

Link's DD-EX2 Is the Industry's First Double-Deck System Engineered to Fit a Mid-Sized Cargo Van

Designed for the Mercedes-Benz Metris, the DD-EX2 Double-Deck System is yet another first from Link that maximizes vehicle productivity, improves operational integrity, increases safety, and makes the disposition of remains more convenient for workers.

SIOUX CENTER, Iowa ([PRWEB](#)) October 11, 2022 -- [Link CMP](#), the leader in professional human remains transportation technology, announces the introduction of its new DD-EX2 Double-Deck System engineered exclusively for the Mercedes-Benz Metris. The DD-EX2 was displayed to the industry for the first time at the Link booth #1814 at the National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA) [2022 International Conference & Expo](#) in Baltimore, Maryland, October 9-12, 2022.

Link created the industry's first engineered, purpose-designed, professional transportation solution for human remains, and the company was the first to introduce the concept of a double-deck system. The DD-EX2 is Link's latest innovation and the first and only double-deck system engineered to fit a mid-sized cargo van.

"Link's [DD-EX2](#) promotes professionalism, increases vehicle capacity and maximizes asset utilization," said Lynn Blake, national account manager CMP products for Link Manufacturing. "The DD-EX2 enables a mid-sized van to do the work of two of its kind – or that of a much larger vehicle."

The unique system design requires just one operator and doubles the carrying capacity of the popular Mercedes-Benz Metris. In a time of increasing fuel and labor costs, and in the midst of a continuing shortage of full-sized vans, the DD-EX2 increases worker and vehicle efficiency, effectiveness and productivity by increasing capacity while decreasing labor and mileage costs.

The DD-EX2's electric-powered, 600-pound-capacity upper deck raises and lowers within seconds, enabling one operator to load four cots, three cremation containers or two air trays. Interchangeable and adjustable bier pins and polyethylene strips allow the management of different mortuary containers on both lightweight all-aluminum decks.

"As the architects of the industry's first engineered professional transportation solution for human remains, Link is the leading innovator in this space," said Blake. "The DD-EX2 Double-Deck System is the result of the company's relentless and never-ending research into the needs of funeral service professionals and the organizations they serve."

The funeral industry's growing demand for efficiency and the increased emphasis on cremation are putting pressure on intermediate funeral homes to provide services beyond their capacity. The DD-EX2 provides a compact double-deck system that fits a more affordable and available mid-sized cargo van.

Loading cots, cremation containers and air trays is easy with the DD-EX2's features. A rugged, high-impact fold-down ramp assists in loading while protecting the rear of the vehicle and allowing easy access to the decks. Interchangeable and adjustable bier pins enable a single worker to stow, secure and manage different containment formats on both decks. The decks are also fitted with recessed, cast-aluminum cot cups that help ensure container stability and peace of mind during transport.



The upper deck is engineered with a reinforced frame and simplified lifting geometry. Both decks are made of extruded aluminum and sealed fiberglass, protecting the vehicle and allowing for sanitation. The system is compatible with 12-volt electrical systems, and professional installation is required.

“The system will enhance funeral home operations using mid-sized cargo vans while maintaining the highest standards of professionalism and integrity when carrying out transportation and cremation services,” said Blake. “The DD-EX2 is the only double-deck system available for a mid-sized cargo van, because in the mortuary business, the right vehicle can make all the difference. From capability to overall cost, the system is built to serve a mortician’s bottom line.”

For details on purchasing and installation of the new DD-EX2 Double-Deck System, please call (800) 248-3057 or visit <https://www.linkcmp.com>.

To access high-resolution images of the new DD-EX2 Double-Deck System, please visit <https://www.linkcmp.com/dd-ex2-photos>.

To view a video of the new DD-EX2 Double-Deck System, please visit https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tB6NhDwHAoQ&ab_channel=LinkCMPMortuaryEquipment.

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