

Press release

Gebrüder Weiss drives with a gas-powered truck

The first gas-powered swap body vehicle in the region has been in service at Gebrüder Weiss in Memmingen since the beginning of June, saving around 20 tons of CO₂ emissions every year.

Lauterach / Memmingen, June 11, 2019. The logistics company Gebrüder Weiss is setting store by environmentally friendly transport solutions. A gas-powered truck has been in operation in Memmingen since June 3, which runs daily between Memmingen and Augsburg (day-time transport) and between Memmingen and Nuremberg (night-time transport). “Gebrüder Weiss is committed to sustainability – and of course to minimizing the amount of pollution emitted,” says Frank Herzog, Branch Manager in Memmingen. Purchasing a gas-powered swap body vehicle represents a further step being taken towards using environmentally friendly transport solutions.

The aim is to save around 20 tons of CO₂ each year by using the new vehicle alone. Nitrogen oxide emissions are 70 percent below the limit for Euro 6 diesel. The range is between 1,200 and 1,500 kilometers, which corresponds roughly to the distance covered by a diesel-powered truck. The current route, on which groupage freight is transported to Augsburg or Nuremberg, is ideally suited for the gas-powered swap body vehicle due to its range and limited refueling options.

At Gebrüder Weiss, two gas-powered trucks are currently in operation – in addition to the swap body vehicle in Memmingen, a semitrailer vehicle is on the road in the greater Vienna area. A third truck will soon be transporting goods from a major customer between Vienna and Kruševac (Serbia), and a fully electric truck has also been undergoing testing in the greater Vienna area since September 2018. This primarily concerns electrification of urban distribution traffic, where zero-emission targets and low noise pollution play an important role. The findings obtained here in the test phase are then incorporated into the vehicle’s subsequent development stages.



Picture (from left to right): Frank Herzog (Branch Manager Gebrüder Weiss Memmingen), Thomas Schneider (Operating Manager and Vehicle Fleet Management Gebrüder Weiss Memmingen) and Johannes Prem (Prem GmbH Memmingen). *Photo: Gebrüder Weiss*

About Gebrüder Weiss

With more than 7,100 employees, 150 company-owned locations and a provisional annual turnover of 1.67 billion euros (2018), Gebrüder Weiss ranks among Europe's leading transport and logistics companies. In addition to its core business of land transport, air & sea freight, and logistics, the company operates a number of highly specialized industry solutions and subsidiaries under the umbrella of Gebrüder Weiss Holding AG, based in Lauterach (Austria) – including the logistics consultancy firm x|vise, tectraxx (industry specialist for hi-tech businesses), dicall (communications solutions, market research, training), Rail Cargo (railway transports), and the Gebrüder Weiss parcel service GWP, co-shareholder of the Austrian company DPD. This bundling of services allows the corporate group to respond to customer needs quickly and flexibly. Today, having implemented a variety of environmental, economic and social initiatives, the family-run company with a 500-year history is also considered a pioneer in sustainable business practices.

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