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T ALUN JONES CUTS NO CORNERS WITH RANGE-TOPPING VOLVO FH16 780

Welshpool-based operator T Alun Jones has invested in a high-specification Volvo FH16 780 6x2 tag axle Globetrotter XL tractor unit, replacing an FH16 750 Ailsa Edition truck in the customer's hard-working fleet.

Supplied by Jack Hulse, Fleet Sales Manager at Hartshorne Group, the new arrival will be paired with walking floor and low loader trailers, completing bulk haulage and machinery deliveries across the UK and Ireland.

Ian Jones, Director, T Alun Jones, says: "We've always been selective about the trucks we bring onboard, and this latest Volvo FH16 780 has impressed immediately. Given we were replacing an Ailsa Edition Volvo, we needed something that could match that standard – the new truck's comfortable and high-spec finish has done just that.

"The support we received from Jack made a massive difference as well. His knowledge and understanding of our needs were top notch – it's one of the key reasons we felt confident going with Volvo again for this latest order."

The truck's top-of-the-range 17-litre Euro 6 compliant step E engine provides an impressive 780 hp and a peak torque of 3,800 Nm, with the engine also equipped with a single efficient turbocharger to boost responsiveness and improve the driving experience.

Volvo's innovative patented wave piston design optimises combustion and reduces emissions, with a new injection system ensuring optimal fuel economy. Increased peak cylinder pressure enables high power output.

The engine brake power across the entire speed range has been greatly improved too with outstanding responsiveness. This enables fast gearshifts, resulting in less wear and tear on the brake pads and discs, while also being more efficient when travelling downhill.

T Alun Jones' new truck is driven via Volvo's popular 12-speed I-Shift gearbox, which enables seamless gear changes in a fraction of a second and smooth acceleration.

The vehicle's Globetrotter XL cab – sporting T Alun Jones' striking yellow and blue livery – has been treated to a robust and comprehensive specification, including a coffee maker, microwave oven, I-Park Cool, and a heated and suspended driver's seat.

A Drive+ package adds features including adjustable steering wheel with neck tilt and dual armrests, while a one person Living+ package includes additional cab storage, a 33-litre fridge, and bottle holders. Combined with front air suspension, this creates a thoroughly comfortable working environment.

Safety is also a key part of the specification, with features such as Forward Collision Warning with adaptive cruise control which automatically adjusts the speed of the truck to maintain a safe distance to the vehicle ahead.

“We didn’t cut any corners with this one – it’s got everything a driver could want,” adds Jones. “Our drivers spend a lot of time in their trucks, so comfort and useability are key. We’re confident the FH16 will prove a hard-working addition to our fleet, but also one that enables an enjoyable day’s work.”

Founded in 1961, T Alun Jones operates from four sites in Welshpool on the Shropshire/Powys border. Expected to clock up to 120,000 km annually, the truck will typically work Monday through Friday.

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Caption for photograph:

T Alun Jones has invested in a top-spec Volvo FH16 780 6x2 Globetrotter XL tractor unit.

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