

ACT's annual TRANSPORT50 ranking of North America's largest specialize transportation companies shows growth in employees, equipment and number of locations.

The top 50

American Cranes & Transport Magazine published the first **ACTTRANSPORT50** in 2005, the same year the magazine was launched. In 10 years of producing this list, we've learned quite a bit about the specialized transportation services sector. Through the years we've seen these companies haul super huge components and other objects by applying innovation and using amazing equipment.

This year's **ACTTRANSPORT50** includes 33 companies that do business on an international basis, 16 companies that compete in the national arena and three that tag themselves as a regional player.

Landstar Transportation Logistics, based in Jacksonville, FL, remains at the top of our list, as it has for several years. Landstar's growth has leveled

off somewhat over the past year. The company posted a total capacity of 109,315 U.S. tons as compared to 109,430 tons in 2014. Its fleet size has grown to 13,047 up from 12,155 in 2014. The most notable change for Landstar in 2015 was a change in leadership. Longtime executive Jay Folladori left the company and now works at Bennett Motor Express. Now leading Landstar's specialized transportation sector is John Collins.

Daseke Inc. was a newcomer to the list in 2014 and debuted at No. 2, where the company stayed in 2015. Since acquiring Lone Star Transportation in 2014, the company has been in an acquisition mode. In 2014 Daseke posted a total fleet of 4,734 and a total capacity of 36,546 tons. This year Daseke has a fleet of 5,259 and a total capacity of 42,290 tons.

There's also a new player on our list, and in the top 10 at that. Maxim Crane Works, at No. 8, joins the list partly due to its acquisition of Crane Rental Corporation in Orlando, which has been a long time player on our **ACTTRANSPORT50**. It's apparent that Maxim combined its crane hauling fleet with Crane Rental's substantial specialized transport fleet to become quite a force in the market. It's important to note that Maxim has long been No. 1 on the **ACT100** list of top crane-owning companies, and it's fair to say that they are now a player in the specialized transportation market. Maxim, with 1,450 employees and 34 terminals posted a fleet size of 1,347 and a total capacity of 27,175 U.S. tons.

A big mover on the list in the top tier is NCSG Crane & Heavy Haul, which

moved from 22 in 2014 to 13 in 2015. Based in Alberta, Canada, NCSG has also been on an acquisition path, for both crane companies and transport companies. NCSG posted a fleet size of 888 and a total capacity of 13,202 tons.

As stated above, we had one new entry into the top 10, Maxim Crane Works. Also new to the Transport 50 are No. 44 American Heavy Moving and No. 49 Mountain Heavy Transport. Mountain Heavy Transport is a division of Mountain Crane, which has long been on the **ACT100** list of crane owning companies, which is published in the June issue of *ACT* each year.

Analyzing the list

We can surmise that most companies in the top 20 added equipment and capacity over the past year. Employee counts have been relatively flat, although some companies did see some significant growth in their teams including more than 300 new people for Daseke, more than 500 for Barnhart and 400 for NCSG Crane & Heavy Haul. Also it must be pointed out that most employee growth has come from acquisitions rather than true new hires.

It appears that there has been sustained, modest growth in almost every category in the **ACTTRANSPORT50**. The larger companies are growing at a faster pace than the smaller companies, but that doesn't mean that the smaller companies are any less capable. Take for instance No. 47 Omega Morgan. This company tends to go after monumental projects and makes them seem easy. Such is the case

BY THE NUMBERS

TOTAL FLEET SIZE:
49,193

TOTAL CAPACITY:
1,071,447 (U.S. tons)

TOTAL NUMBER OF TRUCK/TRACTORS:
20,632

TOTAL NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES:
23,356

TOTAL NUMBER OF TERMINALS:
547

TOTAL NUMBER OF MODULAR/HYDRAULIC PLATFORM TRAILERS/DOLLIES IN FLEET:
12,428

TOTAL NUMBER OF SPECIALIZED TRAILERS (INCLUDING ALL MULTI-AXLE UNITS) IN FLEET:
18,976

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RANK	COMPANY NAME	HEADQUARTERS	# OF TERMINALS	SCOPE OF OPERATION	# OF EMPLOYEES	SENIOR CONTACT	WEBSITE
1	Landstar Transportation Logistics	Jacksonville, FL	2	National	1,350	John Collins, exec. vice president, specialized transport	www.landstar.com
2	Daseke Inc.	Addison, TX	47	International	2,893	Don Daseke, CEO/chairman	daseke.com
3	ATS Specialized*	St. Cloud, MN	16	National	1,321	Gary Stang, vice president, general manager	www.atsinc.com
4	Challenger Motor Freight*	Cambridge, Ontario	5	International	2,200	David Einwechter, general manager	www.challenger.com
5	All Erection & Crane Rental	Cleveland, OH	37	International	1,500	Michael L. Liptak, president	www.allcrane.com
6	Mammoet North America	Rosharon, TX/ Edmonton AB, Canada	21	International	1,700	Jan Kleijn, CEO	www.mammoet.com
7	Bennett Motor Express	McDonough, GA	100	International	300	David Lowry, CEO	www.bennettig.com
8 NEW	Maxim Crane Works	Bridgeville, PA	34	National	1,450	Frank Bardono, president	maximcrane.com/heavy-haul
9	Bigge Crane & Rigging	San Leandro, CA	10	National	650	Weston Settlemier, president/CEO	www.bigge.com
10	Combined Transport Inc.*	Central Point, OR	1	International	625	Michael S. Card, president	www.combinedtransport.com
11	Barnhart Crane & Rigging	Memphis, TN	43	National	1,500	Alan Barnhart, CEO	www.barnhartcrane.com
12	Deep South Crane & Rigging	Baton Rouge, LA	6	International	600	Mitch Landry, vice president	www.deepsouthcrane.com
13	NCSG Crane & Heavy Haul	Acheson, Alberta Canada	27	International	1,000	Ted Redmond, president/CEO	www.ncsg.com
14	Keen Transport*	New Kingstown, PA	15	International	525	Chris Easter, president	www.keentransport.com
15	Daily Express	Carlisle, PA	8	International	160	Mark Eyer, vice president, operations	www.dailyexp.com
16	Guy M. Turner	Greensboro, NC	12	International	350	Jimmy D. Clark, president	www.guyturner.com
17	Emmert International	Clackamas, OR	4	International	110	Terry W. Emmert, president	www.emmertintl.com
18	Entrec Corporation	Acheson, Alberta Canada	11	International	625	John M. Stevens, president/CEO	www.entrec.com
19	Transport Bellemare International	Tross-Rivieres, Quebec City, Canada	7	International	675	Jean-Luc Bellemare, president	www.transportbellemare.com
20	Sarens North America	San Ramon, CA	10	International	325	Mike Hussey, regional director, North America	www.sarens.com
21	Fagioli USA	Manvel, TX	2	International	60	Edoardo Ascione, president	www.fagioli.com
22	Tradelossa	Durango, DGO, Mexico	6	International	256	Carlos Carcamo, commercial manager	www.tradelossa.com
23	Sterett Crane & Rigging	Owensboro	6	National	32	Stuart Gant, general manager	sterettheavyhauling.com
24	Heavy Transport Inc. (Bragg)	Long Beach, CA	9	National	200	Robert Weyers, general manager	www.braggcrane.com
25	Miller Transfer	Rootstown, OH	18	International	80	James R. Unger, president	www.millertransfer.com
26	Totran Transportation Services*	Calgary, Alberta Canada	2	International	120	Rob Miller, president	www.totran.ca
27	Lampson International	Kennewick, WA	10	International	300	William Lampson, president/CEO	www.lampsoncrane.com
28	Contractors Cargo Company	Compton, CA	2	International	125	Gerald Wheeler, president	www.contractorscargo.com
29	Edwards Moving & Rigging	Shelbyville, KY	5	International	105	Mark Edwards, CEO	www.edwardsmoving.com
30	Burkhalter	Columbus, MS	5	International	200	Brooke Burkhalter, president	www.burkhalter.net
31	Berard Transportation	New Iberia, LA	5	National	65	Brett Berard, vice president, operations	www.berardtrans.com
32	Southwest Industrial Rigging	Phoenix, AZ	4	International	170	Mike Madge, vice president	www.swirusa.com
33	MSA Delivery Services	Canton, MI	1	International	75	Jerry Rozum, president	www.msadelivery.com
34	Trans-United Inc.	Burns Harbor, IN	18	International	125	Jeffrey S. Fleming, president/CEO	www.transunited.com
35	Northwest Logistics Heavy Haul	Oklahoma City, OK	1	International	70	Johnny Mefferd, operations manager	www.northwestheavyhaul.com
36	Midwest Specialized Transportation	Rochester, MN	2	International	82	Sean Claton, vice president/general manager	www.midspec.com
37	Transtel/Transportes Telleria*	Santa Julia, Mexico	1	International	90	Guillermo Arce Arteaga, vice president	www.transtel.com.mx
38	McTyre Trucking*	Orlando, FL	2	National	54	John McTyre, Sr., COO	www.mctyretrucking.com
39	Vic's Crane & Heavy Haul	Rosemount, MN	3	Regional	150	Josh Horsch, heavy haul manager	www.vicscrane.com
40	Energy Transportation	Casper, WY	1	International	150	Billy Meade, operations manager	www.energytran.com
41	Bengal Transportation	Prairieville, LA	2	National	150	Torey Tubre, vice president, special projects	www.bengaltransport.com
42	WL Byers Trucking Inc.	Wampum, PA	2	National	45	David and George Byers, owners	www.byersheavyhaul.com
43	American Heavy Moving	Chino, CA	2	National	74	Kirk Martin, vice president, sales	www.americanheavymoving.com
44	Intermountain Rigging	Salt Lake City, UT	2	National	90	Ron Montgomery, president	www.intermountainrigging.com
45	Yarbrough Transfer Company	Winston-Salem, NC	3	Regional	69	David Yarbrough, president	www.yarbroughtransfer.com
46	Omega Morgan	Hillsboro, OR	6	International	200	Troy Tallent, vice president	www.omegamorgan.com
47	Precision Heavy Haul	Tolleson, AZ	2	National	25	Mike Poppe, president	www.precisionheavyhaul.com
48 NEW	Mountain Heavy Transport	Salt Lake City, UT	4	National	25	Marcel Avias, director	www.mountaincrane.com
49	Selinsky Force	North Canton, OH	4	Regional	250	Jim Chapman, president/COO	www.selinskyforce.com

for the December cover story in *American Cranes & Transport* on page 52. The team from Omega Morgan engineered the removal and replacement of the Puyallup River Bridge in Puyallup, WA.

Methodology

While most of the major players in the North American transportation sector are on our **ACTTRANSPORT50** list, we realize there are some companies missing, but not for a lack of effort on our part. The **ACTTRANSPORT50** is ranked

by fleet size and then by total maximum transport capacity of all relevant trailers and transport systems in a company's fleet (in U.S. tons). The ranking is based on information supplied by the companies on our **ACTTRANSPORT50** survey form.

While we have worked to produce the most accurate ranking possible, we cannot guarantee the accuracy of the information supplied. We rely on the integrity and honesty of those who submit this information to assure our list is accurate and correct. In some cases, companies

on our list last year did not re-submit information this year. In other cases, when data wasn't available or updated, we marked these listings as estimates.

As with all our Top List databases, we made every effort to ensure the accuracy and completeness of the information published but the editors and staff take no responsibility for errors, omissions or incomplete information.

To submit a survey form for inclusion on this list please e-mail D. Ann Shiffler at d.annshiffler@khl.com. ■

Top 10 capacity (US tons)

RANK	COMPANY NAME	TOTAL CAPACITY
1	1 Landstar Transportation Logistics	109,315
2	3 ATS Specialized	88,665
3	4 Challenger Motor Freight	79,785
4	5 All Erection & Crane Rental	68,466
5	6 Mammoet North America	58,162
6	11 Barnhart Crane & Rigging	48,513
7	9 Bigge Crane & Rigging	43,366
8	2 Daseke Inc.	42,290
9	17 Emmert International	34,385
10	12 Deep South Crane & Rigging	30,965

Top 10 employers

RANK	COMPANY NAME	# OF EMPLOYEES
1	2 Daseke Inc.	2,693
2	4 Challenger Motor Freight	2,200
3	6 Mammoet North America	1,700
=4	5 All Erection & Crane Rental	1,500
=4	11 Barnhart Crane & Rigging	1,500
6	8 Maxim Crane Works	1,450
7	1 Landstar Transportation Logistics	1,350
8	3 ATS Specialized	1,321
9	13 NCSG Crane & Heavy Haul	1,000
10	19 Transport Bellemare International	675