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BUCHANAN SKIP HIRE ARE ON A ROLL WITH A NEW VOLVO FMX 8x4 HOOKLIFT RIGID

West Lothian-based, Buchanan Skip Hire has purchased its fifth Volvo truck - an FMX 8x4 rigid equipped with Tandem Axle Lift and a hook lift body – which joins four Volvo FE skip loader vehicles in a mixed marque fleet of 21 trucks.

“Our last five vehicle purchases have all been Volvo trucks sourced from a mixture of stock trucks and specific orders. Every one has the additional lower passenger door extra glazing panel, which increases driver visibility levels,” notes John Cunningham, Transport Manager at Buchanan Skip Hire.

Supplied by Sean Merrick, Transport Solutions Executive at Volvo Truck and Bus Centre North & Scotland, the 5,100mm wheelbase Volvo FMX rigid chassis is fitted with a Multi-lift Hook lift body by Hyva fitted at Bulkwel, Broxburn and will be used on the company's services across Edinburgh, West Lothian and Falkirk areas.

Powered by a Volvo D13K Euro-6 engine producing a maximum 420hp, the FMX rigid is also equipped with an I-Shift 12-speed automated transmission system and features rear air suspension, an Extra-High Chassis and RTS2370A single reduction tandem 23tonne drive axles with differential and cross locks. The Day Cab also contains Driving and Living packages.

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Based in Warwick, Volvo Trucks delivered more than 6,300 trucks in 2017.

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Volvo's unique Tandem Axle Lift was also specified, which offers improved manoeuvrability and a reduction in fuel consumption levels; Tandem Axle Lift is ideal for waste industry operators like Buchanan Skip Hire who regularly drive heavily loaded in one direction and empty in the other. When the truck is unloaded, a button is pushed on the dashboard to disengage and raise the drive axle. As soon the truck is loaded, the drive axle automatically lowers and engages to ensure maximum traction and driveability. It only takes about 15 seconds from start to finish, so no valuable time is wasted.

The truck was also supplied with a four-year Volvo Service Contract, which will be carried out at the nearby Edinburgh dealerpoint of Volvo Truck and Bus Centre North & Scotland.

"All our Volvo Trucks benefit from Dealerpoint Service Contracts and with these packages there's no interruption to our daily work schedules. We drop the vehicles off during the back shift and they're always ready to go the next morning," John reports.

He adds, *"We also run two Volvo FE rigids at 14-tonnes gross vehicle weight and a further two FE at 18-tonnes. This suits our business, which uses a variety of different trucks with maximum operating weights ranging from 3.5 to 32 tonnes."*

Sticking to a tried and tested 'one driver; one truck,' policy John reports positive feedback from his colleagues. *"Our drivers like the new Volvos. The FEs on our fleet have manual gearboxes, but the FMX with the I-Shift transmission will be interesting to monitor. We use Volvo's Dynafleet Fleet Management System to monitor performance levels, which have so far been great."*

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Caption for photographs :

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Notes for Editors :

1. Buchanan Skip Hire was founded in 1987 and today the company operates a large fleet of trucks, staffed by a team of 15 full-time and three stand-by drivers.
2. Offering a wide range of skip sizes for hire from two to 40 cubic yards, the company serves a large domestic and commercial customer base across a wide swathe of Central Scotland and the Scottish Borders.

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