

# Tried and trusted

SINCE PURCHASING THE FIRST WILSON TRAILER FROM FEATHERLITE A YEAR AGO, THE NOSKE GROUP HAS BEEN SO PLEASED WITH ITS PERFORMANCE THAT IT HAS ORDERED ANOTHER ONE IN TIME FOR THE HARVEST SEASON.



Featherlite Trailers Australia formed a partnership with Wilson Trailers from the United States in order to bring its trusted product to Australian shores. Wilson began manufacturing trailers in 1890 in South Dakota before moving to Iowa. The company was started by Frank Wilson and is today run by a fourth generation of his family. Wilson first began building grain trailers 43 years ago for use in the Canadian market. Featherlite introduced the Wilson Australian Commodity Trailer into Australia last year. Although manufactured in the United States, it has been engineered to specifically suit Australia's unique operating conditions. The Noske Group purchased a bottom discharge B double combination just over a year ago and it has nothing but praise for the strength and quality of the workmanship

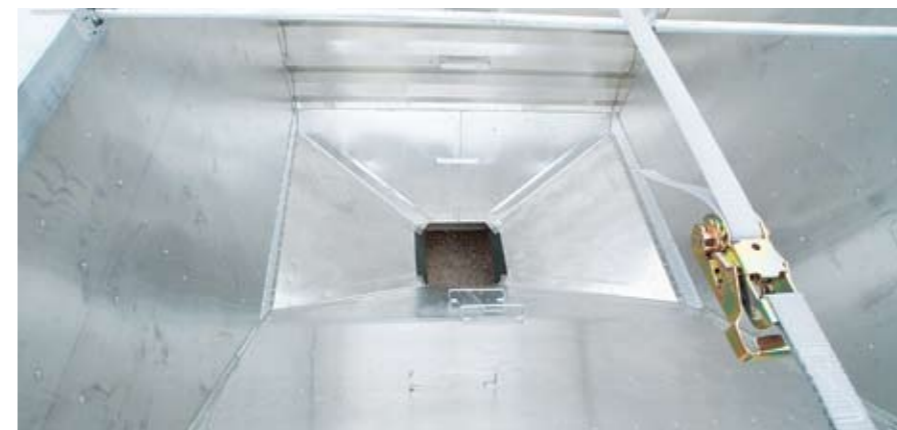
that has gone into the trailer. General Manager Operations, Jayden Tonkin explains, "The Wilson grain trailers are all riveted, with no welding present anywhere in the actual design of the tub. As it's all huck bolted, the trailer is incredibly strong and lightweight. In the 12 months that we have had the trailer, it has done over 260,000km and there is not even a single rivet out of place. There are no signs of fatigue or stress or anything like that, so we are very happy with the trailer. It has been such a good, reliable unit and our maintenance costs have been virtually zero." With a 77.8 cubic metre capacity, the Wilson trailer has a tare weight of just under 11 tonne and can cart up to 47 tonne of payload. It is being used to cart all types of grain and cereal commodities including wheat, barley, canola, soy meal and palm

kernel meal. The trailer has operated everywhere from South Australia right up to northern Queensland doing a variety of work carting everywhere from farms and grain silo systems to meal producers and stockfeed mills. "Our Wilson trailer has had a good introduction to a variety of conditions in all the eastern states of Australia over some very ordinary roads. The fact that it is showing no signs of stress is testament to the way it has been built," adds Jayden. The combination has an overall width of 96 inches, with a 3.4 metre overall height. It uses ABS which is a statutory requirement in the United States. All suspension, axles, king pins and 5th wheels are sourced through SAF Holland Australia and therefore fully supported through SAFHA. Both trailers are fitted with 27" x 24" discharge doors for easy unloading and correct axle weights are achieved and maintained by diver walls within the trailer. "Getting correct axle weights is simplified with this trailer. The A trailer is divided into two compartments and the B trailer divided into three. The issue with many trailers is that you can leave with your axle weights correct but as soon as you brake a few times, the load can shift. Having compartments in the trailer keeps the

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weight where it needs to be for the duration of the journey so you don't have to worry about being pulled up with incorrect axle weights," says Jayden. Another point of difference in the Wilson trailer is its bottom dump system. Traditional bottom dumps are shaped in a 'V' so the load sits in the middle of the trailer which can affect even weight distribution. The Wilson trailer is fitted with a shedder

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over the rear tri axle. This creates a cavity against the wall of the trailer that allows the trailer to be loaded and the weight to be maintained over each axle group. "Ensuring that the weight was stable enough to be transferred over the rear axles was very important," says Jayden. "We have another set coming in time for harvest this year and we should be taking delivery in October. We were a little more conservative with our first B double set so it was built a little heavier but it is just so incredibly strong. We will be taking about 400kg out of each trailer to bring the tare weight down by almost a tonne so that we can cart up to 48 tonne of payload. There will also be a few other nice features such as a remote control trap opener that can be used from in or around the prime mover," adds Jayden.

Other features of the trailer combination are a Right Weigh weight gauge, rear underrun bar, ladders to the front and rear, LED lighting to suit Australian regulations, rollover tarp with front and rear vents to allow unloading with the tarp closed and a third Hopper discharge chute to the B trailer. The design of both trailers allows water level loading to achieve Higher Mass Limits axle weights. The Wilson Australian Commodity Trailer is imported and distributed exclusively by Featherlite Trailers.

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**Durability:**  
**Weight:**

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