

# INTERNATIONAL ACCO

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- YEAR: International 1969
- MODEL: ACCO C1800 (Second number dictate tonnage - 8 Ton)
- COUNTRY: Australia (Dandenong)
- ENGINE: International 6 Cyl Petrol 177 BHP
- DONATED BY: Mr Ian Pearce

The ACCO was born out of International Harvester's desire to meet the vehicle needs of Australia's military. The country was seeking to replace its World War 2 vintage GMC and Studebaker tactical trucks. The Australian Army told International engineers that they wanted a forward-control design like the Chevrolet "Blitz" produced during the Second World War for the Canadian military.

The result was the International AACO (Australian Army Cab Over) tactical truck in both 4x4 and 6x6 configurations, first appearing on the drawing board in the early 1960s, and in prototype form in 1963.

The roots of the ACCO name as we know it today can be traced back to the first 'A' series that went commercial after the success of the Army unit. Many believe that the first AACO units were named after 'Australian Army Cab Over' but in fact the acronym came from 'Australian A Line Cab Over' because they were built on line 'A' at Dandenong, one of three lines operating 24 hours a day across three shifts.

The product took IH to be leader in the over five-tonne markets and the truck was affectionately known as the 'Butter Box' because of its stubby, full width protrusion ahead of the windscreen that looked like the remnants of a bonnet or a butter box.

The Dandenong plant produces up to 650 ACCO trucks each year and it has produced more than 78,000 ACCO trucks since the model's inception.  
- Bought out by IVECO in 1992.

