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The 52 Pallet Wonder

Seeking greater load capacity and operational flexibility with their fleet, DTM Business Logistics approached Freighter for a 52 pallet trailer combination, without using a B-double trailer. As DTM were carrying light weight products from their client's distribution centre in Melbourne to various drop off points within Melbourne, a B-double was not essential.

For 35 years, DTM Business Logistics has provided transport and warehousing solutions to a host of clients from various industries. With a national fleet of 300 trailers and rigid bodies, DTM also operates customer owned distribution centres under contract, as well as managing their warehousing facilities in their eastern state branches.

A Freighter T-Liner rigid body and pig trailer combination was devised to fit 52 pallets, while offering DTM flexibility to break up the combination and use as them as single route trucks. The order consisted of 6 rigid T-Liner truck bodies with an overall length of 8.7 metres with a capacity for 28 pallets and 6 pig trailers with an overall length of 7.5 metres with a capacity for 24 pallets, giving DTM a total payload of 52 pallets. The trailers have an internal height of 3.1 metres to allow pallets of 1.5 metres high to be double stacked.

DTM's Victorian State Manager, Mr Peter Gill, explains the benefits this interesting rigid body and pig trailer combination is giving their operation.

"The single unit trailers are giving us a capacity of 28 pallets when we double stack the pallets. When we hitch up the rigid body and pig trailer together we are able to achieve an overall payload of 52 pallets. We used to use drop deck B-doubles that would have achieved only another 4 pallets but we would have been limited to their use of the road system, not to mention the increased costs and complexity associated with running this type of gear," Mr Gill said.

"Freighter was very good in designing the gear to reach our capacity targets. Their build times were excellent and the product overall is great. The units have been travelling well, driver acceptance of the format is good and we look forward to many productive years ahead," Mr Gill said.

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Freighter's rigid body and pig trailer combination is giving DTM 52 pallet capacity with the flexibility of using them as single units.

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