Combining the longest tracks in its class with oversized planetary drives, the Carlson CP130 achieves leading pushing power and consistent ride.

**TOP OF THE (NEW) CLASS**

Challenge the status quo. This idea has been at the heart of Carlson Paving Products since its founding—identifying new and better ways to pave is what they do. The core value of the Tacoma-based manufacturer is the reason Carlson has become the industry’s leading manufacturer of asphalt paving machinery for over three decades. And staying true to their creed, Carlson has done so again. The company recently released their newest commercial paver platform: the CP130. Forging a new category of paver while delivering leading performance, Carlson’s latest addition to its growing paver line embodies their philosophy of challenging the status quo.

**The Carlson Way**

Since Carlson’s founding over thirty years ago, the notion of re-thinking conventional wisdom has been integral to the company’s innovative product lines. From the first hydraulically extendable front-mount screed extensions in the early 1980s to the LED Blade Light, the industry’s first LED mobile equipment lighting system, Carlson has prided itself in listening to contractors in order to create innovative products to help meet customers’ demands. The company’s commercial paver line followed a similar path originating with Carlson’s first commercial paver, the CP90.

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“The CP90 was very different from pavers in the market at the time,” notes Tom Travers, sales and marketing manager for Carlson Paving Products. “The platform was unique because it offered contractors a heavy-duty, longer-lasting alternative that had been ignored for some time. With its size, build and screed, the CP90 created a new category of commercial paver that other manufacturers have now joined.”

Since the watershed debut of the CP90 nearly a decade ago, Carlson’s platforms have continued to influence the commercial paver market and drive its core concepts. Since then, Carlson has gone on to produce the CP100, the heavy-duty leader in the industry and successor to the CP90, and the CP75 with a revolutionary High Flow Material Conveyor™.

“Each machine we design is done so with the key goal of giving equipment ownership more lifecycle and greater return on investment. Through substantial input from contractors, as well as our deep roots on the application side, our products are driven by these core concepts,” says Travers.

As 2018 approaches, Carlson’s CP-line of commercial pavers now has four models to serve a wide range of contractors including the all-new CP85, CP100 II and the highly anticipated CP130.

A New Class Of Paver

When it debuted in March at CONEXPO in Las Vegas, Nev., the CP130 quickly garnered the attention of showgoers. With a 130hp Cummins Tier IV Final engine, highway-class material throughput and all-new front mount screed, Carlson’s newest model was seen as the ideal balance between a commercial- and highway-class paver.

“The CP130 bridges the two classes, providing contractors a machine capable of highway-class material throughput, mat quality and ride characteristics, while still being of compact size,” explains Travers. “There is no other machine like it in the industry. In short, the CP130 creates a new class of paver.”

Carlson’s CP130 is able to achieve this through many class-leading stats and figures spanning from the chassis to the screed. Featuring wider track pads and a class leading overall track length of 96 inches, the CP130 achieves consistent ride along grade while achieving the superior power through its oversized plantaries, allowing the platform to easily push highway-class rear discharge trailers. It’s material throughput also leads the commercial-class due to its a 9.5 ton hopper, 58 rpm conveyor speed, and large 13-inch augers rotating up to 160 rpm, ensuring a consistent and even head of material at all times.

Achieving highway-class mat quality, the CP130 features Carlson’s newest commercial screed in the EZCSS. With a standard paving width of 8 to 15 feet, the new screed bears many similarities to Carlson’s highway-class platforms including adjustable slide blocks, single slide extension support system, and 2% screed taper for improved material flow.

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“Carlson screeds are known for their ability to be one of the only products in the industry that, when set to spec, deliver unmatched mat quality, uniform density and ride characteristics. The EZCSS is no different. It’s a feature that really elevates the quality of paving for commercial contractors.” While the CP130 sets itself apart from the commercial class in its performance, the platform is also helping to bring what were once considered highway-class accessories to the commercial market. These options (such as track plows) were driven, in large part, by contractors themselves. Enhancing performance and mat quality, these options set the CP130 into a class of its own.

Contractor Focused Controls
After operating the CP130 on a wide array of paving jobsites, J. Allen & Company has quickly become accustomed to Carlson’s new paver platform. As a family- and locally-owned contractor located in Galesburg, Mich., J. Allen & Company specializes in residential and commercial paving throughout the southwest of the state.

“The CP130 is a versatile paver that we can use on both small and large jobs,” remarks Martin Webber, foreman for J. Allen & Company. “For us, we really appreciate the user-friendliness of the operator station. It provides great visibility to the hopper and front of the paver. The layout of the controls also has no constrictions, making the paver easy to run.” Full control of the CP130 is at the fingertips of the operator through intuitive switch placement, electric over hydraulic steering, and full color touchscreen display via class-exclusive armrest consoles. In addition to providing superior visibility and clear line of sight, the new control consoles give operators the ability to set screed heat set points and material flow.

Through innovative design, the CP130 provides contractors a new type of platform that fits their needs like no other paver before it – it’s the best of both commercial- and highway-class paver worlds. The winning combination of leading controls, unrivaled performance and mat quality, and highway-class accessories and throughput on a compact frame makes Carlson’s CP130 the new status quo and benchmark paver in the market.