



Sapa's Top Ten Trucks



Sapa's new fleet of 10 Combi-CB's is enabling the company to make substantial cost savings and enjoy a high degree of operational versatility at its aluminium profile extrusion plant near Poznan in Poland.

The eight electric 2.5t models and two 4t diesel CB's transport 6m stillages of extruded profiles around the plant and load and offload HGV's.

A major cause for concern with the previous fleet of electric counterbalance and reach trucks was the high level of maintenance costs due to wear and tear on wheels and tyres because of very demanding ground conditions.

The robust super elastic tyres fitted to the CB's however are specifically designed to cope with rough surfaces inside and out.

Purchasing Director Marek Skirucha: "We were looking for machines capable of meeting current as well as future requirements. The various power options and capacities of the CB range was ideal as we wanted a fleet based on one uniform design able to be customised for specific tasks."

Side shift and hydraulic fork positioners fitted to the trucks enable the drivers to easily adjust the forks from inside the cab for

quicker operation when handling non standard loads. "Although our core business is extrusion we are also focused on delivering other solutions for our customers," says Marek.

"The CB's ability to carry diverse loads and to work in narrow confines is therefore very beneficial."

Marek is impressed by the robust build and reliability of the Combilift:

"It takes a clever manufacturer to realise that simple design with minimum electronic parts makes for a machine that is more reliable and robust than one full of complex and sensitive components. Our operation is now more efficient and cost effective, enabling us to offer a more competitive service for our customers."

