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Salvaging Space with Combilift



By replacing its rough terrain truck with a 4t capacity Combilift, Atkinson Car Dismantlers has more than doubled its storage capacity. Aisle-widths between storage bays in the yard have been reduced from 22ft to 13ft, freeing up space for a total of 275 cars compared with a previous tally of around 100.

The Monaghan based company recently got to the stage where it either needed to look at larger premises or rethink its storage operations. Director Aaron Atkinson explains: "There was some land available near our site but planning permission is hard to come by and new property is a very expensive undertaking. We were therefore keen to find a more space efficient method of storing stock in our current footprint."

The Combilift's ability to carry long loads sideways in narrow confines was the ideal solution, and Atkinson's diesel powered truck has delivered benefits over and above space saving. It offloads incoming vehicles from HGV's before de-pollution and the removal of fast selling parts is carried out. It then takes the cars to be stored three high in bays until they are needed for further parts.

Customised Handling Solutions

Combilift is the world's leading supplier of 4-way and narrow aisle handling solutions. Versatility, reliability, safer and space saving handling are hallmarks of the range, which enables improved productivity and efficiency across a wide range of industries. In this newsletter we focus on the benefits that Combilift products are bringing to the car salvage sector.

"The Combilift is very manoeuvrable, making it straightforward to retrieve specific vehicles," says Aaron. "With our old truck we had to move a number of cars around to get to the one we wanted. Multiple handling increases the risk of stock damage – although we are dealing with salvaged vehicles in the first place we don't want any further deterioration to their condition. The Combilift reduces overall handling, speeds up stock location and has been extremely reliable. It was definitely the superior option to going through the lengthy and potentially unreliable procedure of trying to expand our site."

Aisle-Master is the All Round Solution

Combilift also manufactures the Aisle-Master narrow aisle articulated truck which is generally, but not exclusively used to handle pallets. It has come into its own at Truck Dismantlers Ireland as MD Adrian McElvaney explains: "Due to rapid expansion, we needed to adopt a much more rationalised approach to the storage and handling of the large volume and



varying sizes of components we deal with. An all round forklift that works indoors and out is vital, which is why our Aisle-Master is ideal. It is equally at home working in the newly installed racking system for speedy parts retrieval as well as in the yard loading and offloading HGV's. It has made an invaluable contribution to our operations and enables us to provide an improved customer service." Truck Dismantlers Ireland was established in 2001 by McElvaney Motors, the main Scania Dealer for Dublin and the North-East of Ireland, and has recently moved to new 20,000ft² premises in Monaghan to keep up with increasing demand from both domestic and export markets.



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The Right Vehicle for Overton Dismantlers

Overton Dismantlers has been at the forefront of the vehicle recycling sector for over 35 years, offering a next day parts delivery service across the UK. The company previously used a counterbalance forklift to manoeuvre cars in and out of the bays but its movement was restrictive and it needed aisle-widths of 6m. Since the Combilift has been in operation aisle-widths of just 4m have resulted in a 37% increase in overall storage capacity.

Moving sideways with the car chassis resting on the truck's forks just above the platform, the Combilift can then be easily switched to forward mode for the run across the yard. The ability to turn on its own axis enables the loaded truck to negotiate obstacles to take cars directly into the workshop for parts removal. The Combilift's powerful performance and robust design make light work of gradients and uneven terrain on site.

Overton was the first European vehicle dismantler to be awarded the Automotive Recyclers Association

Improvement and Beautification Merit Award which is awarded for best practice and is one of the highest achievements in industry. "The best use of the technology available is a hallmark of our operation and this naturally applies to materials handling," says Chairman and Managing Director Sandy Dalgarno. "With the Combilift in place we have a reliable workhorse that enhances stock location and which is in permanent operation six days a week. It does a fantastic job."

