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## sedak and its worldwide longest inloader for 16m glass

# Innovative Logistics for Oversize Glass

**With a customized inloader, sedak optimizes the handling of oversize glass. The new 23m long inloader now delivers glass units up to 16m. The steerable rear axle which allows the truck to drive through narrow curves such as roundabouts is the key feature of the mega trailer. Due to its space-saving interior concept, no escort vehicle is required.**

„It is our goal to make large glass available worldwide – as fast as possible and in the most efficient way. Therefore we are looking at the production as well as the logistics chain,” says Andreas Wenninger, head of application engineering at sedak. The latest result of that broad approach is the innovative, 23m long inloader. Thanks to the newly developed steerable rear axle, the truck remains flexible despite its length and drives even through narrow roundabouts easily. The logistic for an oversize panel now works just like the logistic for a standard piece. It is simply loaded and unloaded on the glass rack. Until now that required a crane or a glass vacuum lifter. The time-consuming process has been replaced as well as the risk of breakage when de-stacking the glass. The inloader can transport up to 20 tons of glass with overall dimensions up to 3.3m in height and more than 16m in length.

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The new flatbed trailer, which has been delivering glass since fall 2016, expands sedak's existing transportation fleet that also contains two special semi-trailers for oversize glass units. "We didn't only want to optimize our production process. We have also analyzed the saving potential of the logistics chain and exploit it with the new truck technology," says sedak CEO Bernhard Veh about the latest transportation facility.

After the largest ceramic-ink digital printer and the pioneering, fully automatic insulating glass line for glass up to 15m, a new milestone has been set. This new generation of inloaders will provide a perfect production and distribution of oversize glass. "Our clients benefit from a ten-year experience in producing large glass and special glass units, in this case, from a faster and more efficient delivery," says Mr. Veh.

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### **Leading glass**

sedak, the glass manufacturer in Gersthofen, Germany, was founded in 2007. With its 150 employees, the world's leading glass fabricator produces insulating and safety glass in dimensions up to 3.2m x 16m: processed, tempered, laminated, printed, coated, and cold bent. The core capabilities are the lamination of glass, edging, and the company's know-how of producing glass components with additional functional and decorative elements. sedak's production has been optimized for extraordinary glass sizes; the level of automation for such glass dimensions is unique. All finishing steps are handled in-house e.g. with the new, fully automated insulating glass line. As a full supplier for large-size glass units, sedak sees itself as a partner for architects, designers, and façade constructors. Outstanding references are for example the Apple Cube and the Lincoln Center Canopies in New York, the Städel Museum in Frankfurt, and the Tottenham Court Road Station in London.

### **Applications**

- glass façades
- glass roofs
- glass stairs
- glass balustrades
- ship building
- safety glazing
- all-glass constructions
- interior design
- custom-made glass units