

New Volvo FM11 for Hills Waste Solutions

Hills Waste Solutions has chosen the Volvo FM11 6x4 chassis and Heil Powerlink trade waste collection body combination for the latest addition to its 95 strong fleet of service vehicles.



The FM11 is powered by the 370hp D11C engine with SCR Emission technology and Euro 5 rating. The Volvo 12 speed I-shift automatic gearbox is now standard fit on Hills vehicles having been proven in service since its introduction in August 2009. It features a kickdown facility on the accelerator pedal and enhanced software to allow manual shifting and off road applications. The load distribution required for this vehicle is accommodated with a 21 tonne B ride 2 spring rear bogie and a front axle on parabolic suspension with a design capacity of 8 tonnes.

Peter Moore, fleet manager for Hills Waste Solutions, said: “We needed a vehicle that could combine both motorway travel on a daily basis and the ability to cope with the repeated stop-start activity when on a door to door collection round. The specialist gearbox and environmentally friendly Volvo engine gives us this flexibility. It also provides a better level of comfort for the driver and his loader than a standard crew cab vehicle.”

Additions to the vehicle include a bin weighing system by Vehicle Weighing Solutions Ltd (VWS). The Enviroweigh allows bins to be weighed independently and side by side during the normal lifting cycle. As the lifters don't need to be stopped, normal operations are unaffected and there is less vehicle downtime. Julian Glasspole,

managing director at VWS, said: "We have been fitting our Enviroweigh bin-weigher to Hills' RCV's for the last five years and we are delighted to work with such a dynamic and well established company. As Hills' chosen weighing partner we are committed to providing accurate measurement of what they are collecting from their customers, to help boost recycling rates and divert waste away from landfill."



The waste compaction equipment on the vehicle was supplied by Heil Europe in the form of the industry renowned Powerlink 22m3. Russell Perrett, European sales and marketing director at Heil Europe, commented: "We have a longstanding relationship with Hills and are proud to supply them with the new Powerlink body and Heil Universal Trade Lift. Hills' reputation in delivering service excellence is aligned with our philosophy for providing bespoke solutions without compromising on reliability and durability throughout the life of the vehicle."

The vehicle is based at the Hills Waste Solutions depot at Lower Compton and operates throughout Wiltshire and the surrounding counties. Hills Waste Solutions operates an extensive fleet of trade waste vehicles, rear end Loaders, kerbside recycling vehicles, hook loaders and skip loaders as well as articulated units with bulk ejector and walking floor trailers. **ENDS**

Notes for editors

Hills Waste Solutions offers a range of specialist waste management and recycling services to both the public and private sector. It is a dynamic regional business which, while centred on Wiltshire, has stretched its boundaries into neighbouring areas to become one of the region's largest providers of waste solutions. Hills Waste Solutions is a wholly owned subsidiary of The Hills Group Limited, a privately owned family company established in 1900. www.hills-group.co.uk

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