

## Improvement of transport quality through qualified loading and unloading

### ***New DVD provides interactive manual for all ATG wagon types***

Eschborn (24/01/2006). "GATE – Guide for ATG's Transport Equipment" is the name of an interactive guide with the help of which ATG Autotransportlogistic GmbH promotes the purposeful training of the loading and unloading personnel of the automotive industry and automotive forwarders, thus contributing actively to the improvement of transport quality. In order to make the training of the loading personnel even more hands on, the company from Eschborn now uses a new medium – the DVD-ROM. It comprises not only the previously published loading documents but also practical video sequences, in which the operation of the six different wagon types is explained to the users.

"Apart from avoiding damage to the vehicles during loading and unloading, we expect a more sparing handling of our transport equipment thanks to the purposeful training," says Gerald Binz, Managing Director of ATG Autotransportlogistic GmbH.

GATE is divided into two sections. The "Loading" section provides general hints to be adhered to within the framework of loading. This includes, for instance, the securing of the vehicles with wheel stoppers that are available on the wagon or observance to the stipulated minimum spacing. The "Wagon Equipment" section deals more with the type-specific details and explains how the customer-relevant elements of the wagons are operated.

The German and English language DVD contains a total of 90 minutes video material, which may be used for the comprehensive introduction to the subject or for a purposeful research with the help of the user-oriented menu structure. All customers as well as the loaders and unloaders of ATG automotive transport wagons will receive the GATE DVD free of charge in their mail. Further interested parties may order one for a nominal fee of EUR 10 from ATG. Moreover, ATG provides the loaders and unloaders with practical hints for operating the wagons and adhering to the loading guidelines within the framework of demonstration loadings.

Apart from future-oriented developments in the area of goods wagons, GATE represents a further innovation with the help of which ATG underscores its technological market leadership.

The Schenker subsidiary ATG Autotransportlogistic GmbH is the market leader in the area of transporting new automobiles on rail. Currently, the company – operating throughout Europe – is using approx. 6,000 special wagons and is thus an important partner of the automotive industry. Rail transport is part of the company's core business, transporting approximately 3 million new vehicles from the production plant to the retail outlets in the whole of Europe.

Schenker Deutschland AG, headquartered in Frankfurt am Main, employing some 11,100 staff at more than 100 locations and featuring a turnover of about EUR 2.3 thousand million per year, is the leading provider of integrated logistics on the German market.

Schenker, with a turnover of EUR 8 thousand million, 39,000 staff members and some 1,100 locations is one of the worldwide leading integrated logistics provider. Schenker provides land transport, air and sea cargo as well as comprehensive logistical solutions and global supply chain management – all from one source. Schenker is part of the Transport and Logistics Division of Deutsche Bahn AG.

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