

# Scammell Automatic Couplings Still in Use in 2011!!!!!!!

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Believe it or not a version of the automatic coupling is in use with a haulage company in France.

The company is called Ets Vercaigne & Fils and they are based at Hems near Lille in northern France, close to the Belgian border. I saw their trailers at a Mail Order warehouse in Wasquehal near Lille where they are used for internal/local work.

The transport company have a web site: [www.vercaigne-sas.fr](http://www.vercaigne-sas.fr) and you can just make out the automatic couplings on some of the trailers. Judging from the rather poor photographs on their web site, the tractor units are Mercedes 1520 models, they have the MB 814/815 type cab on a heavier chassis than the regular 7.5 tonne chassis to which the cabs are normally fitted. There were no tractor units to be seen on site when I was there.

