

Load it in and Walk-It-Out

Waltons Wood Products have combined their two main freight requirements into one very cost effective transporter thanks to O'Phee Trailers.

To produce their pallets, Waltons pick-up the core sections of logs from plywood plants, which they then re-saw. As a by-product of this process woodchip is created and then sold to produce MDF door skins. So while one contractor is used pick up and transport their incoming logs, another removes the woodchip. This double handling was costly and finding a solution was important to Director, Geoff Walton. That's where Brisbane based O'Phee Trailers were brought in to produce a

super sized chip bin trailer with rear and side loading capabilities and a Cargo Floor moving floor system operated via remote control. O'Phee produced this super sized chip-bin trailer with rear and side door loading capability, aimed at delivering the ultimate in carrying capacity, ease of loading and a range of OH&S features. "We built the highest (4.3m) and longest (14.6m) bin allowable, and that's given Waltons the ability to move up to 100 cubic metres of woodchip in one go,"



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says O'Phee Trailers Co-Director, Mick O'Phee. "To help load the logs on for the return trip we literally opened the entire end section of the trailer using the Swiss Door concept, which is fitted to the rear and both sides of the bin. The side door access is 3 metres, making it easy to place the log stil-lages on board." Once the logs are placed in the rear of the

bin, the latest CF 500 series CargoFloor moves the pallets forward via the infrared remote control unit, which is operated by the forklift driver. With the trailer now in service, it is proving to be an extremely time and cost-effective solution. In fact, it has been so successful that O'Phee are now looking for new ways to promote the dual-purpose concept to others in the timber and associated industries. "This trailer has made a huge difference to the way we move our materials. It allows us to back load products on the return journey and the introduction of the moving floor's remote control, which is the first one

to be commissioned in Australia means that our forklift operator never has to leave his seat. It really is safe, simple and very user-friendly," said Geoff. "We see a growing market for this type of trailer, which we've named 'Walk-It-Out', adds Mick O'Phee. Haulage versatility is what the transport game is all about, and we believe this unit offers that." "As you can see with Waltons, the top and side loading processes and moving floor system allow you to carry two very different products. The bottom line is if you can back load, then it has to be good for everyone." TBB

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