



Press kit



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A word from Damien Destremau, Chairman of The Reefer Group

"Offering excellence in mastering on-board refrigeration for vital goods, while protecting our ecosystems": this company purpose, enshrined in our articles of association this year, expresses the collective mission that drives all the teams within The Reefer Group's brands.

In a rapidly changing world, where environmental, economic and societal demands converge, our role is clear: to design and manufacture high-performance, sustainable and responsible refrigerated transport solutions.

Through our brands — **CHEREAU and Aubineau (France), SOR Ibérica (Spain), and now Paneltex (United-Kingdom)** — we are building a strong European group, united around common values: pride in our work, a commitment to excellence and a desire to contribute to a more sustainable future for cold chain logistics.

This ambition is embodied in our actions: a 37% reduction in CHEREAU's CO₂ emissions since 2019, the launch of electric and solar-powered vehicles at CHEREAU, SOR and Aubineau, and our active participation in the **French programme CEC** –Company for Climate Convention- to build our **2035 roadmap, a key step in achieving our company purpose.**

Solutrans is an opportunity for us to present these advances, but above all to share a conviction: the future of on-board refrigeration will be based on cooperation, efficiency and shared innovation.

Together with our customers, partners and employees, we are shaping a new era of refrigerated transport — one that is more respectful, more connected and more committed.

Damien Destremau

President – *The Reefer Group*



Introduction

The Reefer Group is the European leader in tailor-made temperature-controlled transport solutions, bringing together the brands CHEREAU and Aubineau (France), SOR Ibérica (Spain) and Paneltex (United Kingdom). Committed to efficient and sustainable cold chain logistics, the group relies on innovation, cooperation and responsibility to reduce its carbon footprint and support the transition of refrigerated transport.

Group news

1. Our company purpose

We have given our group a company purpose that defines our role and how we want to fulfil it:

"Offering excellence in mastering on-board refrigeration for vital goods, while protecting our ecosystems.

At The Reefer Group, we carry out our work with pride, cultivating both our people skills and technical expertise. Trust and passion drive us to design the solutions for a high-performance and sustainable cold chain dedicated to food and healthcare."

Incorporated into our company legal status in 2025, the company purpose guides the strategy of the group and its brands. Gradually rolled out across all entities, it unites employees around a common goal, imbued with meaning and collective ambition.



2. Paneltex joins The Reefer Group

Paneltex joined The Reefer Group on 24 October 2025. A UK bodybuilder and manufacturer, it employs 600 people at four main production sites and produces nearly 3,000 vehicles per year, with a turnover of €83 million (2024). The integration of Paneltex enables TRG to operate directly in the United Kingdom, expand its product range, increase its non-transport activities and develop industrial synergies.

3. New key figures following the integration of Paneltex



Employees: Aubineau: 111 / CHEREAU: 1,004 / Paneltex: 560 / SOR: 466 (2024)

Turnover: Aubineau: €23 M / CHEREAU: €237 M / Paneltex: €83 M / SOR: €80 M

Vehicles produced: Aubineau: 374 / CHEREAU: 3,286 / Paneltex: 2,925 / SOR: 1,610



4. CSR approach

The Group's CSR approach is now fully structured, based on our company purpose and the key double materialities identified through the CSRD approach. It is supported by a stakeholder committee, CSR committees (at Group and entity level), and employees committed through a dedicated training programme (climate fresco, 2-tonne workshop).

Created in early 2025, the stakeholder committee brings together individuals who are able to challenge us on all the major materialities related to our business. In particular, it supports the implementation of our company purpose and CSR roadmap.

5. Company for Climate Convention (French programme CEC)

The Reefer Group has just completed its journey within the Company for Climate Convention (CEC Promotion Ouest 2). This journey has resulted in a "2035 target", a key milestone in the roadmap that aims to achieve our company purpose. This roadmap will be officially unveiled on 5 December 2025 at the closing ceremony of the journey and will address decarbonisation, circularity and cooperation with our stakeholders.

6. TRG website

Find all our news and links to our brands on our new website www.thereefergroup.com





INNOVATION DRIVES YOU FORWARD

Brand news CHEREAU

Fifth edition of the CSR report

For five years now, CHEREAU has been publishing its annual CSR report with a view to providing transparency on its progress and, at times, its difficulties in establishing the company within the "safe and fair space for humanity" presented by the "donut" economic model developed by British economist Kate Raworth. The aim is for the company to continue to play its societal role, in this case providing food and health through its contribution to the cold chain, while respecting the environment in the broadest sense and, more specifically, by trying to respect the nine planetary boundaries.

Find out more: <https://en.chereau.com/the-chereau-universe/csr/>

BPIfrance decarbonisation accelerator

CHEREAU has the privilege of participating in the 4th promotion of BPI's decarbonisation accelerator alongside around twenty other French companies. The aim is to define the means to achieve "net zero emissions" by 2050 and to establish a clear decarbonisation trajectory.



Anniversary event

In 2026, CHEREAU will celebrate its 75th anniversary in Ducey with an event from 10 to 13 June and the launch of a limited edition series. Following the success of the 100,000th series (50 units) and Route 66 series (66 units), this exclusive series, the details of which have not yet been revealed, will be limited to 75 units.

75th anniversary book

A book recounting the history of CHEREAU is currently in preparation. The Solutrans trade fair will be an opportunity to collect anecdotes from customers and partners to enrich this work with numerous testimonials.

Data As A Service

Starting with deliveries in January 2026, all CHEREAU semi-trailers will be connected as standard. In partnership with Idem Telematics, this connectivity solution, offered for two years, is completely open in order to meet all the data needs of transporters, regardless of their current operator.

New Sunswap refrigeration unit offering

Integration of the electric refrigeration unit range from British manufacturer Sunswap into the CHEREAU catalogue. This unit is unique in that it is powered by a battery pack directly integrated into the front structure. This frees up all the space under the chassis. It can be recharged via a 380/400V socket and via solar panels on the roof. Around thirty CHEREAU Performance semi-trailers (VIP insulation) with Sunswap units are already in operation in the United Kingdom.



Solutrans Vehicles

MAN eTGS electric distribution truck 445kWh – MAN demonstration vehicle



Bodywork: capacity 23 pallets

Interior dimensions: L 9500 / W 2466 / H 2500 mm

SmartOpen-C rear opening

Ergonomic EasyFlex partition

Ramp step

CityLight rear lighting

Dhollandia DHSM 2500 kg tail lift, roll stop, noise-reducing coating

Refrigeration unit: Thermo King e-600 Spectrum



CHEREAU CONCEPT TRAILER semi-trailer

The Concept Trailer previews the CHEREAU semi-trailer for 2030. It incorporates an aerodynamic kit to limit the tractor's fuel consumption to 2.4 litres per 100 km, thereby reducing the emissions of a diesel tractor or increasing the range of an electric tractor. This approach is fully in line with the VECTO Trailer standard. Of course, the bodywork features CHEREAU Performance VIP insulation, again to limit energy requirements, increase range or reduce emissions depending on the type of energy used.

The CHEREAU Concept Trailer has been designed to make the driver's life easier and ensure their safety in daily operations. The aerodynamic kit leaves all the usual functions accessible and does not change any habits. Ingenious LED lighting integrated into the bodywork ensures optimal night-time visibility on the road and illuminates the entire area around the parked vehicle. This safety feature will be greatly appreciated by users, both for deliveries and long-distance overnight stays.

Finally, through this concept, we also wanted to present a vehicle that inspires passion in transport companies and drivers. This passion is in our DNA and drives us forward. It is also a source of appeal for our customers, who often use the CHEREAU brand to reward their best employees.





CHEREAU CONCEPT TRAILER semi-trailer (continued)

Complete aerodynamic kit (saving 2.4 l/100 km at 90 km/h)

Optimised ground clearance to reduce the risk of snagging

Easy access to all functions for the driver

New front and rear light signature

LED strip lighting fully recessed





SCANIA P 400E electric distribution truck 624kWh – STAF customer



Bodywork: capacity 21 pallets

Interior dimensions: L 8964/ W 2500 / H 2500

CityLight rear lighting

Flexiled-C rear lights

Stainless steel interior panel protection

Stainless steel mudguards and skirts

Dhollandia DHSM 3000kg tail lift

Refrigeration unit: Carrier Syberia 14 Ecoool with new LL4 evaporator



CHEREAU PERFORMANCE x SUNSWAP semi-trailer – CHEREAU demonstration



Single temperature

VIP insulation

IDEM telematics as standard

EasyFlex partition

New 36 capacity pallet box

AeroFlap/AeroTop

Dhollandia 2.5T 1900 tail lift

Sunswap electric refrigeration unit powered by batteries and solar panels



Brand news SOR

SOR continues to grow with a solid order book and over 50% of its sales still coming from exports. The company is investing in alternative energies (solar panels, electric axles, batteries) and new insulation technologies.

It is celebrating its 60,000th vehicle at Solutrans.

SOR has published its second CSR report.

More informations; <https://soriberica.com/>

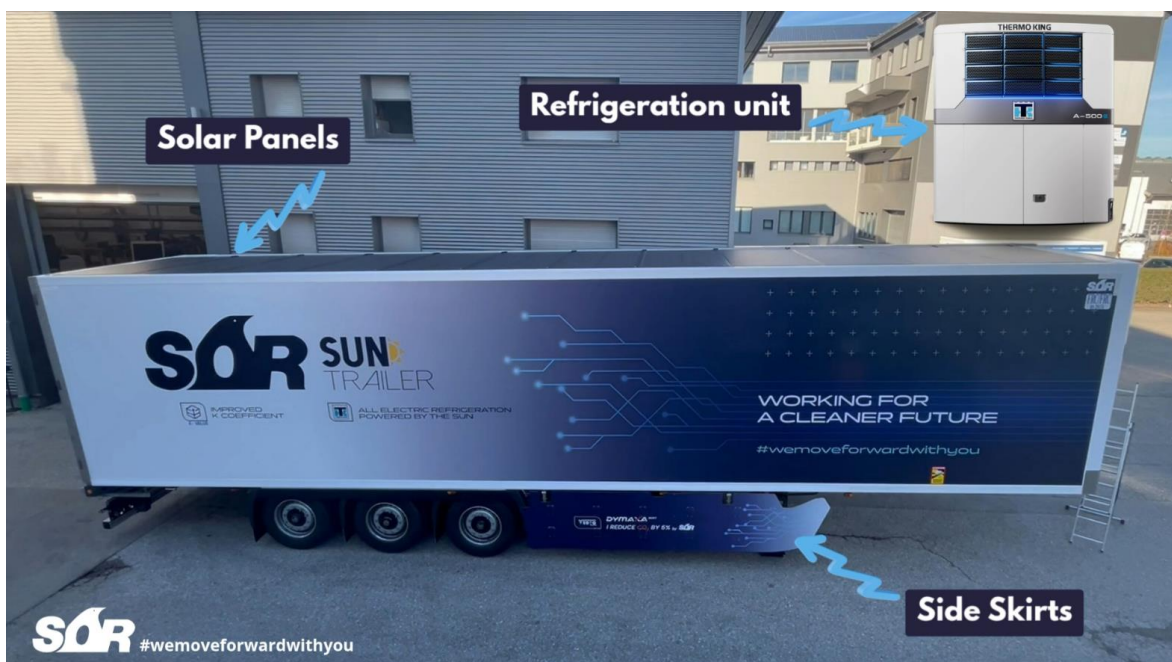




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SOR SUN TRAILER

The first 100% electric multi-temperature refrigerated semi-trailer.



In collaboration with Thermo King and Sono Solar, SOR is launching this semi-trailer, which brings fully electric, solar-powered refrigeration to the transport sector.

This joint innovation equips trailers with robust solar technology - twelve high-efficiency panels (4560 Wp) - that recharge Thermo King's Energy Pack high-voltage battery. The system provides clean, reliable refrigeration power, increases electric range and reduces dependence on the grid or fossil fuels. The durable, weather-resistant panels ensure efficient recharging in all conditions, extend battery life and reduce emissions.



Designed for quick installation, this versatile solution is suitable for both new and existing fleets. The collaboration between Sono Motors and Thermo King shows how solar integration can accelerate sustainable logistics and set new zero-emission standards.



Multi-temperature semi-trailer

Reinforced insulation $K = 0.37$

12 Sono Motors solar panels on the roof for 4560 Wp power

Aerodynamic system

Refrigeration unit: Thermo King electric powered by batteries and solar panels



A new generation of insulation

SOR vehicles can now benefit from a new generation of insulating foam that improves their K coefficient, thereby increasing the cold range of electric vehicles or reducing the consumption and emissions of combustion engine refrigeration units.

New aerodynamic skirt

This side aerodynamic system is being unveiled for the first time at Solutrans on the SOR SUN TRAILER. It complies with Vecto regulations, which consider side guards to be elements that improve the efficiency coefficient. In collaboration with Dymaxa, SOR has developed a specific aerodynamic system that achieves a lower VECTO index and reduces associated fuel costs and CO2 emissions by around 5%.

This side skirt is now available for purchase.





New dolly for "EuroCombi"

At our outdoor stand, customers and visitors will also be able to discover our semi-trailer solution with coupling hook and our dolly designed for EuroSOR², a 32-metre combination with a tractor and two semi-trailers, reducing emissions per tonne transported.





Brand news AUBINEAU



Aubineau is experiencing sustained activity and is implementing an industrial development plan with a transition to two eight-hour shifts. As part of this, around thirty new recruits are being hired for a range of roles in assembly, electrical work and fitting. The company has also set up training programmes in partnership with “France Travail” and local temporary employment agencies.

On the commercial side, in a spirit of consistency and synergy, the teams have now merged with those of CHEREAU. The CHEREAU sales team has welcomed the AUBINEAU sales team into its ranks, and the teams now represent both brands to customers with a single voice.



Solutrans Vehicles

Renault Master LCV - Clovis / Laudate customer



AUBINEAU distribution bodywork

Reinforced structure (stainless steel frame, reinforced floor)

85 mm panels

Capacity: 6 pallets

Interior dimensions: L 3630 / W: 2050 / H: 1900 mm

1 lashing rail at 900 mm

Refrigeration unit: Thermo King V400 max 20

Tail lift: Dhollandia 750 kg with roll stops



Renault D 16 E TECH electric distribution truck 280 KWh - Customer: Delanchy Transports



AUBINEAU distribution bodywork

Reinforced subframe and rear with AUBINEAU bumpers

1800 mm stainless steel interior lining

2 levels of lashing rails

Reversing lights and tailgate platform lighting

Pedestrian lights

Capacity: 15 pallets

Interior dimensions: L 6510 / W 2470 / H 2350 mm

Refrigeration unit: Carrier Syberia 11 E R2 C Powerbox

Lynx recorder

Tail lift: Dhollandia DHSM 1500kg, roll stops and emergency stop button control



Brand news PANELTEX

Paneltex is beginning its integration into the group. Although the company's products are not on display at The Reefer Group's stand at Solutrans, we would like to give you an overview of the Paneltex range.

The Paneltex product range

Refrigerated vans, and chassis cabs LCVs





Refrigerated trucks



Refrigerated semi-trailers





Special vehicles



Export body kits





Mobile cold stores

