

PRESS RELEASE

KRONPRINZ presents new forged aluminum wheel for motorhomes and transporters

- **Developed for use on chassis platforms such as Fiat Ducato, Citroën Jumper, Peugeot Boxer, as well as equivalent models**
- **Single-piece forged: lightweight and extremely strong – for maximum reliability**
- **New: X-TRA POLISH + (XP+) surface finish for easy cleaning and a high-quality appearance**
- **Market launch in the second half of 2026**

Solingen, Germany – May 20, 2026. KRONPRINZ Germany GmbH, Europe's leading supplier of commercial vehicle wheels, is expanding its portfolio of forged aluminum wheels for commercial vehicles in the main 22.5-inch size with a new, weight-optimized solution for motorhomes and transporters. Fleet customers and enthusiastic campers benefit from low wheel weight, maximum load capacity, and market-leading corrosion protection. The new XP+ wheel coating reliably prevents rim oxidation and makes cleaning the wheels particularly easy—truly “easy to clean”.

More performance – longer durability: forged instead of casted

The one-piece forged aluminum wheel in size 7 1/2 J x 18 H2 combines maximum stability with low weight. Thanks to material densification during the forging process, it is significantly more robust than conventional cast wheels and, in the available offsets of 118 and 130 mm (5-hole), weighs only around 11 kilograms with a maximum load capacity of 1,450 kg. This makes the wheel ideally suited for the most demanding conditions. The wheel allows for the installation of tires in size 255/55 R18 XL.

For its market launch in the second half of 2026, the wheel will be delivered with the XP+ surface finish. A Black Edition with a high-gloss polished rim flange is in preparation.

Surface Coating XP+

For the sealed and easy-to-clean XP+ surface finish, KRONPRINZ relies on a gentle, specialized chemical pre-treatment that is permanently sealed afterwards with a smooth and transparent coating. This mild pre-treatment ensures that the gloss level of the polished wheels is preserved almost entirely, meaning the XP+ coating causes virtually no perceptible loss of shine. The extremely thin yet robust seal - only a few micrometers thick - is ideal for ensuring reliable wheel fastening with minimal settling behavior. In addition, the XP+ coating prevents wheel oxidation and effectively reduces the adhesion of contaminants such as brake dust. As a result, wheels with the XP + finish are exceptionally easy to clean.

The gloss level of the coated wheels is virtually identical to that of freshly polished wheels, while all durability tests demonstrate market-leading corrosion protection and excellent self-cleaning properties. XP+ was tested in an external laboratory and meets all release criteria with outstanding results.

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