Waste Management Case Study

GRUNDON

Founded in 1929 by Stephen Grundon, this family owned company is the largest private waste management group in the UK. It provides a wide mix of services including recycling collections, waste removal, waste disposal, special events, contract management and consultancy services. The company also deals with all aspects of hazardous waste management including contaminated waste, clinical & medical waste disposal and the collection and treatment of WEE.

State-of-the-art treatment facilities run by Grundon include transfer stations, materials recycling facilities, hydroclave, incineration plants and landfill sites. A major investment in the joint venture Lakeside Energy from Waste plant in 2010 has created a sustainable, hi-tech alternative to landfill for the disposal of non-recyclable waste. The plant processes 410,000 tonnes per year and exports 34MW of electricity to the National Grid.

Efficiency and reliability lies at the heart of the operation and Grundon uses a mix of machines to sort, stockpile, load and unload waste. Recognising the arduous conditions of many of their sites, Alec Powell, Regional MRF Manager, specifies SG Revolution Super Cushion Solid tyres from ITWS for his Case, Volvo and Cat loaders and JCB telescopic handlers and acknowledges the tyres ability to work effectively without the threat of punctures or tyre damage.

"We have 8 machines in Slough, Banbury, Beenham and Leatherhead. They are all working on SG Revolution tyres. We use these tyres because they offer us excellent value for money. We don't suffer machine downtime because they are fully resistant to punctures, offer us a much longer tread life and a comfortable ride for the operator which helps productivity. We also take advantage of the Service Exchange Scheme offered by ITWS. When we need new tyres they arrive pre-pressed on to rims that can be swapped in just an hour or so with the old rims and tyres – these are then taken off site and dealt with by ITWS. As a company we like the fact that ITWS has sourced a recycling solution for old tyres and they refurbish the rims ready for re-use. As a leader in this sector it is good to work with companies that share our ethos on waste".

SG Revolution super cushion tyres are manufactured from a hard wearing compound and feature larger, deeper lugs and two rows of apertures built in to the side wall of the tyres. Specifically designed to work productively over rough ground there are sizes and tread patterns for a variety of machines and conditions.

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