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## Press Release

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### Doonan Specialized Trailer, LLC brings Aluminum to the Class 8 Tag Trailer Market

Doonan has a long history of product innovation and is continuing that tradition today by introducing, an industry first, Class 8 Aluminum Tag trailer series. The Chaparral II™ Tag trailer series will use the same main beam, cross member, and side rail extrusions as its namesake Chaparral II™ drop deck introduced in 2014, plus the patented continuous contact rub rail (CCRR) from the Titanium™ drop deck introduced in 2020. “The corrosion resistant design has been staring us in the face for years. Simply unbolt our existing steel gooseneck from our Chaparral II™ [Class 8] drop deck trailer and replace it with a galvanized steel pintle hitch”, said Matt Hensiek, Engineering Manager, Doonan Specialized Trailer.

The trailer series will be offered in the standard 20, 25, and 30-ton configurations. The primary difference between them will be the number of axles increasing from two to three in order to go from 20-ton to 25-ton, and the main beams will increase from standard duty to heavy duty in order to achieve the 30-ton rating. “While some may have concerns using aluminum, the Chaparral II™ design has been reliably hauling 80,000# loads for more than a decade”, stated Kelly Zecha, National Dealer Manager, Doonan Specialized Trailer. Additionally, Doonan dealers will be able to customize these Tag trailers with different options, through the Doonan quote system, to resolve their customer’s specific freight transportation needs.

By using the proven design of the Chaparral II drop deck with a galvanized steel pintle hitch, Doonan has brought unprecedented corrosion protection to the Tag trailer market. “There is a need for this product as corrosion is a major issue in this market. This trailer is just one solution. Keep an eye out for our next!”, exclaimed Mike Ruddle, Chief Executive Officer, Doonan Specialized Trailer.