# 1981 FORD CL-9000



# The linehauler for the 80's... FORD'S ADVANCED DESIGN CL-9000.

The Ford CL-9000 is engineered for the 80's. Designed from the road up to be lightweight and tough. Designed with driver comfort and convenience in mind. And designed to mean business... to help you cope with today's rising costs.

The advanced-design Ford CL-9000 incorporates features like the aluminum cab with aerodynamic styling to help maximize fuel efficiency while permitting big payload potential. In addition, Ford offers a wide choice of fuel-efficient diesel engines and lightweight options that can be matched to

your operations for maximum economy.

Compare the tough, efficient CL-9000 with any other linehauler on the road today.

# Fuel-efficient options.

In addition to standard features that can help save fuel, Ford CL-9000's are available with a wide range of fuel-efficient options. They include: Detroit Diesel "Fuel Squeezer Plus," Cummins "Formula" diesels and Caterpillar "Economy" 3406 series diesels, overdrive transmissions, steel-belted radial tires, fan clutches and lightweight options that can save up to 1,666 lb., plus cab brackets for mounting air deflectors.

# Designed with comfor in mind—full-air cab suspension.

This special Ford CL-9000 optional system uses both air springs and shock absorbers to keep the cab level while the chassis bounces and cushion vertical bumps. Ford's full-air cab suspension provides a special kind of ride you have to experience to fully appreciate.

#### Choice of BBC's.

Ford CL models come in your choice of five different cab lengths, as shown on these pages, to suit your job applications. See for yourself. Shop around and compare...we're sure you'll choose Ford's CL-9000.

### 1. 110" BBC.

The 54-inch wide double-bed sleeper that provides top-of-the-line luxury with packages A and C both standard. (Option B is also shown.)

#### 2. 76" BBC.

This Ford CL sleeper cab has a 24-inch wide compartment.

#### 3. 64" BBC.

The regular cab single- or tandem-axle series designed to pull long trailers or doubles.

### 4. 88" BBC.

The CL-9000 with 32-inch wide sleeper compartment. Popular Ford option packages A, B and C are shown.

### 5. 54" BBC.

This regular cab single-rear axle series is designed for long trailers, doubles or triples.













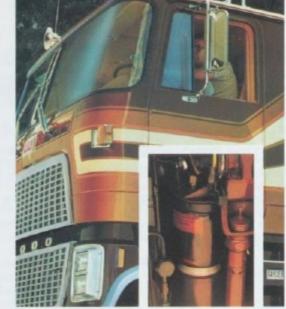
# COMPARE CABOVER COMFORT AND CONVENIENCE.

Behind the wheel of the spacious CL-9000 you'll find all-around comfort and convenience for the driver that may well surprise you. Notice the inviting roominess inside... the low doghouse... and the clear view to the outside. See how the wide tinted glass windshield curves around to put the corner posts well to the sides. And the long dual windshield wipers clear a large, almost rectangular area ahead.

Directly in front of you on the carefully designed instrument panel are easy-view, backlit gauges that read "3 o'clock OK" for speedy checking at a glance. Hand controls plus the CB radio hotpost and ground are located conveniently to your right.

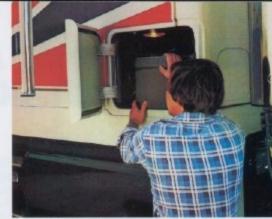
Just a few minutes behind the wheel may spoil you for the other cabovers. And note the low, flat contour of the doghouse. It lets you switch sides, ease back into the sleeper, or sack out across the seats.

1. **Hi-level interior.** Ford's finest linehauler interior, this rich interior trim comes in caramel, blue or red... keyed to the exterior color of your choice. Deluxe seat trim is featured on driver's seat and low-back companion seat. Three sun visors run across the full width of the cab. Handsome brushed aluminum instrument panel, sport-type steering wheel with brushed steel spokes and soft wrap are also included.



Full-air suspension.

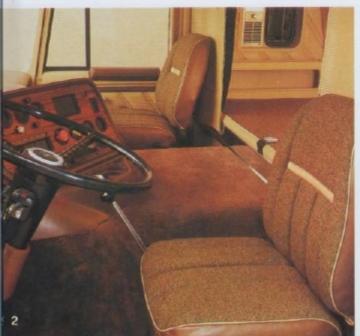
- 2. Intermediate trim. This attractive interior is designed especially for the 88" BBC sleeper. It features tan and brown color-coordinated decor throughout. Plus polished woodtone applique on instrument panel, three sun visors, sleeper compartment foot locker, Duraweave seat inserts with vinyl bolsters and accent bar, and deep cut-pile carpeting. (Optional passenger seat also shown.)
- 3. Standard interior. Spacious interior comfort is built right into this well-appointed interior. Standard features include: National Cush-N-Aire low-back seat with air suspension, contoured instrument panel with walnut-tone finish, perforated vinyl headliner and trim panels, carpeted engine cover (shown with optional vinyl cover), two sun visors with handy 8-in. deep storage tray above the visors, and observation window in both doors (in quarter panel of 64" BBC cab).
- 4. Door entry light. The door entry light also incorporates a red reflector bar. With door open, they face rearward to warn approaching vehicles. A courtesy door switch turns on both entry and dome lights.
- 5. Spacious sleepers. Comfortable, carefully appointed sleeper compartments are available from the 24-in. space saver to the generous 54-in. double bed. Mattresses, foam or innerspring, are a full 80 inches long. The 110" BBC cab has a closet, vanity mirror and foot locker.



### Two storage compartments.

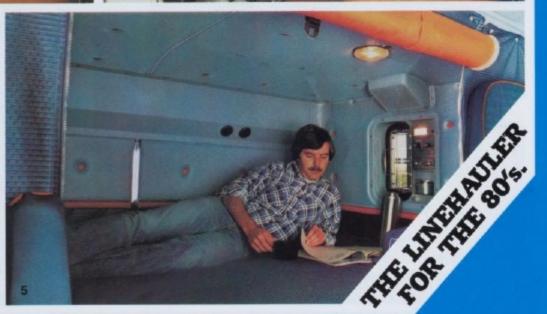
Large under-the-sleeper lockers provide a generous 18 cu. ft. (88" BBC) to 28 cu. ft. (110" BBC) of storage area. These convenient compartments are carpeted, lighted and have in-cab release handles.











# BLUEPRINT OF ONE TOUGH TRUCK: THE FORD CL-9000.

Ford knows how important it is for you to keep your rigs on the road, running and earning. That's why thousands of man-hours went into designing toughness into well-known trouble spots. As a result, the tough CL-9000 has improved design and construction in several basic ways compared to Ford's previous cabover. Simplified design in key areas like wiring and plumbing. Improved accessibility for easy servicing. Advanced engineering to help reduce scheduled maintenance requirements.

## Advanced aerodynamic shape.

Ford CL-9000 cab was scientifically designed to be "slippery"... to slide through the air with ease and reduce air resistance. Aerodynamic design saves power requirements and fuel by reducing air drag.

Air deflectors can further reduce air drag. Ford offers factory-installed roof-mounted air deflector support brackets to accommodate a Rudkin Wiley air deflector. This air deflector helps improve the air flow around high trailers and can reduce air drag to save fuel.

Tough yet lightweight. Ford's aerodynamic aluminum cab is light but strong with one-piece door frame and adjustable steel hinges. The standard frame is all bolted with side rails of extra hi-tensile steel having a yield strength of 110,000 psi. The aluminum frame and other weight-saving options can save up to 1,666 pounds more.

### Accessible circuit breakers.

All circuit breakers are housed in a panel on the top of the instrument panel right in front of the rider's seat. This panel cover is easily raised or removed for fast access.

The position, function and recommended amperage of each circuit breaker is identified.

### 3. Modular electric system.

Clean, modular design groups all electric relays in a swing-down distribution center on the rider's right side. Unit swings down for easy access. This entire center can be removed for easy bench servicing.

## Simplified air system.

Air controls are grouped in a manifold to minimize the number of lines and connections. Control cores can be removed individually or the whole manifold taken out for bench service. Air lines are color-coded. To help guard against chafing and wear, lines are harnessed and wrapped in tough nylon sheaths in the cab area. Fittings are quick-connect type.

# 5. Plug-in bulbs and gauges.

In the instrument panel, all gauges, toggletype switches and bulbs (both warning and lighting) are plug-in type. They can be replaced easily from the front of the instrument panel.

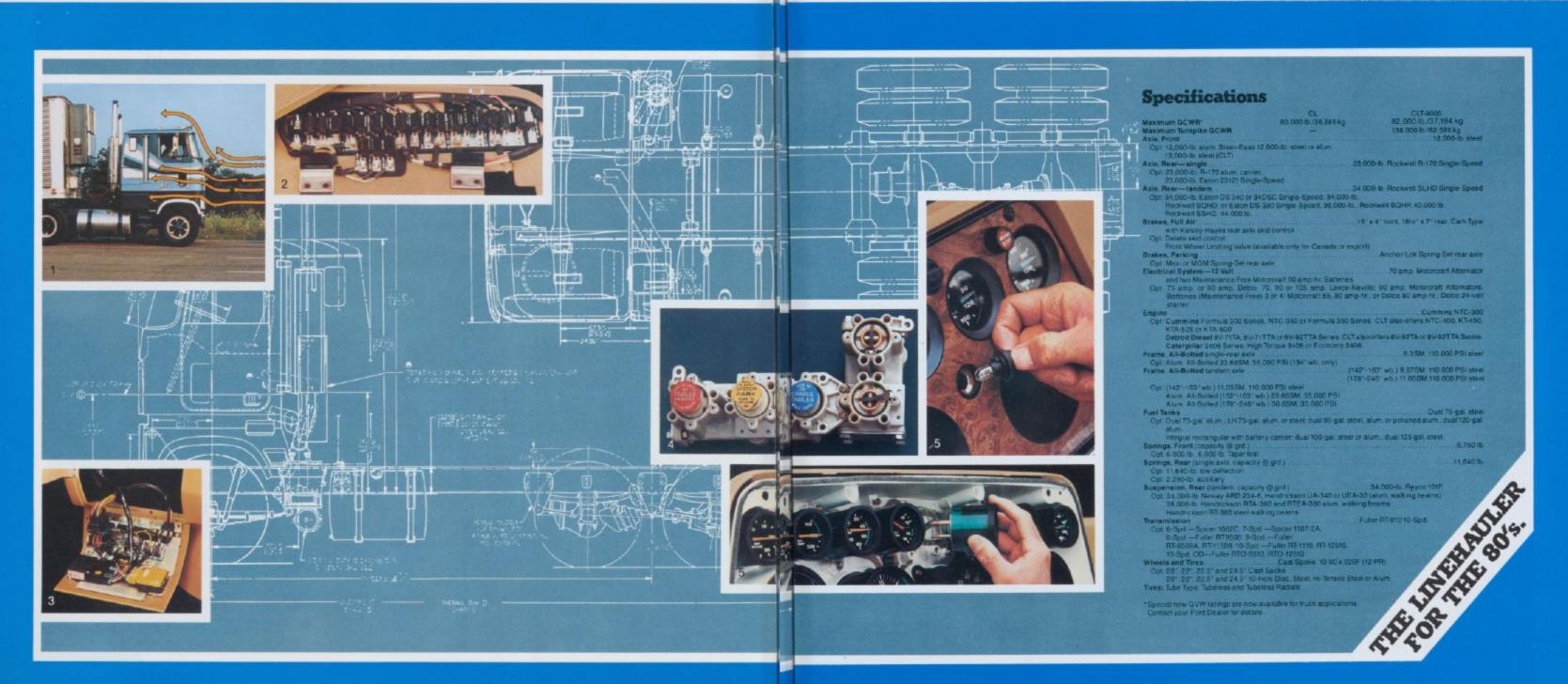
### Wiring protection.

Heavy-duty insulation and waterproof and water-resistant connectors in moisture areas are only the start. Chassis wiring harnesses are enclosed in a plastic conduit. Wiring to the rear of the cab is carried in a closed channel under the floor with a cover plate for access.

### Ford CL-Series Trucks.

Now! The CL-9000 is also available for straight truck applications including: loggers, tankers and livestock haulers. They're offered as single- or tandem-axle trucks with Tractor Package and other special tractor equipment deleted. Long wheelbase up to 246 inches for the body of your choice.

See your Ford Dealer for full details.



### FORD CL-9000'S AS HANDSOME AS THEY ARE TOUGH!

The CL-9000 offers a great-looking customized effect with special dress-up options—both inside and out. So for a rig that really looks the part…look into the A.B.C's of Ford's handsome array of option packages.

"A" includes an attractive hi-level sleeper cab interior with deep 36-oz. cut-pile carpeting, deluxe trim panels, deluxe seat trim, companion seat, sport steering wheel, LH reading lamp and RH vanity mirror/lamp in sleeper. The hi-level interior is illustrated on page 4.



Wedge paint design Hard Fan paint design Soft Fan paint design

"B" offers a choice of the three special exterior designs (shown above) in 17 multicolor paint combinations with color-coordinated chassis.

"C" features dress-up items that include: "Ford" cloisonné emblem on front, bright aluminum bumper, bright muffler and exhaust stack, dual rectangular headlights, West Coast stainless mirrors, Grover air horns (N.A. with 54" and 64" BBC), torpedo roof marker lights and bright fuel cap, and bright orille.

#### Ford CL Options:

- Driver's and rider's seats are available in a wide choice of low-back and high-back versions
- Air conditioning with manual or automatic temperature control
- ☐ Convenience package
- □ Digital clock
- ☐ Inside lever for fifth wheel slide control
- ☐ Instrumentation package
- ☐ Power RH window
- ☐ Speed control
- ☐ Radios with traveler's advisory setting: AM

AM/FM stereo

- AM/FM stereo with 8-track tape deck
- ☐ Air suspension cab mounting
- ☐ Automatic moisture ejectors
  ☐ Air dryer with integral automatic moisture ejectors
- ☐ Pogo stick—deck plate mounted
- ☐ Silicone hose package
- ☐ Stainless steel quarter fenders

Ask your Ford Dea er about additional optional equipmen: available on all Ford Trucks.

### Ford means business in big trucks.

As you can see, at Ford, we're serious about trucking. That's why we designed the CL-9000 Series from the road up to meet your needs. And back them with a service network of 5,500 dealers—including 270 who specialize in heavy trucks and have some of the finest facilities in the field.

One more way Ford and Ford Dealers help keep trucks where they belong: on the job making money for you. One more reason for you to compare the tough CL-9000 for operating efficiency.

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Buy or lease a tough Ford CL-9000 a great choice either way!

