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Totalkare Workshop Equipment Helps Fleet Operators

G & C A Lombardo Takes Mobile Workshop Equipment from Totalkare

G & C A Lombardo has upgraded its facilities and increased capacity after taking a set of mobile column lifts and a mobile brake tester from Totalkare.

A family-run business providing HGV garage services, vehicle repairs, roadside recovery and services for LGVs, HGVs, buses and other commercial vehicles, G & C A Lombardo also offers specific roller-brake testing services, testing fleets to ensure they meet legal requirements, providing brake certificates and reducing the chance of costly failed MOTs.

Although the Cambridge-based company has been operating with one in-ground brake tester, it had been consistently reaching 90% capacity, bottle-necking the busy workshop. The introduction of a second brake tester will add the capacity needed. The DVSA-approved mobile brake tester from Totalkare comes with single or bi-directional rollers, automatic axle weighing and optional axle load simulation – an essential factor.



Totalkare mobile brake tester in use at G & C A Lombardo

Furthermore, its manoeuvrability around the workshop and ability to be deployed outdoors – even on uneven ground – makes it a truly flexible option for workshops testing or looking to test in-house. Carrying numerous brake testers in stock, Totalkare could quickly deliver and commission the mobile brake tester.

This latest purchase follows an earlier purchase from Totalkare in late 2021, when G & C A Lombardo upgraded its legacy-model Totalkare column lifts to a brand-new set of T8DC cable-free mobile column lifts. The upgrade means the business can now lift a wider variety of vehicles owing to the T8DC's increased capacity and its adjustable forks that accommodate

different wheel diameters. The mobile nature of the lifts also maximises space within a workshop. Totalkare offers a flexible finance option through its partner PMD Finance, allowing customers to spread the cost through easy-to-manage payments.

Shaun Lombardo, Workshop Manager of G & C A Lombardo, commented: *“Since upgrading the mobile column lifts, the March workshop has experienced an increase in productivity and capacity. I am sure the new mobile brake tester will continue this trend and make it easier for the engineers to keep up with the current high demand for brake testing services.”*

Area Sales Manager for Totalkare

Jack Longstaff said: *“We are glad that G & C A Lombardo chose to upgrade to our latest mobile column lift technology. They are a long-term customer and when the requirement for a new brake tester presented itself, they had confidence in the quality of product and service provided by Totalkare.”*

Taw & Torridge Takes Totalkare Column Lifts

A Devonshire-based family-run coach company has improved its in-house workshop facility with the addition of a set of mobile column lifts from workshop equipment specialist Totalkare.

Taw & Torridge owns and manages a fleet of 75 executive coaches, minibuses and multi-purpose vehicles, all maintained by its qualified in-house engineers. To support ongoing fleet maintenance, the coach operator has invested in a set of six of Totalkare’s T8DC mobile column lifts, which complement an existing set previously purchased from the West Midlands-based supplier. The cable-free, heavy-duty lifts can lift 7,500kg per column and are easy to use in configurations of 4, 6 or 8. The hydraulic mobile column lifts are designed to be easily manoeuvred around a busy workshop and are an ideal option for fleets containing vehicles of varying sizes such as coaches and minibuses.

The T8DC is charged from a 230V wall socket with a large number of lifting cycles between charges. The radio synchronisation between columns eliminates the interconnecting cables – reducing the chance of dangerous slips, trips and falls.



Totalkare’s T8DC mobile column lifts in use at Taw & Torridge

Taw & Torridge will be able to combine the new T8DCs with its existing set to expand its lifting options and capabilities. The new investment will ensure that the fleet can be maintained to a high standard and continue to drive within London’s Low Emission Zone.

Mark Hunt, Director of Taw & Torridge, said: *“It is important our vehicles are always roadworthy and run efficiently to keep emissions as low as possible. We are familiar with the benefits offered by Totalkare’s mobile column lifts and anticipate the additional set will help us to maintain our excellent MOT pass rate and minimise the need for major repair work.”*

John Ray, Area Sales Manager at Totalkare, commented: *“Taw & Torridge can expect an immediate increase in efficiency in its busy in-house workshop as they can*

service twin, tri-axle or even four-axle vehicles with our T8DC mobile column lifts. They are a flexible alternative to fixed lifts or outsourcing work, resulting in significant time and cost savings over time.”

Click here for more information on mobile brake testers from Totalkare.



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