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- Combilift launched the Combi-FSE 8000 electric sideloader and Combi Load Xtender at Ligna 2025.
- The Combi-FSE 8000 offers an 8-tonne lift capacity, ideal for handling long and heavy timber loads in confined spaces.
- The sideloader features twin 18kW drive motors, patented traction and steering, and quick battery change for multi-shift operations.

- The Combi Load Xtender allows one-side loading and unloading of trailers, enhancing safety and efficiency in tight timber yards.
- Both products are designed to meet the timber industry's needs for greater safety, efficiency, and lower emissions.
- Live demonstrations of the new solutions are available at Ligna 2025, and both products are now available for order.

New 8T Electric Sideloader and Combi Load Xtender Bring Unmatched Efficiency and Safety to Long-Load Operations

Timber yards, panel product suppliers, and sawmill operations face ever-increasing pressure to handle long and heavy loads more safely, more efficiently, and with less environmental impact. At **Ligna 2025**, **Combilift** unveiled two major innovations designed specifically with these industry challenges in mind: the new **Combi-FSE 8000** and the **Combi-Xtender**.

Combi-FSE 8000 – Heavy-Duty Electric Sideloader for Long Loads

The latest addition to Combilift's four-wheel electric sideloader range, the **Combi-FSE 8000**, offers an **8-tonne lift capacity** – ideal for handling structural timber, packs of sawn wood, panels, or engineered wood products in confined indoor or outdoor environments.

Key timber-focused benefits include:

- **Powerful, Emission-Free Operation:** Twin 18kW drive motors provide the torque and responsiveness required for heavy packs, with all-electric performance suited for indoor timber stores.
- **Patented Traction and Steering:** Designed for year-round reliability in muddy or uneven yard conditions.
- **Unrivalled Operator Visibility:** The under-deck battery position and expansive glazing allow operators a clear line of sight, especially when reversing in narrow racking aisles or busy sawmill loading areas.
- **Quick Battery Change:** Ideal for multi-shift operations in busy timber yards.

Fleet managers also benefit from **Combi-Connect**, Combilift's advanced telematics system for real-time machine performance tracking and maintenance planning.

Combi Load Xtender – Game-Changing One-Side Loading for Timber Yards

Unveiled alongside the sideloader, the **Combi Load Xtender** is a new pantograph-style load extender that enables complete loading and unloading of trailers or rail wagons **from a single side** – a major advantage in timber yards where space is tight or trailer access is limited.

For timber operations, the Xtender delivers:

- **One-Side Access:** Load full packs of timber from one side only, removing the need to move trailers or access both sides.
- **Ultra low mechanism height:** Its ultra-compact design ensures smooth movement and full functionality below standard trailer height without interference.
- **Enhanced Safety:** Operators can load securely against the far closed side of the trailer, reducing the risk of products falling and keeping personnel out of busy traffic zones.

Purpose-Built for the Timber Industry

“These new solutions were developed in direct response to what we’re hearing from the timber sector,” said **Martin McVicar, CEO, Combilift**. “Customers need to move larger loads in tighter spaces with greater safety and lower emissions. The FSE 8000 and Combi Load Xtender do just that – and they’re backed by Combilift’s proven track record in long-load innovation.”

Both products are now available for order, with live demonstrations running throughout **Ligna 2025**.

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