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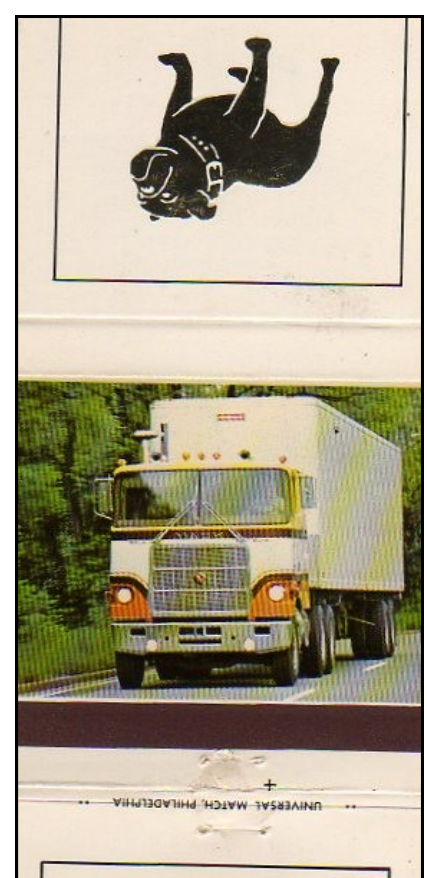
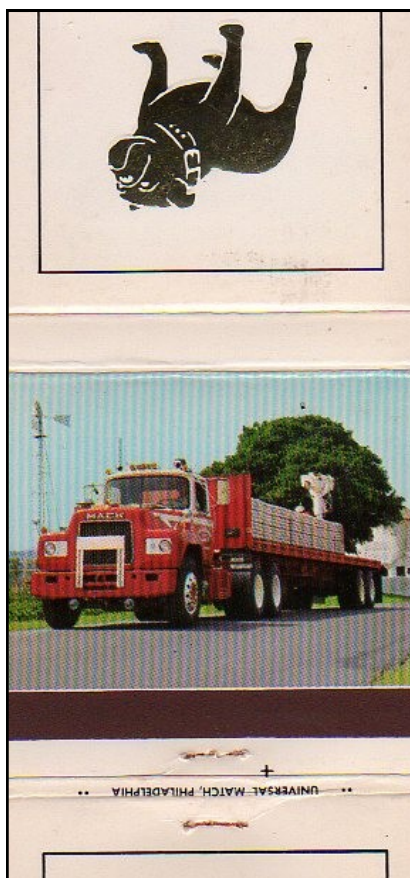


Hmmmm! Nice! Mack trucks have become so famous that they've actually entered the language as a plethora of similes and metaphors... "Big as a Mack truck!" etc.

Plus, Mack trucks has put out some very nice sets/series over the years, parts of several being pictured here.

Mack Trucks, Inc. is an American truck-manufacturing company and a former manufacturer of buses and trolley buses. Founded in 1900 as the Mack Brothers Company, it manufactured its first truck in 1907 and adopted its present name in 1922. Mack Trucks is a subsidiary of AB Volvo which purchased Mack along with Renault Trucks in 2000. After being founded in Brooklyn, New York, the company's headquarters were in Allentown, Pennsylvania from 1905 to 2009, when they moved to Greensboro, North Carolina. The entire line of Mack products is still produced in Macungie, Pennsylvania, with additional assembly plants in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Australia, and Venezuela.

How did this world famous company actually start? In 1890, John "Jack" Mack took a job as a stationary steam engineer at the carriage and wagon firm of Fallesen & Berry in Brooklyn, New York. Born in



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1864 to an immigrant family of teamsters, Jack was one of nine siblings raised on a farm in Mount Cobb, Pa. Possessing great mechanical aptitude, Jack worked as a mule driver, machinery supervisor and second engineer of a ship traveling between the United States and the Panama Canal construction project before moving to Brooklyn. There he joined his youngest brother, Augustus “Gus” Mack, who worked at the carriage factory as a clerk.

In 1893, Jack and Gus purchase the Fallesen & Berry operation at 3rd Avenue and 22nd Street in Brooklyn. The company’s lightweight, horse-drawn vehicles were known for their strength and durability, as was their proprietary fifth wheel that allowed the front axle to pivot when cornering — similar in purpose to the modern fifth wheel used to connect a tractor and semi-trailer.

In 1894, William Mack joined the venture. The eldest of the five brothers who eventually worked for the company, Willie brought with him the experience of running his own wagon-building plant in Scranton, Pa. [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mack_Trucks]

The rest is history. For most Americans “Mack” is synonymous with “trucks”!

