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LESLIE HADDENHAM, DRIVER



PACKS A PUNCH

A driver from the International® A26 Mobile Training Tour shares his honest take on what it's like to drive the International® LT® truck with the A26 engine.

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Leslie Haddenham is a military man. Years after driving armored vehicles in the U.S. Army, he's now a driver for Raytheon, taking the International® LT® truck with the International® A26 engine on a North American tour to introduce the engine to dealers and customers.

Traveling in the LT gives him the opportunity to talk to dealers, fleet managers, drivers and technicians. And when they ask Haddenham about the truck, they know he'll be straight with them.

"I'm proud military," he says. "You ask me a question, you're going to get an honest answer."

After driving nearly 17,000 miles in the LT with the A26, Haddenham has been impressed with the truck's performance and comfort.

AT A GLANCE

International A26 Mobile Training Tour

- Two training trailers
- More than 10 months behind the wheel
- Over 110 International Truck dealers visited
- More than 35,000 miles driven through the U.S. and Canada

COMFORT AND CONVENIENCE

One of the first things Haddenham noticed was the quietness of the cab. He knows what it's like to live in a truck, whether it's surviving long days behind the wheel or spending the night at a truck stop.

Comparing the LT to other trucks he's driven, he says, "It's a big difference in just how quiet, just how much insulation they've put into these cabs."

Spending hours driving is a lot easier when you don't feel all the bumps in the road, and Haddenham gives the LT high marks for its driving comfort. "It smooths out the road like nobody's business," he says.

The other aspect of the LT that makes driving easier is the new gauge cluster. It's easy to read, and the display shows real-time fuel economy as well as other important indicators. Haddenham appreciates how the gauge cluster helps him accomplish critical safety tasks quickly, such as monitoring tire pressure.

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"I can check my tire temperature as I'm driving," he says. "I don't have to stop the truck and get my tire indicator out."

A26™

DISPLACEMENT: 12.4L
HORSEPOWER: 365-475
TORQUE lb-ft: 1250-1750



SURPRISING POWER

The first time Haddenham realized the power of the A26 engine was on one of the biggest hills he encountered – a long, 12-and-a-half mile mountain stretch between Oregon and California. The grade was about six or seven percent, but it was straight up with no flat areas. Haddenham didn't know what to expect, especially with a truck and trailer grossing just over 75,000 pounds.

"When I got to some severe mountains in the far west, it really shocked me on how well it pulled."

"It really shocked me," he says. "I thought about where I was and how heavy the truck and trailer combination was. I thought I was going to creep up the mountains. She just trucked right on through."

RELIABLE PERFORMANCE

Haddenham says that many drivers and technicians on the LT tour have had questions about how the A26 engine compares to the previous version. For technicians, he has them take a look at the engine itself.

"As soon as they come up to the truck they go, 'Ah, I can see the block, I can get my hands in there,'" he says. Many have told Haddenham that the simplified engineering of the A26 makes it easier to work on, but they rarely see problems with the engine.

When he shows the truck to drivers, he gives his true opinion and takes pride in the fact that he's talking as a driver, not as a salesperson.

"When you have a guy who knows his way around a truck, I'll tell him what's been changed, what's been replaced, and that the truck is working," he says. "We haven't had any issues during the time I've been driving this truck. And I feel confident telling him that. It's a satisfaction that's unmatched."

To learn more about the fuel-efficient A26 engine and International® LT® and RH™ Series trucks, contact your International dealer today.