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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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FORM S-3

REGISTRATION STATEMENT

*UNDER*

*THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933*

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USA Truck, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Delaware  
(State or other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation or Organization)

71-0556971  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**3200 Industrial Park Road**

**Van Buren, Arkansas 72956**

**(479) 471-2500**

**(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)**

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**James D. Reed**

**President and Chief Executive Officer**

**USA Truck, Inc.**

**3200 Industrial Park Road**

**Van Buren, Arkansas 72956**

**(479) 471-2500**

**(Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)**

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*With a copy to:*

**Jeffrey E. Beck**

**Snell & Wilmer L.L.P.**

**One Arizona Center**

**400 East Van Buren Street**

**Phoenix, Arizona 85004-2202**

**(602) 382-6000**

**Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public:** From time to time after the effective date of this registration statement.

If the only securities being registered on this form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box.

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If any of the securities being registered on this form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box.

If this form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this form is a registration statement pursuant to General Instruction I.D. or a post-effective amendment thereto that shall become effective upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 462(e) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

If this form is a post-effective amendment to a registration statement filed pursuant to General Instruction I.D. filed to register additional securities or additional classes of securities pursuant to Rule 413(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of “large accelerated filer,” “accelerated filer,” “smaller reporting company,” and “emerging growth company” in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act:

Large accelerated filer	Accelerated filer
Non-accelerated filer	Smaller reporting company
(Do not check if smaller reporting company)	Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 7(a)(2)(B) of the Securities Act.

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**CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

<b>Title of each class of securities to be registered</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Proposed maximum offering price</b>	<b>Proposed maximum offering price</b>	<b>Amount of registration fee</b>
	<b>to be registered per unit</b>			
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	(1)(2)	(1)(2)	\$150,000,000	\$18,675 (3)

(1) This registration statement registers an indeterminate number of shares of common stock as may be issued by the registrant from time to time and at such prices and in such amounts as determined by the registrant. The aggregate maximum offering price of all shares issued pursuant to this Registration Statement shall not exceed \$150,000,000.

(2) Pursuant to Rule 416 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), the securities being registered hereunder includes such indeterminate amount of securities as may be issuable pursuant to a stock dividend, stock split, recapitalization or similar transaction. Separate consideration may or may not be received for any of these securities.

(3) The registration fee has been calculated pursuant to Rule 457(o) under the Securities Act.

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**The registrant hereby amends this registration statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this registration statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act, or until the registration statement shall become effective on such date as the Securities and Exchange Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.**

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**The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. These securities may not be sold until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell nor does it seek an offer to buy these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.**

**Subject to Completion, dated May 1, 2018.**

**PROSPECTUS**

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**USA Truck, Inc.**

**\$150,000,000**

**Common Stock**

We may offer and sell up to \$150,000,000 in aggregate value of shares of our common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, from time to time in one or more offerings. This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities.

Each time we sell shares of our common stock pursuant to this registration statement, we will provide a supplement to this prospectus that contains specific information about the offering as well as the amount and price of the shares of common stock being offered. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus with respect to that offering. You should carefully read this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement before you invest in any shares of our common stock.

We may offer and sell the shares of our common stock described in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement to or through one or more underwriters, dealers and agents, or directly to purchasers, or through a combination of these methods. If any underwriters, dealers or agents are involved in the sale of any of shares of our common stock, their names and any applicable purchase price, fee, commission or discount arrangement between or among them will be

set forth, or will be calculable from the information set forth, in the applicable prospectus supplement. See the sections of this prospectus entitled “About this Prospectus” and “Plan of Distribution” for more information. No shares of common stock may be sold without delivery of this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement describing the method and terms of the offering of such securities.

**INVESTING IN SHARES OF OUR COMMON STOCK INVOLVES RISKS. SEE “RISK FACTORS” ON PAGE 8 OF THIS PROSPECTUS AND ANY SIMILAR SECTION CONTAINED IN THE APPLICABLE PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT CONCERNING FACTORS YOU SHOULD CONSIDER BEFORE INVESTING IN SHARES OF OUR COMMON STOCK.**

Our common stock is listed on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol “USA.K.” On April 27, 2018, the last reported sale price of our common stock on the NASDAQ Global Select Market was \$24.99 per share.

**Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.**

The date of this prospectus is .

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**ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS**

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, using a “shelf” registration process. By using a shelf registration statement, we may issue the shares of common stock described in this prospectus from time to time and in one or more offerings up to an aggregate dollar amount of \$150,000,000. Each time that we offer and sell shares of our common stock pursuant to this shelf registration statement, we will provide a prospectus supplement to this prospectus that contains specific information about shares of common stock being offered and sold and the specific terms of that offering. We may also authorize one or more free writing prospectuses to be provided to you that may contain material information relating to these offerings. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus with respect to that offering. If there is any inconsistency between the information in this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement, you should rely on the prospectus supplement. Before purchasing any shares of our common stock, you should carefully read both this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement, together with the additional information described under the heading “Where You Can Find More Information; Incorporation by Reference.”

We have not authorized any other person to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. We will not make an offer to sell shares of our common stock in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement to this prospectus is accurate as of the date on its respective cover, and that any information incorporated by reference is accurate only as of the date of the document incorporated by reference, unless we indicate otherwise. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates.

Unless the context otherwise requires, the terms “we”, “us”, “our” and the “Company” refer to USA Truck, Inc. and its subsidiaries on a consolidated basis.

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**CAUTIONARY STATEMENT CONCERNING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

Investors are cautioned that this prospectus and any documents that we incorporate by reference herein may contain forward-looking statements. Statements which are predictive in nature, which depend upon or refer to future events or conditions, or which include words such as “expects,” “anticipates,” “intends,” “plans,” “believes,” “estimates,” “hopes” and similar expressions constitute forward-looking statements. All statements, other than statements of historical or current fact, are statements that could be deemed forward-looking statements, including without limitation: any projections of earnings, revenue, costs or other financial items; any statement of projected future operations or processes; any statement of plans, strategies, goals, and objectives of management for future operations; any statement concerning proposed new services or developments; any statement regarding future economic conditions or performance; and any statement of belief and any statement of assumptions underlying any of the foregoing, which may be provided by management are also forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are based upon expectations and projections about future events and are subject to assumptions, risks and uncertainties about, among other things, our business, economic and market factors and the trucking industry. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the dates stated and we do not undertake any obligation to update or revise publicly any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, even if experience or future events make it clear that any expected results expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements will not be realized. Although we believe that the expectations reflected in these forward-looking statements are reasonable, these expectations may not prove to be correct or we may not achieve the financial results, savings or other benefits anticipated in the forward-looking statements.

These forward-looking statements are necessarily estimates reflecting the best judgment of our senior management and involve a number of risks and uncertainties, some of which may be beyond our control, including significant business, economic, competitive, regulatory and other risks and uncertainties. If any of those risks and uncertainties materialize, actual results could differ materially from those discussed in any such forward-looking statement. Among the factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those discussed in forward-looking statements are those discussed under the heading “Risk Factors” in this prospectus, as well as in our other reports filed from time to time with the SEC. These factors include, but are not limited to:

- General economic, credit and business factors;
- Competition;
- Risks associated with stockholder activists;
- Provisions of our charter documents and Delaware law that could deter acquisitions proposals;
- Unsolicited takeover proposals;
- Our level of indebtedness and capital lease obligations;
- Difficulty in obtaining, and the potential dilutive effect of, future financing;
- Compliance with the covenants in our credit agreement;
- Our significant level of ongoing capital requirements;
- Failure of our upgrades to our tractor fleet to increase profitability or cost savings;
- Self-insurance claims exposure;
- Fluctuations in the price or availability of fuel;
- Volatility in the used equipment market;

• Increase in the prices for new revenue equipment, decreased availability of new revenue equipment and the failure of manufacturers to meet their sale or trade-back obligations;

• Our recent history on net losses;

• Our inability to successfully implement our realigned management team's operating procedures and savings initiatives;

• Key management and employee turnover and the ability to attract and retain qualified management and other key personnel;

• Increases in driver compensation or difficulties in retaining qualified drivers;

• Business and operating risks relating to our independent contractors;

• Regulatory or judicial determination that our independent contractors are employees;

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• Unionizing efforts;

- Risks relating to the growth of our asset-light services;

• Existing and future regulations;

• Our Compliance Safety Accountability Rating and its impact on our business and customer relationships;

• Receipt of an unfavorable Department of Transportation Safety Rating;

• Compliance with environmental laws and regulations;

• Challenges of doing business internationally;

• Litigation;

- Maintaining a functioning and secure information and communication systems;

• Seasonality and the impact of weather and catastrophic events;

• Potential negative impacts of our share repurchase program;

• Piece rate legislation;

• Security requirements in the transportation industry;

• Uncertainty in the interpretation of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017; and

• Additional factors or conditions described in subsequent filings with the SEC, incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

Moreover, we operate in a very competitive and rapidly changing environment. New risks emerge from time to time. It is not possible for our management to predict all risks, nor can we assess the impact of all factors on our business or the extent to which any factor, or combination of factors, may cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statements we may make. In light of these risks, uncertainties and assumptions, the future events and trends discussed in this prospectus may not occur and actual results could differ materially and adversely from those anticipated or implied in the forward-looking statements.

The forward-looking statements in this prospectus speak only as of the date of this prospectus, and we undertake no obligation to revise or publicly release any revision to these forward-looking statements, except as required by law. Given these risks and uncertainties, readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such forward-looking statements.

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**WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION; INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE**

**Available Information**

We file reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. Information filed with the SEC by us can be inspected and copied at the Public Reference Room maintained by the SEC at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You may also obtain copies of this information by mail from the Public Reference Room of the SEC at prescribed rates. Further information on the operation of the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, D.C. can be obtained by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. The SEC also maintains a website that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information about issuers, such as us, who file electronically with the SEC. The address of that website is *www.sec.gov*.

Our website address is *www.usa-truck.com*. The information on our website, however, is not, and should not be deemed to be, a part of this prospectus.

This prospectus and any prospectus supplement are part of a registration statement that we filed with the SEC and do not contain all of the information in the registration statement. The full registration statement may be obtained from the SEC or us, as provided below. Statements in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement about these documents are summaries and each statement is qualified in all respects by reference to the document to which it refers. You should refer to the actual documents for a more complete description of the relevant matters. You may inspect a copy of the registration statement at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, D.C. or through the SEC's website, as provided above.

**Incorporation by Reference**

The SEC's rules allow us to "incorporate by reference" information into this prospectus, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to another document filed separately with the SEC. The information incorporated by reference is deemed to be part of this prospectus, and subsequent information that we file with the SEC will automatically update and supersede that information. Any statement contained in a previously filed document incorporated by reference will be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this prospectus to the extent that a statement contained in this prospectus modifies or replaces that statement.

We incorporate by reference our documents listed below and any future filings made by us with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, which we refer to as the

“Exchange Act” in this prospectus, between the date of this prospectus and the termination of the offering of the securities described in this prospectus. We are not, however, incorporating by reference any documents or portions thereof, whether specifically listed below or filed in the future, that are not deemed “filed” with the SEC, including any Compensation Committee report and performance graph or any information furnished pursuant to Items 2.02 or 7.01 of Form 8-K or related exhibits furnished pursuant to Item 9.01 of Form 8-K.

This prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement incorporate by reference the documents set forth below that have previously been filed with the SEC:

• Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017, filed with the SEC on February 28, 2018.

• Our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2018, filed with the SEC on April 30, 2018.

• Our Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A, filed with the SEC on April 13, 2017.

• Our Current Reports on Form 8-K, filed with the SEC on January 5, 2018, March 26, 2018, March 29, 2018 and April 26, 2018.

The description of our common stock contained in our Registration Statement on Form 8-A, filed with the SEC on February 13, 1992, which was declared effective on March 19, 1992, and any amendment or report filed with the SEC for the purpose of updating the description.

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All reports and other documents we subsequently file pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act prior to the termination of this offering, including all such documents we may file with the SEC after the date of the initial registration statement and prior to the effectiveness of the registration statement, but excluding any information furnished to, rather than filed with, the SEC, will also be incorporated by reference into this prospectus and deemed to be part of this prospectus from the date of the filing of such reports and documents.

You may request a free copy of any of the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus by writing or telephoning us at the following address:

USA Truck, Inc.

3200 Industrial Park Road

Van Buren, Arkansas 72956

(479) 471-2500

Attention: Chief Financial Officer

Exhibits to the filings will not be sent, however, unless those exhibits have specifically been incorporated by reference in this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement.

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**THE COMPANY**

**Company Overview**

USA Truck is one of the nation's top 30 truckload carriers when measured by operating revenue, as determined by Transport Topics' most recent annual ranking. In 2017, the Company generated \$446.5 million in consolidated operating revenue. As of December 31, 2017, the Company's fleet consisted of 1,669 tractors, which included 247 independent contractor tractors, and 5,596 trailers.

USA Truck is headquartered in Van Buren, Arkansas, with trucking facilities concentrated in the eastern half of the United States for density and efficiency. Asset-light operations provide services across North America. The Company transports commodities throughout the contiguous United States and into and out of portions of Canada. USA Truck also transports general commodities into and out of Mexico by offering through-trailer service from its terminal in Laredo, Texas. In addition to truckload and dedicated freight service offerings, the Company provides freight brokerage, logistics, and rail intermodal service offerings through its logistics segment.

The Company has two reportable segments: (i) Trucking, consisting of the Company's truckload and dedicated freight service offerings, and (ii) USAT Logistics, consisting of the Company's freight brokerage and rail intermodal service offerings. The Company's Trucking segment transports customer freight over irregular routes utilizing equipment owned by either the Company or independent contractors as a medium to long-haul common carrier. Our dedicated freight services provide similar freight transport services, but do so pursuant to agreements whereby the Company makes equipment available to a specific customer for shipments over particular routes at specified times, typically over a multi-year period. USAT Logistics provides services which complement USA Truck's Trucking services. For 2017, USAT Logistics represented approximately 32% of USA Truck's consolidated operating revenue, up from approximately 30% during both 2016 and 2015, and we expect to continue to grow this segment.

**Corporate Information**

USA Truck, Inc. was incorporated in Delaware in 1986 as a wholly owned subsidiary of ABF Freight System, Inc., and was purchased by management in December 1988. The initial public offering of the Company's common stock was completed in March 1992. Our principal executive offices are located at 3200 Industrial Park Road, Van Buren, Arkansas 72956, and our telephone number is (479) 471-2500.





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**RISK FACTORS**

Investment in any securities offered pursuant to this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement involves risks. You should carefully consider the risk factors incorporated by reference to our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and any subsequent Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q or Current Reports on Form 8-K we file after the date of this prospectus, and all other information contained or incorporated by reference into this prospectus, as updated by our subsequent filings under the Exchange Act, and the risk factors and other information contained in the applicable prospectus supplement before acquiring any of such securities. The occurrence of any of these risks might cause you to lose all or part of your investment in the offered securities.

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**USE OF PROCEEDS**

We intend to use the net proceeds from the sale of the securities as set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement.

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**DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK**

As used in this section only, the “Company,” “we,” “our” or “us” refer to USA Truck, Inc., excluding our subsidiaries, unless expressly stated or the context otherwise requires.

The following description is intended as a summary of our Restated and Amended Certificate of Incorporation, our Bylaws, as amended and restated, and to applicable provisions of the Delaware General Corporation Law, or the DGCL. The following description is only a summary of the material provisions of our capital stock, the Charter, and the Bylaws and does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the provisions of the Charter and the Bylaws. The Charter and Bylaws are incorporated by reference as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part.

**Authorized Capital Stock**

Under our Restated and Amended Certificate of Incorporation , as amended (“Certificate of Incorporation”), our authorized capital stock consists of 30,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$.01 per share, and 1,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$.01 per share. As of April 20, 2018, 8,342,573 shares of our common stock were outstanding.

**Common Stock**

Our common stock is listed on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol “USAK.” Any additional common stock we issue will also be listed on the NASDAQ Global Select Market. The holders of common stock are entitled to receive dividends, or other distributions with respect to our outstanding shares, as may be declared from time to time by our board of directors. Holders of common stock are entitled to one vote per share on all matters on which the holders of common stock are entitled to vote and do not have cumulative voting rights in the election of directors. In the event of our liquidation, dissolution or winding up, holders of common stock will be entitled to share ratably in the assets, if any, available for distribution after payment of all creditors and the liquidation preferences on any outstanding shares on preferred stock, if any such stock is authorized. Holders of common stock have no preemptive rights to subscribe for any additional shares of any class we may issue, nor any conversion, redemption, or sinking fund rights.

**Preferred Stock**

Our board of directors is authorized, subject to any limitations prescribed by law, without stockholder approval, to issue from time to time up to an aggregate of 1,000,000 shares of preferred stock, in one or more series, each series to have such rights and preferences, including voting rights, dividend rights, conversion rights, redemption privileges and liquidation preferences as our board of directors determines. The rights of the holders of common stock will be subject to, and may be adversely affected by, the rights of holders of any preferred stock that may be issued in the future. Issuance of preferred stock, while providing desirable flexibility in connection with possible acquisitions and other corporate purposes, could have the effect of making it more difficult for a third party to acquire, or of discouraging a third party from attempting to acquire, a majority of our outstanding voting stock. We currently have no shares of preferred stock outstanding and we have no present plans to issue any shares of preferred stock.

### **Certain Provisions of our Certificate of Incorporation and Amended and Restated Bylaws**

*Advance Notice of Proposals and Nominations.* Our Bylaws, as amended and restated (“Bylaws”) provide that stockholders must provide timely written notice to bring business before an annual meeting of stockholders or to nominate candidates for election as directors at an annual meeting of stockholders. Notice for a proposal or nomination is timely if it is delivered to or mailed and received at our principal executive offices not less than 90 days nor more than 120 days prior to the anniversary date of the immediately preceding annual meeting of the stockholders. If, however, the annual meeting is called for a date that is not within 25 days before or after such anniversary date, notice is timely if received not later than the close of business on the 10th day following the first day on which notice of the date of the annual meeting was mailed or public disclosure of the date of the annual meeting otherwise was made, whichever occurs first. The Bylaws also specify the form and content of a stockholder’s notice. These provisions may prevent stockholders from bringing matters before an annual meeting of stockholders or from nominating candidates for election as directors at an annual meeting of stockholders. In addition, our Bylaws permits eligible stockholders with an ownership threshold of 3% of the Company, who have held their shares for at least three years and who otherwise meet the requirements set forth in the Bylaws, to have their nominees consisting of the greater of 25% or two nominees of the Board included in the Company’s proxy materials. An unlimited number of stockholders can aggregate ownership for purposes of meeting the 3% requirement. This process is subject to additional eligibility, procedural, and disclosure requirements set forth in the Bylaws.

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*Indemnification of Directors, Officers, and Employees.* The DGCL authorizes corporations to limit or eliminate the personal liability of directors to corporations and their stockholders for monetary damages for breaches of directors' fiduciary duties. Our Certificate of Incorporation includes a provision that eliminates the personal liability of directors for monetary damages for actions taken as a director, except for liability:

- for breach of duty of loyalty;
- for acts or omissions not in good faith or involving intentional misconduct or knowing violation of law;
- under Section 174 of the DGCL (unlawful dividends); or
- for transactions from which the director derived improper personal benefit.

Our Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws provide that we must indemnify our directors and officers to the fullest extent authorized by the DGCL. We are also expressly required to advance certain expenses (including attorneys' fees and disbursements and court costs) to our directors and officers upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of such director or officer to repay such amount if it shall ultimately be determined that such person is not entitled to be indemnified by us. We are expressly authorized to carry directors' and officers' insurance providing insurance for our directors, officers and certain employees for some liabilities. We believe that these indemnification provisions and insurance are useful to attract and retain qualified directors and executive officers.

The limitation of liability and indemnification provisions in our Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws may discourage stockholders from bringing a lawsuit against directors for breach of their fiduciary duty. These provisions may also have the effect of reducing the likelihood of derivative litigation against directors and officers, even though such an action, if successful, might otherwise benefit us and our stockholders. In addition, your investment may be adversely affected to the extent we pay the costs of settlement and damage awards against directors and officers pursuant to these indemnification provisions.

There is currently no pending material litigation or proceeding involving any of our directors, officers, or employees for which indemnification is sought.

**Anti-Takeover Provisions of Delaware Law and Our Charter Provisions**

We are a Delaware corporation subject to Section 203 of the DGCL. In general, Section 203 prohibits a publicly held Delaware corporation from engaging, under certain circumstances, in a business combination with an interested stockholder for a period of three years following the date the person became an interested stockholder unless:

- the corporation has elected in its certificate of incorporation or bylaws to be excluded from the restrictions of Section 203 (the lack of such an election in our Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws means that we are currently subject to restrictions on such combinations and transactions);
- prior to the time the person became an interested stockholder, the board of directors of the corporation approved either the business combination or the transaction which resulted in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder;

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- upon consummation of the transaction that resulted in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder, the stockholder owned at least 85% of the voting stock of the corporation outstanding at the time the transaction commenced, excluding for purposes of determining the voting stock outstanding (but not the outstanding voting stock owned by the interested stockholder) those (1) shares owned by persons who are directors and also officers and (2) shares owned by employee stock plans in which employee participants do not have the right to determine confidentially whether shares held subject to the plan will be tendered in a tender or exchange offer; or
- at the time of or after the person became an interested stockholder, the business combination is approved by the board and authorized at an annual or special meeting of stockholders, and not by written consent, by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the outstanding voting stock which is not owned by the interested stockholder.

The term “business combination” is defined generally to include, among other things, mergers or consolidations between a Delaware corporation and an “interested stockholder,” transactions with an “interested stockholder” involving the assets or stock of the corporation or its majority-owned subsidiaries, transactions that increase an interested stockholder’s percentage ownership of stock, and the receipt by an interested stockholder of a disproportionate financial benefit provided by or through the corporation or its majority-owned subsidiaries.

The term “interested stockholder” is defined to include any person, other than the corporation and any direct or indirect majority-owned subsidiary of the corporation, that is the owner of 15% or more of the outstanding voting stock of the corporation, or is an affiliate or associate of the corporation and was the owner of 15% or more of the outstanding voting stock of the corporation, at any time within three years immediately prior to the relevant date, or the affiliates and associates of any such person.

Section 203 makes it more difficult for a person who would be an “interested stockholder” to effect various business combinations with a corporation for a three-year period. The provisions of Section 203 may encourage companies interested in acquiring our company to negotiate in advance with our board of directors, because the stockholder approval requirement would be avoided if our board of directors approves either the business combination or the transaction which results in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder. These provisions also may have the effect of preventing changes in our board of directors and may make it more difficult to accomplish transactions which stockholders may otherwise deem to be in their best interests.

Article V of our Certificate of Incorporation and certain sections of our Bylaws also contain provisions that could have anti-takeover effects, including the following provisions:

- classifying members of our board of directors into three classes, such that members of the three classes are elected to staggered terms of three years each;



- allowing an increase in the number of directors only if at least 75% of the directors then in office agree to the increase;
- reserving to the board of directors the exclusive right to fill vacancies on the board;
- providing that a director may be removed only for cause and only upon the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the combined voting power of the then outstanding shares of voting capital stock of the corporation, voting together as a single class;
- requiring the affirmative vote or consent of the holders of two-thirds of the shares of stock entitled to vote thereon (including the affirmative vote of the holders of at least two-thirds of the shares of any class or series of capital stock entitled to vote separately thereon) to authorize major corporate transactions required to be approved by the stockholders under the DGCL, such as mergers, consolidations, and asset sales;

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- requiring the affirmative vote or consent of the holders of two-thirds of the shares of stock entitled to vote thereon (including the holders of at least two-thirds of the issued and outstanding shares or any class or series entitled to vote separately thereon) to amend any of the foregoing provisions in our Certificate of Incorporation; and
- requiring advance notice of all stockholder proposals, including nominations for election as director.

In addition, our Certificate of Incorporation grants our board of directors the authority to amend and repeal our Bylaws without a stockholder vote in any manner not inconsistent with the laws of the State of Delaware, our Certificate of Incorporation, or Bylaws.

## **No Cumulative Voting**

The DGCL provides that stockholders are not entitled to the right to cumulate votes in the election of directors unless our Certificate of Incorporation provides otherwise. Our Certificate of Incorporation does not expressly provide for cumulative voting.

## **Authorized but Unissued Capital Stock**

The DGCL does not require stockholder approval for any issuance of authorized shares. However, the listing requirements of the NASDAQ Global Select Market, which would apply so long as our common stock is listed on the NASDAQ Global Select Market, require stockholder approval of certain issuances. These additional shares may be used for a variety of corporate purposes, including future public offerings, to raise additional capital or to facilitate acquisitions.

One of the effects of the existence of unissued and unreserved common stock may be to enable our board of directors to issue shares to persons friendly to current management, which issuance could render more difficult or discourage an attempt to obtain control of our company by means of a merger, tender offer, proxy contest or otherwise, and thereby protect the continuity of our management and possibly deprive the stockholders of opportunities to sell their shares of common stock at prices higher than prevailing market prices.

## **Transfer Agent and Registrar**

The transfer agent and registrar for the shares of our common stock is Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company.

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**PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION**

We may sell the shares of our common stock from time to time pursuant to underwritten public offerings, negotiated transactions, block trades or a combination of these methods or through underwriters or dealers, through agents and/or directly to one or more purchasers. The securities may be distributed from time to time in one or more transactions:

• at a fixed price or prices, which may be changed;

• at market prices prevailing at the time of sale;

- at prices related to such prevailing market prices; or

• at negotiated prices.

Each time that we sell shares of common stock covered by this prospectus, we will provide a prospectus supplement or supplements that will describe the method of distribution and set forth the terms and conditions of the offering of such shares of common stock, including the offering price of the securities and the proceeds to us.

Offers to purchase the shares of common stock being offered by this prospectus may be solicited directly. Agents may also be designated to solicit offers to purchase the shares of common stock from time to time. Any agent involved in the offer or sale of shares of our common stock will be identified in a prospectus supplement.

If a dealer is utilized in the sale of the shares of common stock being offered by this prospectus, the securities will be sold to the dealer, as principal. The dealer may then resell the shares of common stock to the public at varying prices to be determined by the dealer at the time of resale.

If an underwriter is utilized in the sale of the shares of common stock being offered by this prospectus, an underwriting agreement will be executed with the underwriter at the time of sale and the name of any underwriter will be provided in the prospectus supplement that the underwriter will use to make resales of the shares of common stock to the public. In connection with the sale of the shares of common stock pursuant to this prospectus, we, or the purchasers of shares of common stock for whom the underwriter may act as agent, may compensate the underwriter in the form of underwriting discounts or commissions. The underwriter may sell the shares of common stock to or through dealers, and those dealers may receive compensation in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions

from the underwriters and/or commissions from the purchasers for which they may act as agent. Unless otherwise indicated in a prospectus supplement, an agent will be acting on a best efforts basis and a dealer will purchase the shares of common stock as a principal, and may then resell the shares of common stock at varying prices to be determined by the dealer.

Any compensation paid to underwriters, dealers or agents in connection with the offering of the shares of common stock, and any discounts, concessions or commissions allowed by underwriters to participating dealers will be provided in the applicable prospectus supplement. Underwriters, dealers and agents participating in the distribution of the securities may be deemed to be underwriters within the meaning of the Securities Act, and any discounts and commissions received by them and any profit realized by them on resale of the shares of common stock may be deemed to be underwriting discounts and commissions. We may enter into agreements to indemnify underwriters, dealers and agents against civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, or to contribute to payments they may be required to make in respect thereof and to reimburse those persons for certain expenses.

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The shares of common stock will be listed on the NASDAQ Global Select Market. To facilitate the offering of the shares of common stock, certain persons participating in the offering may engage in transactions that stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the price of the shares of common stock. This may include over-allotments or short sales of the shares of common stock, which involve the sale by persons participating in the offering of more shares than were sold to them. In these circumstances, these persons would cover such over-allotments or short positions by making purchases in the open market or by exercising their over-allotment option, if any. In addition, these persons may stabilize or maintain the price of the shares of common stock by bidding for or purchasing shares in the open market or by imposing penalty bids, whereby selling concessions allowed to dealers participating in the offering may be reclaimed if shares of common stock sold by them are repurchased in connection with stabilization transactions. The effect of these transactions may be to stabilize or maintain the market price of the shares of common stock at a level above that which might otherwise prevail in the open market. These transactions may be discontinued at any time.

If indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, underwriters or other persons acting as agents may be authorized to solicit offers by institutions or other suitable purchasers to purchase the shares of common stock at the public offering price set forth in the prospectus supplement, pursuant to delayed delivery contracts providing for payment and delivery on the date or dates stated in the prospectus supplement. These purchasers may include, among others, commercial and savings banks, insurance companies, pension funds, investment companies and educational and charitable institutions. Delayed delivery contracts will be subject to the condition that the purchase of the shares of common stock covered by the delayed delivery contracts will not at the time of delivery be prohibited under the laws of any jurisdiction in the United States to which the purchaser is subject. The underwriters and agents will not have any responsibility with respect to the validity or performance of these contracts.

We may engage in at the market offerings into an existing trading market in accordance with Rule 415(a)(4) under the Securities Act. In addition, we may enter into derivative transactions with third parties, or sell securities not covered by this prospectus to third parties in privately negotiated transactions. If the applicable prospectus supplement so indicates, in connection with those derivatives, the third parties may sell shares of common stock covered by this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement, including in short sale transactions. If so, the third party may use securities pledged by us or borrowed from us or others to settle those sales or to close out any related open borrowings of stock, and may use securities received from us in settlement of those derivatives to close out any related open borrowings of stock. The third party in such sale transactions will be an underwriter and, if not identified in this prospectus, will be named in the applicable prospectus supplement (or a post-effective amendment). In addition, we may otherwise loan or pledge securities to a financial institution or other third party that in turn may sell the securities short using this prospectus and an applicable prospectus supplement. Such financial institution or other third party may transfer its economic short position to investors in our securities or in connection with a concurrent offering of other securities.

The specific terms of any lock-up provisions in respect of any given offering will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

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In compliance with the guidelines of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc., or FINRA, the maximum consideration or discount to be received by any FINRA member or independent broker dealer may not exceed 8% of the aggregate proceeds of the offering.

The underwriters, dealers and agents may engage in transactions with us, or perform services for us, in the ordinary course of business for which they receive compensation.

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**LEGAL MATTERS**

Snell & Wilmer L.L.P., Phoenix, Arizona will pass upon certain legal matters relating to the issuance and sale of the shares of common stock offered hereby on behalf of us. Additional legal matters may be passed upon for us, or any underwriters, dealers or agents, by counsel that we will name in the applicable prospectus supplement.

**EXPERTS**

The consolidated financial statements of USA Truck, Inc. as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, and for the three year period ended December 31, 2017, and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2017, incorporated by reference in this prospectus from the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017, have been audited Grant Thornton LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, as set forth in their report included therein, and are incorporated herein by reference in reliance upon such report given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.



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Prospectus

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\$150,000,000

Common Stock

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The following is an estimate of the expenses (all of which are to be paid by the registrant) that we may incur in connection with the securities being registered hereby.

	<b>Amount</b>
SEC registration fee	\$ 18,675
FINRA filing fee	(1 )
Printing expenses	(1 )
Legal fees and expenses	(1 )
Accounting fees and expenses	7,500
Miscellaneous fees	(1 )
Total	\$(1 )

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(1) These fees are calculated based on the securities offered and the number of issuances and accordingly cannot be estimated at this time.

**Item 15. *Indemnification of Directors and Officers*****Delaware Corporations*****Delaware General Corporation Law***

The Company is a Delaware corporation. Subsection (a) of Section 145 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, or the DGCL, empowers a corporation to indemnify any person who was or is a party or who is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the corporation) by reason of the fact that the person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if the person acted in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe the person's conduct was unlawful.

Subsection (b) of Section 145 empowers a corporation to indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that the person acted in any of the capacities set forth above, against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit if the person acted in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, except that no indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the corporation unless and only to the extent that the Court of Chancery or the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which the Court of Chancery or such other court shall deem proper.

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Section 145 further provides that to the extent a director or officer of a corporation has been successful on the merits or otherwise in the defense of any action, suit or proceeding referred to in subsections (a) and (b) of Section 145, or in defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, such person shall be indemnified against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection therewith, that indemnification provided for by Section 145 shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which the indemnified party may be entitled and the indemnification provided for by Section 145 shall, unless otherwise provided when authorized or ratified, continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director, officer, employee or agent and shall inure to the benefit of such person's heirs, executors and administrators. Section 145 also empowers the corporation to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against any liability asserted against such person and incurred by such person in any such capacity, or arising out of his status as such, whether or not the corporation would have the power to indemnify such person against such liabilities under Section 145.

Section 102(b)(7) of the DGCL provides that a corporation's certificate of incorporation may contain a provision eliminating or limiting the personal liability of a director to the corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, provided that such provision shall not eliminate or limit the liability of a director (i) for any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the corporation or its stockholders, (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (iii) for willful or negligent violations of certain provisions in the DGCL imposing certain requirements with respect to stock repurchases, redemptions and dividends as detailed under Section 174 of the DGCL or (iv) for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit.

***USA Truck, Inc. Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws***

Our Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws provide that we must indemnify our directors and officers to the fullest extent authorized by the DGCL. We are also expressly required to advance certain expenses (including attorneys' fees and disbursements and court costs) to our directors and officers upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of such director or officer to repay such amount if it shall ultimately be determined that such person is not entitled to be indemnified by us. We are expressly authorized to carry directors' and officers' insurance providing insurance for our directors, officers and certain employees for some liabilities. We believe that these indemnification provisions and insurance are useful to attract and retain qualified directors and executive officers.

The limitation of liability and indemnification provisions in our Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws may discourage stockholders from bringing a lawsuit against directors for breach of their fiduciary duty. These provisions may also have the effect of reducing the likelihood of derivative litigation against directors and officers, even though such an action, if successful, might otherwise benefit us and our stockholders. In addition, your investment may be adversely affected to the extent we pay the costs of settlement and damage awards against directors and officers pursuant to these indemnification provisions.

*Insurance*

We maintain standard policies of insurance that provide coverage (1) to our directors and officers against loss rising from claims made by reason of breach of duty or other wrongful act and (2) to us with respect to indemnification payments that we may make to such directors and officers.

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**Item 16. Exhibits**

(a) Exhibits.

A list of exhibits filed with this registration statement on Form S-3 is set forth on the Exhibit Index immediately preceding the signature pages and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 17. Undertakings**

(a) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;

To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement; and

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

*provided, however*, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i), (a)(1)(ii), and (a)(1)(iii) above do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the registrant pursuant to section 13 or section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement, or is contained in a form of prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) that is a part of the registration statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(4) That, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser:

(A) Each prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) shall be deemed to be part of the registration statement as of the date the filed prospectus was deemed part of and included in the registration statement; and

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Each prospectus required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2), (b)(5), or (b)(7) as part of a registration statement in reliance on Rule 430B relating to an offering made pursuant to Rule 415(a)(1)(i), (vii), or (x) for the purpose of providing the information required by section 10(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the earlier of the date such form of prospectus is first used after effectiveness or the date of the first contract of sale of securities in the offering described in the prospectus. As provided in Rule 430B, for liability purposes of the issuer and any person that is at that date an underwriter, such date shall be deemed to be a new effective date of the registration statement relating to the securities in the registration statement to which that prospectus relates, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof. Provided, however, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such effective date, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such effective date.

(5) That, for the purpose of determining liability of the registrant under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser in the initial distribution of securities, the undersigned registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned registrant pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser:

- (i) Any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424;
- (ii) Any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant or used or referred to by the undersigned registrant;
- (iii) The portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant; and
- (iv) Any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned registrant to the purchaser.

(b) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.



(c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

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(d) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that:

(1) For purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, the information omitted from the form of prospectus filed as part of this registration statement in reliance upon Rule 430A and contained in a form of prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(1) or (4) or 497(h) under the Securities Act of 1933 shall be deemed to be part of this registration statement as of the time it was declared effective.

(2) For the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each post-effective amendment that contains a form of prospectus shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
1.1*	Form of Underwriting Agreement.
4.1	<u>Restated and Amended Certificate of Incorporation of USA Truck, Inc. as currently in effect, including all Certificates of Amendments thereto (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2013)</u>
4.3	<u>Bylaws of USA Truck, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on March 24, 2017)</u>
4.4	<u>Specimen Common Stock Certificate representing shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of USA Truck, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2017)</u>
5.1	<u>Opinion of Snell &amp; Wilmer L.L.P.</u>
23.1	<u>Consent of Grant Thornton LLP, independent registered public accounting firm.</u>
23.2	<u>Consent of Snell &amp; Wilmer L.L.P. (included in Exhibit 5.1).</u>
24.1	<u>Powers of Attorney (incorporated by reference to the signature pages hereto).</u>

\* To be filed by amendment or incorporated by reference in connection with the offering of the securities.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Van Buren, State of Arkansas, on May 1, 2018.

**USA Truck, Inc.**

a Delaware corporation

By: **/s/ James D. Reed**  
**James D. Reed**  
**President and Chief Executive Officer**

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

Each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints James D. Reed and Jason R. Bates, and each and any of them, his or her true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him or her and in his or her name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all (i) amendments (including post-effective amendments) and additions to this registration statement and (ii) any and all additional registration statements pursuant to Rule 462(b) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto each said attorney-in-fact and agents full power and authority to do and perform each and every act in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents or either of them or their or his or her substitute or substitutes may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this registration statement has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

<b>SIGNATURE</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>DATE</b>
<b>/s/ James D. Reed</b> <b>James D. Reed</b>	President and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)	May 1, 2018

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/s/ Jason R. Bates	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)	May 1, 2018
<b>Jason R. Bates</b>		
/s/ Zachary B. King	Vice President and Corporate Controller (Principal Accounting Officer)	May 1, 2018
<b>Zachary B. King</b>		
/s/ Robert A. Peiser	Chairman of the Board of Directors	May 1, 2018
<b>Robert A. Peiser</b>		
/s/Thomas M. Glaser	Director	May 1, 2018
<b>Thomas M. Glaser</b>		
/s/ Robert E. Creager	Director	May 1, 2018
<b>Robert E. Creager</b>		

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/s/ Alexander D. Greene      Director    May 1, 2018  
**Alexander D. Greene**

/s/ Gary R. Enzor            Director    May 1, 2018  
**Gary R. Enzor**

/s/ Barbara J. Faulkenberry    Director    May 1, 2018  
**Barbara J. Faulkenberry**

/s/ M. Susan Chambers        Director    May 1, 2018  
**M. Susan Chambers**

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