in the very early stages of testing, we believe it is a good design and one that will offer operators an alternative to B-Double combinations."

Italian superbike stirs big interest in Italian super-couplings



HDTE's V.Orlandi coupling promotion, offering a Ducati superbike to one lucky V.Orlandi customer, has been creating a lot of excitement within the industry. The promotion is simple to enter: just complete and return the entry form found on every V.Orlandi Pacific series coupling purchased before 30 April, 2007, and you automatically go into the draw to win this fabulous Italian superbike, which is valued at around \$30,000.

The winner of the competition will be drawn at the Brisbane Truck Show 2007 at 5pm on Friday 18 May, and notified by phone and writing. The results will also be published in the June 2007 issue of Trailer Body Builder magazine. V.Orlandi's Pacific series coupling,

exclusively distributed in Australia by HDTE, has been Italian engineered for demanding Australian conditions. This unique range has been specifically designed for use on Australian roads, under Australian conditions. The promotion has created strong interest in V.Orlandi's Pacific range and, as such, has dramatically lifted the new range's profile in Australia. But time is fast running out to enter, so see your local V.Orlandi stockist. Just ring 1300 300 375 to find your nearest dealer, or check out HDTE's website at www.hdte.com.au for full terms and conditions of this exciting promotion. V.Orlandi and Ducati - two great Italians!

