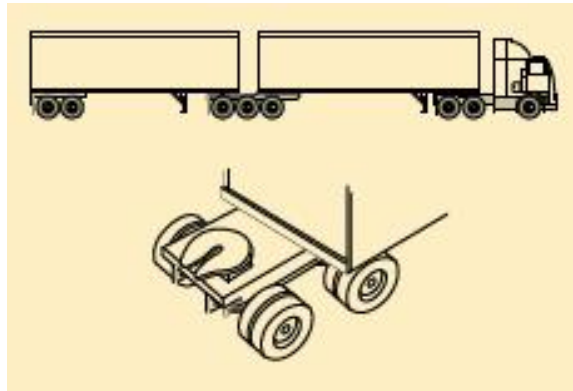


“A” Train - example of a unit connected by a type A converter dolly.

A TRAIN

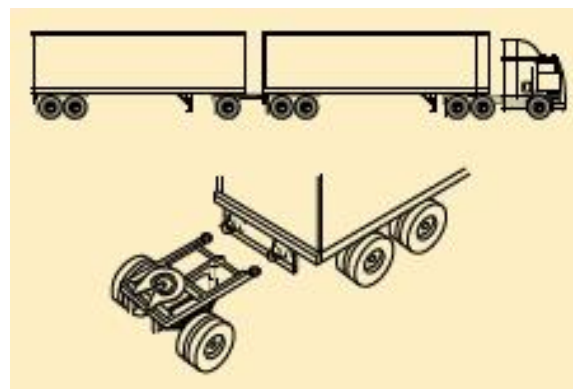
This converter has an A shaped drawbar that joins into a single pintle hitch point on the lead trailer. Due to its A shape, it is often called an A-dolly. When two trailers are joined together using the A-dolly, the whole unit is called an A train. These converters provide two points of articulation (joints that allow side to side or lateral movement). One of these points is at the pintle and the other is at the fifth wheel.



“B” train - example of a unit connected by a type B converter dolly.

B TRAIN

In a B train, the converter is part of the lead trailer. The fifth wheel assembly sits on the rear axle of the lead trailer. It is either permanently fixed in position or slides out with the rear axle. No converter dolly is required, as the second unit connects directly to the extended frame of the lead unit.



C train - example of a unit connected by a type C converter dolly.

C TRAIN

A C train is like the A train, in that it uses an independent converter. The difference between the two is that the C train has two drawbars and two pintle hitches in the double drawbar converter.