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Since the acquisition of Chaparral in May of 2008, Doonan Specialized Trailer, LLC has worked to integrate the Chaparral design into the Doonan manufacturing process. The outcome has been the creation of the lightest-weight trailer series on the market. This four-model series consists of the Chaparral, the Platinum, the Diamond, and the Black Gold.

The **Chaparral** 48' flatbed is an all-aluminum trailer that weighs 8,263# with a GVWR of 90,000;
The **Platinum** 48' flatbed is a combo – aluminum sill trailer that weighs 8,835# with a GVWR of 80,000;
The **Diamond** 48' flatbed is a combo – steel sill trailer that weighs 9,188# with a GVWR of 80,000;
The **Black Gold** 48' flatbed is an all-steel trailer that weighs 9,500# with a GVWR of 80,000.

Of course, all four models are available in drop deck versions as well.

According to Elgen L. Reynolds, Co-Manager, “Our first priority after the acquisition was to standardize components across the two companies which included tires, wheels, suspensions, landing gears, etc. Then we started into structural components, primarily extrusions, like flooring, pipe spools, rub rails, and side rails. In each case we evaluated weight versus strength and incorporated the superior component. The culmination of this effort is in Doonan’s newest product, the ‘**Platinum**’. This trailer combines the light weight bolt-together deck of the Chaparral, with the light weight welded steel main beams of a Doonan to create a combo trailer that weighs less than 8,835#. This trailer is 165# lighter than any other combo trailer on the market.”

This marks the first time the Company has marketed any steel or combo trailer under any brand name other than the Doonan name. The Company feels this is an important step as it continues to expand its product offering. Besides flatbeds and drop decks, Doonan also produces extendibles, double drops, and RGNs.

For more information on Doonan Specialized Trailer, LLC, please visit our website at www.doonan.com.