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42 YEARS OF INNOVATION: THE STORY OF LEYMAN LIFT GATES

Cincinnati...If there were a hall of fame to honor the most innovative manufacturers of equipment for commercial trucks and trailers, Leyman Lift Gates could qualify for a wing of its own. Since 1960, Leyman has consistently established new standards for the performance and reliability of one of the industry's hardest-working products: the heavy-duty lift gate.

Now available through more than 450 North American distributors, Leyman Lift Gates represent the most advanced gate technologies for virtually any application or industry. From the world's first rail gate to today's ultra-lightweight high-capacity aluminum gate models, Leyman has been the transportation industry's most prolific innovator for more than 42 years.

Founded in 1960 in Cincinnati, Leyman initially offered a broad range of material handling solutions but quickly chose to specialize in the development of exclusive lift gate designs for a variety of fleet customers. The company established itself as one of the world's premier lift gate suppliers in 1965 with its introduction of the Ley-Vador™, the world's first rail-style gate. Among the most popular features of the Ley-Vador -- even by today's standards -- are its in-vehicle design, through which the lift gate is an integral part of the cargo floor. Leyman has sold thousands of Ley-Vador models, now available with load capacities up to 10,000 pounds, to fleets throughout North America.

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Leyman's rapid growth through the 1960s and early 1970s necessitated a new method of distribution: The company quickly established relationships with hundreds of leading truck equipment distributors and added a full-time field sales force to support distributor and fleet accounts.

The Leyman product line continued to expand through the 1980s with several innovative gate designs engineered for high-growth markets. Among its most important new technologies in the 1980s were the TLS Hide-a-Way™ trailer side gate and the STG truck side gate, both intended for the dairy, grocery and pizza industries.

The company enhanced its rear-gate offering with the introductions in 1991 of the LV Level Vador™ conventional-style lift gate and LVS Level Vador slider gate.

Leyman dramatically expanded its product capabilities in 2001 as a result of its first global partnership, with Italian lift gate conglomerate Anteo. This exclusive relationship enables Leyman to bring many of Europe's most successful gate technologies to North America. Chief among these new designs are lightweight, high-capacity aluminum-platform gate models, including the LAH 3300 high-capacity tuckunder; the LVD Series conventional-style gate, which maintains maximum door opening; a new LV Level Vador conventional lift gate with aluminum platform; and a breakthrough product – the LHLP large-platform tuckunder style lift gate.

And Leyman's heritage of innovation continues, with the development of the TSG truck side gate, the most successful new solution for customers in the dairy, grocery and pizza industries, with capacities of up to 3,000 pounds and a 72-inch-wide by 34-inch-deep platform.

"Distributors and fleets are best served by suppliers who are committed to innovation," said Leyman President John McHenry. "For more than four decades, the Leyman team has worked together toward a common goal – to provide the most productive, cost-effective and convenient lift gate solutions for all of our customers. And we'll pursue this same goal over the next 42 years."

For more information on Leyman Lift Gates, contact your Leyman distributor, visit www.leymanlift.com, or call (513) 891-6210.