

# Press Release



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## **Stellar Industries Introduces Revolutionary Aluminum Mechanic Service Body**

**Garner, Iowa** – Stellar Industries, Inc. is introducing the TMAX™ Aluminum series of mechanic service bodies. This body is the latest evolutionary design in the TMAX Series and combines the proven crane carrying reliability of the Stellar Torq-Isolator torsion box with its long-standing success in aluminum service bodies.

The TMAX Aluminum is available in three sizes, the TMAX™ 1-11, the TMAX™ 2-11, and the TMAX™ 2-14. These aluminum bodies are 780 to 1440-pounds lighter than their steel counterparts while still incorporating the proven Torq-Isolator understructure. The TMAX Aluminum Series features the industry's first aluminum extrusion compartment top. The extruded top is formed of high strength aluminum and features two built-in accessory mounting rails that eliminate the need to drill holes in the compartment tops to mount equipment. The advent of the built-in accessory mounting rails makes mounting and relocating accessories simple. This rail system greatly reduces the chance of water intrusion into the compartments. The extruded top incorporates wire harness channels inside the compartments for easy installation and to keep wires out of the way. The bodies also come with many of the same standard features as the steel counterparts. This includes billet style stainless steel hinges, 3-point compression locks, double-panel doors, and double-spring over-center door closures.

"Stellar is using its unique historical core competencies to bring steel and aluminum together to make the ultimate heavy-duty, yet lightweight, body," says Tim Davison, Product Manager at Stellar Industries. He continues, "We've designed a great product with this TMAX Aluminum series. We made sure we tested this body in real-world situations taken to the extreme. And we are ready to show the marketplace that we've done our homework. We want to prove to the customer that we design and build a fantastic product."

Matt Schroeder, Engineering Manager at Stellar Industries adds, "We approached this design challenge with a unique hybrid material design that was given more thought and effort than just converting parts from steel to aluminum." He continues, "What we have accomplished is a body that is designed to take advantage of aluminum properties where it makes sense while keeping steel where it is needed. The TMAX Aluminum design is significantly lighter while remaining as durable as the steel TMAX design." Schroeder concludes, "Combining steel and aluminum in our designs is not new to us. We know how to keep the dissimilar metals from reacting negatively where they are joined and thus keeping the aluminum corrosion resistant."

The Stellar® TMAX™ Aluminum body debuts at CONEXPO/CONAGG 2017 in Las Vegas on March 7<sup>th</sup> and will also be on display March 15-17 at the NTEA Work Truck Show in Indianapolis, IN.

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*Stellar Industries, Inc. was founded in 1990 in Garner, Iowa. It is an employee owned and operated manufacturer of hydraulic truck mounted equipment. Products include hooklift hoists, cable hoists, container carriers, telescopic cranes, articulating cranes, work truck accessories and the X-Tra-Lift pick-up loading device. Stellar also offers complete mechanic service truck and tire service truck packages. Stellar is a progressive company that focuses on its people, as they are the key to making the products and the company successful.*