



Towbarless Tow Vehicles

History / Introduction Advantages of *LEKTRO* TTV Partial List of Current Military Customers Summary / Closing Comments

Briefing Outline 2

• Towbarless towing has been in use since 1967, initially used with corporate aircraft



• Towbarless towing has been used by commercial airlines worldwide since the mid-1980s



• Today, military operators and aircraft manufacturers around the world use towbarless tractors:



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- Universal Capability One tug can handle all aircraft
- Sustainability
- Cost Effective
- Multiple Fuel Sources
- Requires Less Training
- Enhanced Readiness Easy to Deploy
- Low Environmental Impact
- Highly Maneuverable
- Safety Reduced Personnel Injuries/Aircraft Damage
- Easy Operation
- Facility Cost Savings



Universality/Capability

• One tug can handle all aircraft













AP8850SDA-M with French Rafale

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Universality/Capability

• No need for towbars





Universality/Capability

• Is ideal for emergency or unexpected aircraft-type



Sustainability

- No towbars which require maintenance/replacement
- Capable of operating in all weather conditions
 - Enhanced traction on slippery surfaces
 - Not affected by heat



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To Whom it may concern:

We confirm we have been using the Lektro electric drive towbarless tractor since **2010** and the unit has performed well and meets our expectations. The unit has performed reliably and the spare parts support is quick and efficient.

The Lektro unit maintains its performance in the hot and humid conditions in Thailand.

Your sincerely,

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Cost-Effective

- Procurement
 - Does not require the purchase of corresponding towbars and tow heads
- Sustainment
 - Does not require the expense and time spent performing combustion engine maintenance
 - Routine maintenance includes only:
 - Charging the batteries
 - Filling the batteries with water
 - Maintaining a few grease points



Potential for Multiple Fuel Sources

- All-electric
- Hybrid (Diesel/Electric)



Charging Can Be Adapted to Various Power Sources

- Quick charging options
- 50 Hz / 60 Hz
- 220-480 Volts AC
- Single-Phase / Three-Phase



Requires Less Training

- Operation
 - Much easier to learn to operate a LEKTRO than conventional tractors (Approximately 1/10 of the time is required)
- Maintenance
 - Fewer components and systems to maintain
 - Less-complicated components
 - Three basic components:
 - Battery
 - Electric motor
 - Controller



Easy to Deploy

- No towbars to haul
 - Saves pallet position
- Is a significantly lighter to transport since the tow vehicle weight is supplemented by aircraft nose-weight

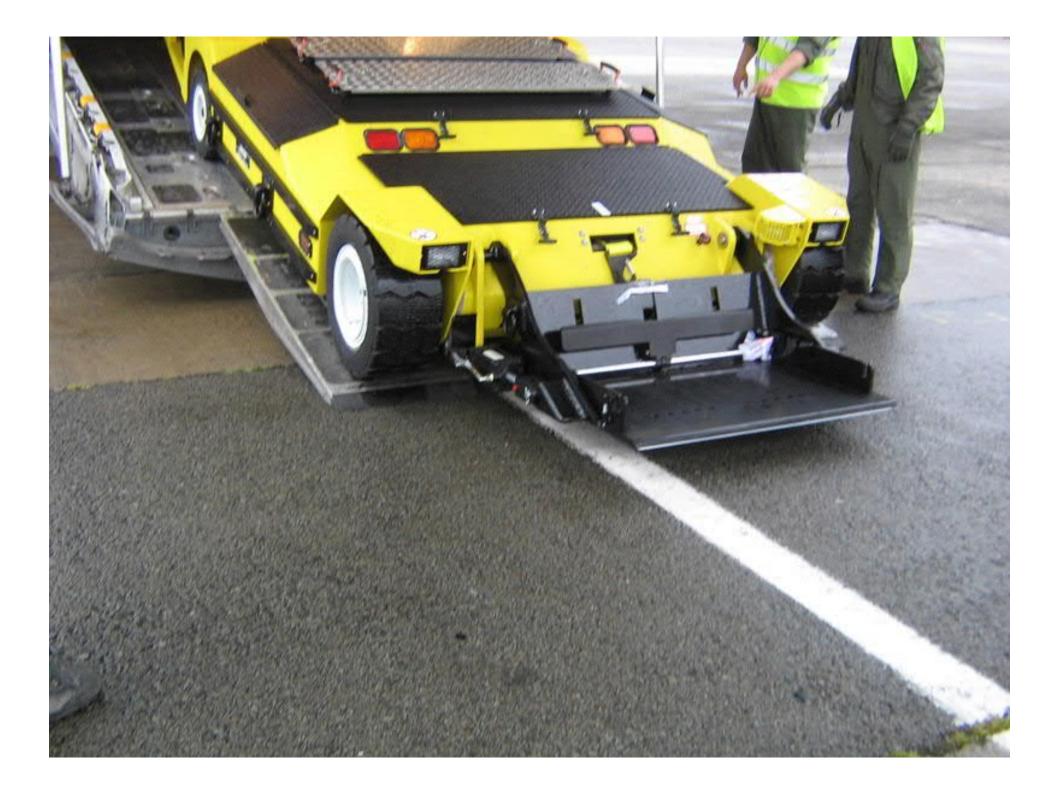
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- Conventional Towbar Tug is heavy at all times
- Steer Axle Lift
 - Navigate transport aircraft ramps
- One pallet position
- NATO tie-downs













Low Environmental Impact

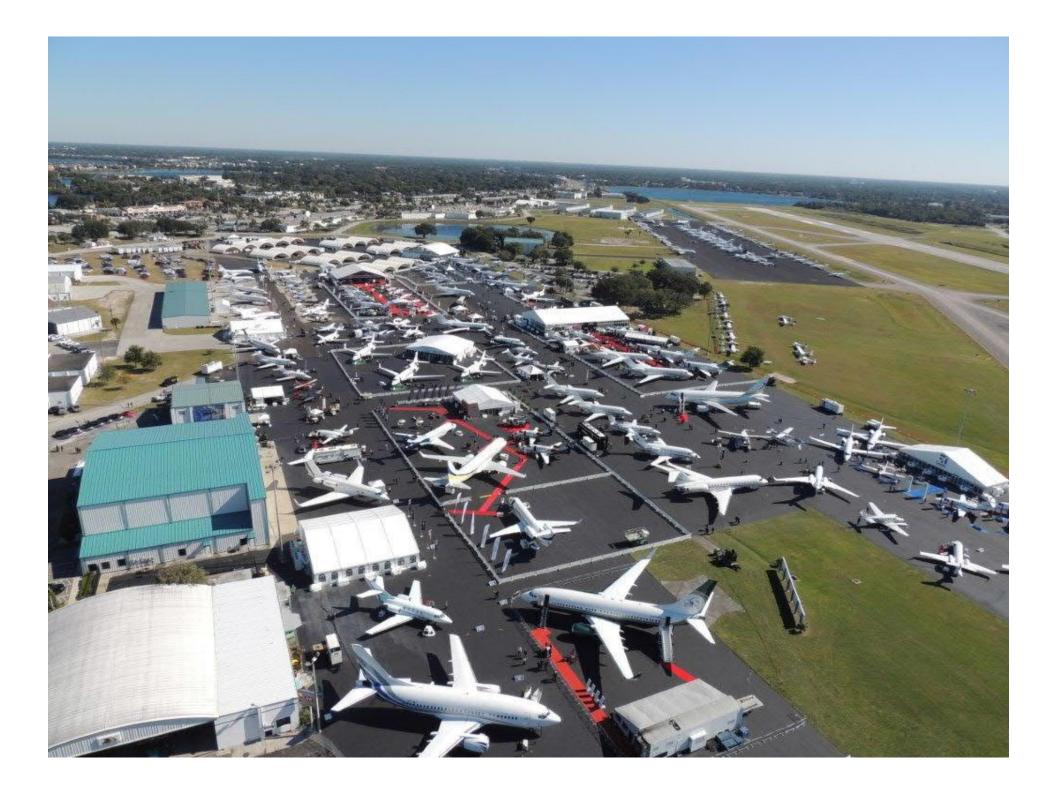
- Emission-Free
- Batteries fully recyclable
 - Acid can be neutralized
 - Lead is recyclable
 - Rubber is recyclable
 - Steel case is recyclable



Highly Maneuverable / Aircraft Safety Increased

• Ability to position aircraft in confined areas





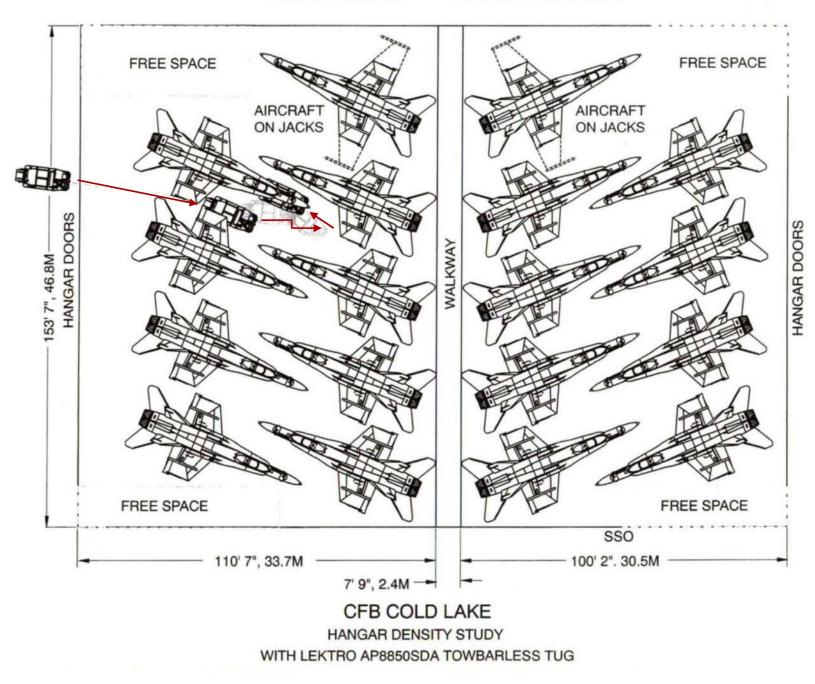
Highly Maneuverable / Aircraft Safety Increased

- Increased hangar capacity
- More aircraft can be stored inside
 - Reduces aircraft maintenance
 - Reduces aircraft exposure to elements
- Reduces "Hangar Rash"



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Highly Maneuverable / Aircraft Safety Increased

- Simplifies the connection between the aircraft and tow vehicle by reducing from the standard 2 pivot-point connection to a single pivot-point, completely eliminating the possibility of jack-knifing.
- Utilizes NLG weight to increase traction



Personnel Safety Increased

- Eliminates back injuries from handling heavy towbars
- Eliminates pinched/broken finger injuries associated with connecting towbar to tug/aircraft
- No fumes
 - Personnel not subjected to CO exhaust emissions
 - Can be operated inside hangar with doors closed
- No Noise
 - Personnel can easily communicate with each other to avoid possible accidents



Easy Operation

- Fewer personnel required
 - Single operator can safely complete capture process
 - Eliminates need for brake-rider in aircraft
- Faster hook-up time
- No towbar/tow head required
- Single pivot point = increased/easy maneuverability



Maintenance Advantages

- Batteries have been known to last 14-18 years in high-use airline applications before needing replacement
- Eliminates possibility of towbar/shear-pin breakage
- No tune-ups required
- No starters, spark plugs, carburetors, etc.
- No oil-changes required
- Easily accessible
- Solid State
- Simple
- Central battery water fill system



Facility Savings

- Electric LEKTRO can operate in a closed hangar reducing heating/cooling cost associated with open doors
- Hangars can be smaller as towbarless LEKTROs are much more maneuverable than tug/towbar combination
- No need to purchase/stock engine oil or tug fuel



Partial List of LEKTRO's Current Military Customers

- Belgian Air Component (F-16)
- Boeing (F-15 & F/A-18)
- Canadian Air Force (CF-18)
- Finnish Air Force (F-18)
- Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Ministry of Defense and Aviation
- Nigerian Air Force (C-130)
- Pakistan Army Aviation
- Royal Malaysian Air Force
- Royal Thai Air Force
- Republic of Singapore Air Force (F-15SG)
- Swiss Air Force (F-18)
- United States Air Force (F-15, C-130)
- US ANG (F-15, F-16, A-10, C-130)



Summary of *LEKTRO* Towbarless Tug Benefits

- Reduces time and manpower required to handle aircraft
- Reduces potential for aircraft damage
- Increases personnel safety
- Increases hangar density
- Reduces aircraft exposure to elements
- Reduces cost of transport
- Reduces hangar heating/cooling cost
- Eliminates need to purchase/maintain towbars
- Reduces tug maintenance costs



Summary

- a. With over 5,200 units currently in operation around the world, LEKTRO is the world leader in all-electric towbarless towing.
- b. LEKTRO's long-term history and broad base of world-wide customers has resulted in a product that is highly-versatile, safe, efficient, and easy to use.
- c. LEKTRO equipment has universally been found to reduce operational cost while increasing operational safety and efficiency.



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