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**TIP-EX17**  
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# Tip top tank

Tip-ex and Tank-ex return for 2017, so what can visitors expect to see?  
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**T**his year's Tip-ex and Tank-ex shows, which take place at the Harrogate International Centre on 1-3 June, once again promise to be the must-attend event for operators involved in the dry bulk and liquid transport sectors. With around 100 exhibitors across both shows, here are 10 reasons you should join us.

## 1. Tip-top bodybuilders

Abba Commercials, pictured below, will be showcasing all three of its Predator Ultimate tipper bodies. One in the livery of Huntingdon-based haulier SR Harradine; another a 2017 demonstrator body mounted on a Scania 8x4 chassis; and another on the Edbro outdoor stand.

Aliweld will be launching the Smooth Line Monocoque body, which enables a ribbed body to be skinned without using rivets, allowing customers to choose any height of body with a sleek finish.

Gleeson Truck Bodies will unveil its new G100 lightweight grab tipper with a lower body height and a Binotto B3 front end cylinder for faster tipping, as well as the L100 Gleelight full

Hardox body, which it claims is giving aluminium bodies a run for their money.

Meanwhile, Thompsons Group will be bringing one of 10 steel Loadmaster bodies it is supplying to Hargreaves Services. Numerous other bodies will also be available on its stand, including the Paymaster trailer.

Elsewhere, Tankquip will be bringing its two biggest sellers to the show – a 54m<sup>3</sup> plank bulker and a 32m<sup>3</sup> lightweight aggregate trailer.

And if that's not enough, Wilcox Commercial Vehicles will also have an extensive range of its aluminium rigid and trailers on its stand.

## 2. Dozens of tankers

At Tank-ex, you can expect to see a range of new models from Feldbinder UK, as well as a selection of units from TIP Tanker Services, pictured below, to demonstrate its range of food, chemical, waste, powder and fuel tankers.

French manufacturer Maisonneuve will be showing several examples including a 25,000-litre fertiliser tank, 30,000-litre waste tank, and a 30,000-litre milk collection tank.

Roadvacs will be bringing a whole host of products to the show, such as a Rolba medium

combi unit; a new Roadvacs 4,000 gallon vac tanker; a new Disab suck and blow machine and a Muller 18-tonne City Recycler.

A hygienic unloading system will be on display at Welgro's stand, operated by an electro-pneumatic system that is controlled from the back of the trailer. It promises faster and better controlled unloading thanks to a bottom valve design combined with an electronically-controlled air divider to the discharge pipe and tank.

## 3. The inaugural Drain-Ex

Tip-ex and Tank-ex have partnered with drainage industry publication Drain Trader to launch the inaugural Drain-ex, which will take place next to the main shows on 1 and 2 June only. The show, which is aimed at a drainage and water industry, is free to attend and Tip-ex and Tank-ex attendees will be able to enter the show without having to re-register.

## 4. Safety innovations

With protecting vulnerable road users high on the agenda for the industry and the government, there will be a host of safety systems on show in Harrogate.

Amber Valley Developments will be showing its LED message lights and cycle warning lights, pictured right, its Nimbus dual-colour, dual-purpose range of surround lighting systems for trucks and the revamped Ecoalarm and Ecoalarmlight ranges.

Meanwhile, Trailer Vision will be demonstrating its Omni-View camera system, which provides a 360-degree view of the vehicle and features several calibration options to ensure it is suitable for all tippers and tankers.

For companies that operate in central





London, Truck Align London will be displaying some of its lower passenger door windows to aid visibility of vulnerable road users, including one for left-hand drive vehicles. The window can be fitted to most truck makes and models.

**5. Compliance systems**

Barry Napper & Company will be displaying its Bluetooth weighing app, which enables drivers to check the weight of a vehicle's payload using their mobile phone.

On the Continental Automotive stand, the VDO Digital Tachograph 2.2 will take centre stage and the company will be on hand to demonstrate remote tachograph and driver card data downloading.

Maha UK will be premiering its MBT 7250 roller brake tester and MBT 5250 mobile, each of which can test axle weights of up to 18,000kg.

Elsewhere, VPG Onboard Weighing, pictured above left, will be bringing its bespoke overload protection systems, including TruckWeigh and VanWeigh, to its stand. Its 1300 VUE360 BulkWeigh and WasteWeigh systems will also be available, which can be integrated with onboard weighing systems.

**6. More manufacturers than CV Show**

Some of the biggest truck manufacturers in the UK will be showing the best vehicles for the bulk transport industry. Volvo Trucks' stand will feature two high-specification FMs: an 8x4 tipper grab (pictured below) and a 6x2 tractor unit.

Scania will have eight trucks on display

including two tippers – a P450 and P370 – a 4x2 rigid skip-loader chassis and a choice of tractor units. A Range C430 and a C520 will feature on Renault Trucks' stand, alongside a Range T420 6x2 unit.

Iveco will have a 7.2-tonne Daily with a Thompsons tipper body available to look around, as well as a Eurocargo, a 32-tonne Trakker, and a 44-tonne Stralis Hi-Road.

Over on the Mercedes-Benz Trucks stand will be an Econic 8x4 tipper, an Arocs 8x4 with a low-entry cab and a 3.5-tonne Fuso Canter with tipper body.

Daf will be showing its construction CF range and its LF tipper chassis range.

**7. Ancillary equipment**

If you're in the market for sheeting systems there will be plenty on display, including the relaunch of Dawbarn & Sons' Hydroclear sheeting system, which is claimed to be much lighter and more reliable than its predecessor.

Harsh will be displaying its range of tipping gear, hook-lift equipment and sheeting systems, while Hyva UK, pictured above right, will be relaunching its 32-tonne tipping gear for the aggregates industry – the Alpha Aggregates cylinder.

**8. The Protruck auction**

Protruck, pictured above middle, will once again be hosting its popular auction with a variety of vehicles available. In previous years the auction has seen sales of 7.5-tonners to 32-tonne steel-bodied tippers, tractor units, and fuel and powder tankers.

It will take place at 10am at the Great

**AWARDS SHORTLISTS**

**Tipper Operator of the Year:**

- McGee Group
- O'Donovan Waste Disposal
- Mick George

**Tanker Operator of the Year:**

- Arla Foods
- Lomas Distribution
- Turners (Soham)

Yorkshire Showground on Saturday 3 June with lots available for viewing from 30 May onwards. A classic truck auction will also take place on the day.

Protruck will be running a minibus service between the exhibition and the auction site.

**9. Awards and Gala Dinner**

The Tip-ex and Tank-ex Awards and gala dinner promises to be a great networking event and a chance to celebrate the best in the industry.

Among the awards up for grabs are the Tipper Safety Award, Tanker Safety Award, Show Innovation Award, and Personality of the Year, as well as the coveted Tipper Operator of the Year and Tanker Operator of the Year awards.

After working up an appetite around the shows, guests will be treated to a champagne reception, a three course meal and an evening of entertainment.

The awards and gala dinner will once again take place at the Majestic Hotel on Friday 2 June. To book your place, go to tip-ex.co.uk.

It is hoping to raise £20,000 to supply more than 8,000 schoolchildren in Harrogate with illuminated safety strips. These battery-powered devices attach to school bags, coats and wheelchairs, and make children more visible to passing motorists on dark winter mornings.

In addition to a raffle and auction, both held on the night, all the proceeds from the Scania-sponsored casino will also be going to this worthwhile cause.

**10. Barbecue**

No trip to Tip-ex and Tank-ex would be complete without a visit to the stall of award-winning barbecue chef Andy Annat. Local butcher and restaurateur Annat always puts on a feast and is worth seeking out among the external exhibits. Salad is available for vegetarians. ■

If you would like to donate a prize for the auction or raffle, please email will.shiers@roadtransport.com.

