



*The First Name In Trailers*

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**AT-A-GLANCE:  
Utility Trailer Manufacturing Company®**

Utility Trailer Manufacturing Company was founded in 1914 by two brothers, E.W. and H.C. Bennett, and has since been a major part in the industrial growth of the United States. From its humble beginnings in Los Angeles, through both World Wars, post-war growth, and into the 21st century, the company pursued only one goal: to build high-quality, high-performing trailers.

For more than 90 years, Utility Trailer has been setting the standard for trailer manufacturing, leading the way with a series of industry “firsts”:

- Built the first single-axle trailer to accommodate 60 bales of cotton
- Used the first mechanical brake on a trailer
- Recognized as one of America’s two original manufacturers of truck trailers in first year of business
- One of the first trailer manufacturers to use duralumin metal in an all-riveted frame
- Invented and patented the first shockless air hitch and pintle hook for doubles operation
- Pioneered the first frameless trailer in the west
- Patented the 10-inch step brake to assist heavy truck loads in stopping faster for added safety and less brake fade
- Pioneered the concept of the one-piece main beam
- Manufactured the lightest weight refrigerated trailer in the industry
- Achieved the industry’s first EPA Certified SmartWay® trailer

Utility Trailer is the world's leading producer of strong light weight trailers. Outstanding quality and innovation are an integral part of the company's mission to build the best-in-class durability and performance in reefers, dry vans, flatbeds, and curtainside Tautliner® trailers.

Utility Trailer has five fully operational trailer plants in communities with strong work ethics: two for refrigerated trailers located in Marion, Virginia, and Clearfield, Utah; two for dry vans located in Glade Spring, Virginia, and Paragould, Arkansas; and a flatbed and Tautliner® factory in Enterprise, Alabama. In total, there is nearly two million square feet of manufacturing facilities to serve the needs of the truck/trailer industry. Each facility features the latest state-of-the-art production equipment, techniques and a dedicated, highly-trained staff to maintain the highest levels of quality and cost control.

State-of-the-art CAD systems and cyclic laboratory tests are used by engineers and designers to research, design and test standard models. Components and models are also "real-world" tested on an outdoor torture track to ensure maximum performance and durability.

An extensive dealer network of more than 100 locations in the United States, Canada, Mexico and South America have access to quality replacement parts through Utility Trailer's multi-million dollar inventory. An on-line ordering system guarantees fast turn-around and shipment of the 100,000+ proprietary parts that are available at competitive rates.

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