Finding the Best Truck to Transport Your Products

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In Ontario, Canada, the trucking industry plays a very important role in keeping the economy alive. Trucking companies have various trucks that are hired by manufacturing firms and product distributors to transport various goods from ports, factories and the farms to various manufacturers and retailers in the area.

The Canadian trucking industry became a major part of the countryâ€™s transportation network after the war. Today, this industry services both Canada and the US. Commodities most commonly carried by for-hire trucks in Canada are lumber, gravel, fuel and sand. Recently, there has been a marked increase on the need for trucks to carry perishable goods over long distances in the country.

To support the trucking industry, many car and vehicle manufacturers have produced trucks that can serve their many different needs. Foremost of these is the transport of goods in the fastest and most efficient way. Some of these trucks are the ever-reliable flatbed truck, the insulated truck and the refrigerated trucks.

A flatbed truck is the most well-known type of truck. It has a platform that is usually rigid and stable. Another kind has an adjustable length to transport more cargo or carry long materials like pipes, timber and iron sheets. A flatbed truck has no roof or sides but there are some that have panels alongside which can be lifted and attached as needed. The flat bed trucks Ontario manufacturing companies use are made for easy loading and unloading of a big number of crates. Because it has no roof, products loaded on a flatbed truck should not be perishable or should resist varying weather conditions.

The insulated trucks Ontario dealers sell have a cooling unit built into it to control temperature. The truck has panels on its bed and is built like a wall or room. These polyurethane panels also form the floor and roof; and are shaped to fit the chassis. Sometimes the truck panels are made of galvanized steel sheets sprayed or treated with plastisol or PVC to stabilize the temperature. Eutectic plates, connected to a steady power supply, are also used to preserve the cargo inside the insulated trucks.

Finally, thereâ€™s the refrigerated truck, or the reefer trucks Ontario drivers use to transport perishable goods. A reefer is a monster-sized truck bigger than the flat bed truck. It weighs at least one ton more than other kinds of trucks because it is attached to a refrigerated unit. The refrigerated unit is powered by diesel generators filled with liquid carbon dioxide. Supermarket chains and farms use refrigerated trucks to transport produce from the factories and farmlands to preserve freshness and prolong shelf-life. For information on truck types, go to ehow.com.

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