



## Combi-CB for BAE

BAE Systems is using a Combi-CB to handle pallets, containers and long loads at its Samlesbury site in the North West of England.

The CB's versatile capabilities has enabled BAE to reduce the amount of trucks in its goods-in area for more streamlined, cost effective and safer handling procedures.

The previous fleet of a sideloader and 4 counterbalance trucks was not being put to effective use and Inventory Manager Mick Woods needed to find a universal, versatile truck that could accord to BAE's requirements for an all electric fleet, its stringent focus on safety and its cost savings initiative.

The 3t capacity AC battery powered Combi-CB ticked all the boxes and has delivered a host of benefits.

The CB operates indoors and out,

offloading and reloading vehicles for dispatch and works as a sideloader to manoeuvre 6m lengths of timber in confined spaces.

Customised to BAE's requirements it was fitted with 1200mm forks to facilitate the handling of the timber and fork mounted weighing scales were also incorporated. Hydraulic fork positioners, operated from inside the cab, speed up the handling of varied loads such as standard pallets and longer CIC containers which hold aircraft canopies.

"The up front investment in the Combilift will quickly achieve payback and enable us to make further cost savings in future," says Mick. "Even with Combilift's flexibility to replace a number of fork trucks, there is absolutely no compromise in its performance, whatever mode it is working in."

