

SAF-HOLLAND Introduces the New UltraLite40™ Slider for the ULX40™ Mechanical Sliding Suspension, Axle System

—Built Lighter. Built Stronger. Built for How Trailers Work Today.

Muskegon, Michigan, March 15, 2026 – SAF-HOLLAND, a leading global manufacturer of heavy-duty commercial vehicle components, is pleased to be introducing the UltraLite40™ Slider for the ULX40™ Mechanical Sliding Suspension and Axle System, a next-generation solution engineered to deliver exceptional durability while significantly reducing weight for today's on-highway trailers.

Designed using years of real-world operating data and validated through a newly developed, more demanding test cycle, the UltraLite40 slider addresses two of the most pressing challenges facing OEMs and fleets today: extending trailer life and maximizing payload efficiency without increasing cost.

Solving a Real-World Problem for Fleets & OEMs

The latest generation ULX40 with the UltraLite40 slider is redesigned to support robotic welding and streamlined manufacturing, allowing SAF-HOLLAND to improve throughput, consistency, and supply reliability. This evolution ensures the ULX40 remains a proven, future-ready solution as production demands and trailer expectations continue to change.

By streamlining configurations, the ULX40 with the UltraLite40 slider simplifies OEM installation, enhances production consistency, and reduces parts inventory across multiple applications.

The ULX40 with the UltraLite40 slider is a 40,000-pound mechanical sliding suspension system approved for on-highway van and refrigerated trailers. With spring-ride technology and low maintenance requirements, it continues to be a trusted choice for fleets focused on uptime, durability, and operational efficiency.

The UltraLite40 slider features:

- Up to 30 lbs. lighter and 3.6x more durable than outgoing model
- Qwik Release™ pin pull system with 20% less pulling effort
- Optional air-operated pin pull release for easy slider repositioning
- Optional P89™ PSP7 or P89 Plus™ air disc brakes

- Optional ConMet PreSet Plus® SC7 dressed drum wheel end package
- Optional Tire Pilot Plus™ tire inflation system
- Open-style C-rail slider sub-frame with a taller 10-inch rail and shorter hangers for strength and durability
- Hardened steel wear pads to reduce hanger wear
- 5-inch robust round axle
- Galvanization is standard

To be launched during 4th Quarter of 2026, the UltraLite40 slider reflects SAF-HOLLAND's commitment to continuous improvement, delivering lighter, stronger, and more efficient solutions that help OEMs build better trailers and fleets operate more profitably.

About SAF-HOLLAND Group

SAF-HOLLAND SE is a leading international manufacturer of chassis-related assemblies and components for trailers, trucks and buses. An average of around 5,700 dedicated employees worldwide generated sales of EUR 1,877 million in 2024. The product range includes axle and suspension systems for trailers as well as fifth wheels and coupling systems for trucks, trailers, and semi-trailers as well as brake and EBS systems. In addition, SAF-HOLLAND also develops innovative products to increase the efficiency, safety, and environmental friendliness of commercial vehicles. With the brands SAF, Holland, Haldex, Assali Stefen, KLL, Neway, Tecma, V.Orlandi and York, the Group achieved strong market positions in the top three positions in the most important regions worldwide in 2024. SAF-HOLLAND supplies manufacturers in the original equipment market on six continents. In the aftermarket business, the company supplies spare parts to manufacturers' service networks and wholesalers as well as to end customers and service centers via an extensive global distribution network. SAF-HOLLAND SE is listed in the Prime Standard of the Frankfurt Stock Exchange and is included in the SDAX (ISIN: DE000SAFH001). Further information is available at www.safholland.com.