

PRESS RELEASE

AL-KO HY4 - The most modern and safest fully-automatic motorhome levelling system

Decentralised hydraulics allow installation entirely in the chassis - No breakthrough needed in the superstructure

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AL-KO Vehicle Technology, which in January 2017 at CMT in Stuttgart is unveiling a new, fully-automatic motorhome levelling system with unique, decentralised hydraulics concept, is setting completely new standards. The chassis experts from Kötz are presenting the most sophisticated, most innovative and safest steady leg system for motorhomes based on the Fiat Ducato X250 with AL-KO chassis (permissible overall weight up to a maximum of 6.0 tonnes). Completely new in Europe and this class of product is the close affinity with high-quality, long-lasting and robust heavy load technology from major US leisure vehicles. The idea behind AL-KO HY4: Each of the four steady legs on the motorhome has its own, independent assembly. This saves the laborious and time-consuming installation of hydraulic hoses along the entire length of the chassis and avoids any loss of storage space in the superstructure. And because all components in the fully winter-proof system are installed securely in the chassis, the risk of leaks or any oil contamination in the superstructure is eliminated.

Another benefit is the fact that the weight of the high-quality supporting system is distributed perfectly between the front and rear axles thanks to its decentralised, "load-friendly" design. In other words, the permissible payload in the rear storage space or rear garage, especially in the 3.5-tonne class, is less affected than with other support systems. This means that the overall vehicle's centre of gravity is shifted downwards, which has a positive effect on driving safety and driving dynamics. Conversely, AL-KO HY4 acts as an immobiliser when the vehicle is stationary, providing protection against theft.

The general rules that apply to steady legs also naturally apply to the AL-KO HY4: the fully automatic supporting system, in which all of the components are connected perfectly to the chassis, compensates uneven ground and guarantees a safe, level position for the motorhome while camping. And not only that: comfort functions, some of which can be custom-programmed - such as lateral tilting of the vehicle when draining the tank or adjustment of preferred sleeping positions at every pitch thanks to the corresponding basic alignment of the motorhome - mean that AL-KO HY4 can be individually adapted to every vehicle and therefore perfectly to the user's own wishes.

The system is operated easily and intuitively via a cabled remote control featuring state-of-the-art LED technology and a central electronics unit, designed for installation in the underfloor area. Excellent control performance, short response times from the telescopic cylinders and the option to transfer the entire product with the purchase of another motorhome without causing installation damage to the expensive superstructure of the previous vehicle add the finishing touches to this maintenance-free, high-end system.

AL-KO HY4 is available in stores as a retrofit solution from April 2017. Versions for other motorhome chassis will follow in due course.

More details will be available from 14 to 22 January 2017 at the CMT holiday fair in Stuttgart (Hall 7 / Stand D 12).

AL-KO HY4 rear supports extended: Each of the four steady legs on the motorhome has its own, independent assembly.

AL-KO HY4 chassis installation: All of the components in the fully automatic supporting system are connected perfectly to the chassis.

AL-KO HY4 chassis: AL-KO is unveiling the most sophisticated and safest steady leg system for motorhomes based on the Fiat Ducato X250 with AL-KO chassis and a permissible overall weight of a maximum of 6.0 tonnes. The decentralised hydraulics concept is unique across Europe and this class of product.

AL-KO HY4 remote control: The system is operated easily and intuitively via a cabled remote control featuring state-of-the-art LED technology.

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AL-KO Vehicle Technology and Dexter Axle have merged to become DexKo Global Inc. (USA). This combination is the world's largest manufacturer of trailer axles and chassis components in the light segment. DexKo Global Inc. has a turnover of nearly US\$ 1 billion.