



A Hitchcock Haulage 28,000-litre, four-compartment Class 8 stainless steel chemical tanker.

Hitchcock wants reliability 24/7

THE **TIEMAN** NAME HAS BEEN SYNONYMOUS WITH QUALITY IN THE MANUFACTURE OF STAINLESS STEEL TANKERS SINCE 1953. THE COMPANY PROUDLY BOASTS **HITCHCOCK HAULAGE PTY LTD** AS ONE OF ITS MANY CUSTOMERS.



Left: Tieman's unique top walkway ensures no diluted highly corrosive acid can be captured around the drainage areas of rings and corrode the tanker.

Right: Chemical ringed top walkways capture highly corrosive acid around the drainage areas of the structural rings.

Hitchcock Haulage Pty Ltd was founded in 1971 by Jim and Ida Hitchcock. The then named Jim Hitchcock Haulage started from humble beginnings in a service station in Wollongong. In 2005, Colin and Jayne Hitchcock bought the short-haul side of the business and today operate seven stainless steel chemical tankers with a focus on short-haul transport to and from the Shoalhaven area of New South Wales. They carry a range of industrial starches, caustic soda and aluminium sulphate.

Hitchcock Haulage was recently in the market for another stainless steel chemical tanker to add to its fleet. Patient enough to avoid rushing into a decision, Colin Hitchcock was determined to review the market providers to ensure value for money. Once he physically looked at the quality of each tanker manufacturer he chose Tieman, the Australian-made brand.

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is already falling apart and I have a contract that runs 24/7, it means I won't get reliability. That's why I chose Tieman. The old saying 'you get what you pay for' is true, and at the end of the day my tankers need to go into operation and not fail," Colin Hitchcock says.

Tieman chemical tankers are not just built to last, they also have a number of unique design features that help the operator achieve a longer life. One feature in particular is Tieman's unique walkway between the top rollover coaming. The absence of top structural rings guarantees a clean and clear safe walkway, but the design also ensures no diluted highly corrosive acid captures around the drainage areas of rings and corrode the tanker as can happen with other chemical ringed top walkway designs.

As Colin Tieman, Joint Managing Director of Tieman, states, "When tankers are not insulated you can't hide the weld quality. Tieman tankers are the same weld quality inside and out, whether insulated or not insulated. And when carrying highly dangerous chemicals up to Class 8, weld quality on tankers is absolutely critical. That's if it is 'Built to Last'!"

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