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WADE SPRING STAYS IN ITS COMFORT ZONE WITH A NEW VOLVO FL ORDER

When Nottinghamshire-based, Wade Spring Limited - the UK's leading manufacturer of furniture springs - investigated the acquisition of a new vehicle for its fleet, it concluded that a 12-tonne Volvo FL 4x2 rigid was exactly the vehicle that it needed.

Having recently purchased the spring business of another furniture supplier, the Long Eaton company soon realised that its existing ten-tonne truck was not going to have the required capacity to move its products around the country. As a result, they invested in the new Volvo rigid, supplied by Hartshorne Motor Services Ltd.

"We knew that Volvo made great trucks and heard about the quality levels that drivers found in the cab," explains Phil Thacker, Purchasing Logistics Manager at Wade Spring. "We got a few quotes from different truck manufacturers and the Volvo worked out the best overall in terms of performance and reliability. Having already done a lot of research into the market and the vehicles within it, we decided to go with the Volvo."

Entering service with Wade Spring in late July, the new FL has rear air suspension, heated mirrors and an adjustable roof deflector, plus the benefit of a Dynafleet contract, which was taken out to monitor performance and mileage.

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Volvo Trucks UK & Ireland provides complete transport solutions for professional and demanding customers by offering a full range of medium to heavy duty trucks through a network of 85 dealerpoints, as well as solutions for financing and service. Based in Warwick, Volvo Trucks delivered more than 6,300 trucks in 2018. The company is part of the AB Volvo Group, which is headquartered in Gothenburg, Sweden and is one of the world's leading manufacturers of trucks, buses and construction equipment, drive systems for marine and industrial applications and services. All the Group's activities are based on its core values of quality, safety and environmental care.



Power comes from Volvo Trucks' D5K four-cylinder diesel engine, producing 210hp and 800Nm of torque, which is coupled to Volvo's I-Sync automated six-speed gearbox.

Phil explains that the driver of the truck was completely won over by the Volvo package, having previously driven other marques. *"As an added bonus, although the FL has a reliable reputation in service, the seven-year Volvo Gold Service Contract makes a big difference and adds more confidence in the product we are investing in."*

Frisby Wade, grandfather of the current chairman, Charles Wade, established Wade Spring in 1920. Like Volvo Trucks, a desirable fit and finish is essential in the company's products, which can be found in seats in cars, trains and all types of furniture.

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Caption for photograph :

Wade Spring Limited - the UK's leading manufacturer of furniture springs – has invested in a new 12-tonne Volvo FL 4x2 rigid to cope with the increased capacity required after a recent acquisition.

Notes for Editors :

1. Wade Spring have been manufacturing in the UK since the 1920s, when the company was founded by Frisby Wade, the grandfather of Charles Wade, the current company Chairman.
2. Wade Spring were the first to manufacture the new patent spring seats on steel bars with a mesh top, known as 'Traditional Seating' - a great improvement on the old method of sewing each spring by hand.
3. During the 90's, Wade increased their presence in the market with the acquisition of Elson & Robbins and consolidated its manufacturing on one site in Long Eaton.
4. Following the sale of the Mattress Spring Division in 2006 Wade Spring moved into their current refurbished 50,000 sq ft manufacturing site on Highfield Street in Long Eaton, Nottingham.

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