THE REITER PLASTIC DUMP BODY

This product is the only one-piece seamless rotationally molded "HDPE" plastic dump truck body on the market today. The Cross linked plastic is one inch thick and is solid black, so it never needs painting and it will not rust and is resistant to almost all corrosion. The plastic insert slides into a steel frame and attaches with only five bolts from the rear of the dump body for ease of service. The steel sub frame is painted to match the chassis and is installed in the same way the current steel bodies have been installed. Easy insert removal allows for quick access to the frame should clean out or service to the frame be required.

The plastic is impervious to hot or cold weather and the front of the body is free floating to allow for expansion and contraction as the weather permits. Since the plastic is slippery, most material slides out easily and it requires a lower dump angle for unloading which increases the cycle time for unloading and safety as the bed is not required to be lifted as high as other types of dump bodies. Since the plastic is lighter than other higher quality steel bodies, productivity is increased which relates to larger payloads and a better income for the customer. This plastic will not dent so it stays looking good even after hauling large boulders or demolition type materials. The rubber sealed tailgate option is also used in sludge and semi-liquid hauling and prevents material from leaking out and causing a potential hazard. Wet batch concrete can also be hauled, and clean out is as easy as using a garden hose. Over night residue materials can be easily removed by using a mallet as the dried material does not attach to the plastic permanently and falls off the surface.

This product needs no special lining for hauling large material and can be used in many different hauling applications without any special adaptation during the course of a day. It is also being used in salt-sand operations on snowplow trucks in a number of areas in the Country. The Military has been testing a unit in Texas.

The concept for this product originated with Reiter Industries in Dickinson, ND in 1996. Prototypes were produced and tested in 1997 and 1998 with production starting in early 1999. Testing is ongoing, with some units being fitted with a steel floor plate depending on the customer's application. Heavy demolition units will use up to a ½inch T1 steel plate to prevent frame damage from heavy impacts that are deflected by the plastic but absorbed by the frame members.

The Company is currently completing a mold for the production of a lower sides loft, category dump body with all the features of the larger units currently being produced. This product will fit well into the municipal markets and the larger cities of the Eastern United States. Interest levels for this smaller product is high in the areas where salt air and damp conditions cause a major rust problem. Landscapers have also shown a lot of interest in the smaller unit. Chassis sales in this market segment comprise a major portion of the market. Production will begin in the fall of 2000.

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