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New Clad Boy® makes an immediate impact

Featured in the spring 2010 Newsletter, the new model "heavy duty" Clad Boy® unit is due to be fully launched into the UK market towards the end of the year. However, it is already making a big impression on several demanding projects where the increased lift capacity has been called for.

One recent project involved 16m long vertical mineral wool fire wall panels weighing 600Kg and these were handled with relative ease using the new machine.

As with the existing Clad Boy® models, the new machine is fully versatile and capable of handling all types and orientations of wall panels together with roof panels of any commercial length.

Uniquely, the machine is available in both single and dual vacuum versions to satisfy the full range of customer requirements.



Hire Association Europe membership

We have recently been accepted as full members of the Hire Association Europe, giving us access to a whole range of benefits, many of which we hope to pass through to our customers over the coming months and years.

However, the single most important and immediate benefit is a recognition of the standards of the professional hire services offered by 4 Cladding Services and the acceptance this brings within the UK Contractors Group.

Site training now endorsed and approved



Following a full review by its approval panel, all of our site training procedures are now fully endorsed and approved by the Hire Association Europe. This endorsement should ensure that all trained operatives are recognised and accepted by members of the UK Contractors Group.

Achieving this approval and endorsement has been a strategic goal over recent months. In our view, the type of site based operator training we provide represents the best value and most practical option for customers. It avoids the excessive cost and wasted time involved in off-site classroom based training, which is increasingly seen by some companies as a way to extract money from already hard-pressed customers.

Over the last 5 years we have trained and certified over 2,300 named individuals in the use of our equipment. We maintain a detailed database with the ability to trace all records, either by company name or individual name and this allows training certificates achieved with one company to be transferred to a new employer - a service many people take advantage of.

Call the Guinness Book of Records!



A recent wall panel installation project in Chattanooga, Tennessee has been breaking all records.

At one point on this new greenfield production facility for VW cars up to 9 Clad Boy® machines were operating, all installing horizontal 5.5m mineral wool wall panels.

Over one measured week's production, 1,875 individual panels were installed and a record was duly claimed. The very next week 2,100 identical panels were fitted with the same machines and crews, pushing the record to a level which is unlikely to be challenged for some time.

At the height of the project, one crew installed 98 wall panels in one shift.

Panel installation rates were so high that production and delivery schedules were challenged and the number of Clad Boy® units in operation was scaled down to a more sustainable level.

Projects of this scale are relatively rare at this time but these productivity figures clearly demonstrate the real financial advantages of the Clad Boy® system - and all achieved with an exceptional health and safety record.

From Russia with love!

Our Russian distributor AR Lift has devised an ingenious way of delivering Clad Boy® units using the smallest and most economical vans possible.



Arriving on site, simple rails are extended from the back of the van and the Clad Boy® is quickly rolled out until it is clear of the vehicle, allowing the unit to be lifted clear by forklift or crane. Clever stuff!

Cool*Boy®

CLAD BOY

ROTA BOY

Glass*Boy

PACK BOY