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Ashville VFC – Tanker 604
3,000-gallon Tanker
Ashville, Pennsylvania

Facts and Figures...

- Tanker 604 is a 1999, 4-Guys tanker (with a bit of a history) operated by the Ashville VFC in Cambria County, Pennsylvania.
- The rig is built on a 1986 International Eagle cab-over chassis that started its life as a construction crane.
- The tanker is powered by 425 Caterpillar diesel motor with an 8-speed transmission.
- The 4-Guys stainless steel body has a 3,000-gallon poly tank, with a rear 10" dump with a directional chute.
- The tanker also is equipped with a 650 gpm portable pump mounted on a slide out tray, with an in compartment gated fitting and a 6' hard (flex) suction to make the connection to the tank suction outlet.
- Tanker 604 carries a 3,000-gallon dump tank, an extra 14' hard suction, some miscellaneous hose fittings and a 5500 watt generator.
- There are 5 SCBAs carried in the cab - simply as a means by which to transport more SCBA to the emergency scene.
- The Ashville VFC helps to protect the rural areas of central Pennsylvania.

Ashville Tanker 604



Tanker 604 is a large capacity tanker set up to operate as a water hauling unit in a tanker shuttle operation. It has a 650 gpm pump for limited, nurse-tanker and fire attack operations.

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Using a chassis that once had a crane mounted on it, the department had the frame shortened, new brakes installed, a few mechanical items repaired, and a 4 Guys body built.

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Tanker 604 replaced an older, GMC cab-over converted fuel truck that was run until the frame cracked. Not planning to purchase a new tanker at the time, the truck committee was challenged to find a replacement ASAP. Tanker 604 was placed into service on New Year's Eve, 1999, for just \$88,000!

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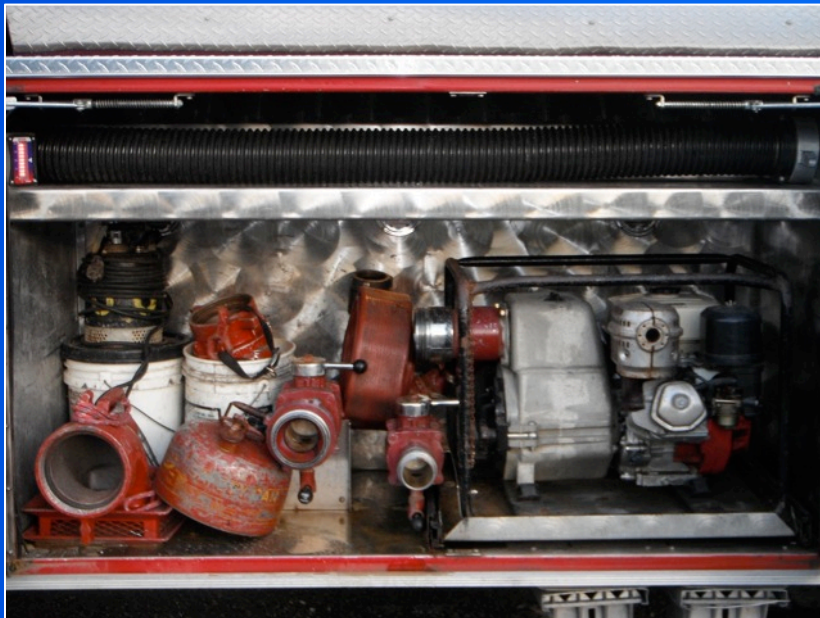
The “business end” of Tanker 604 is set-up nicely to load and off-load water. Plus – the rear of the tanker is marked so that everyone at the dump site knows which tanker is dumping its water!

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The fact that Tanker 604 is a cab-over design is simply because it was the best available option at the time. Fortunately, the department members were already accustomed to the previous cab-over tanker, so this newer model was not an issue to operate. The tanker is also short for its size, which really makes it maneuverable.

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The 650 gpm pump arrangement is interesting in that the pump is stored in a compartment on a slide-out tray and uses suction hose directly connected to the tank.



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