



## **Orkney Council chooses SG Revolution tyres for operations**

An article in one of the waste trade magazines caught the eye of Jonathan Walters, Operational Waste Team Leader at the Scottish Council, and introduced him to the concept of super cushion solid tyres for materials handling machines.

The council, which is responsible for the remote archipelago of some 70 islands at the most northerly tip of Scotland, provides a comprehensive range of services including the management of waste and recycling and the supply of aggregates.

Five JCB 541-70 telescopic handlers are used by Orkney Council for a range of materials handling tasks and one machine, in particular, works in tough ground conditions in Orkney Aggregates where it experienced excessive tyre damage leading to unacceptable downtime.

To test whether the super cushion tyres would help overcome the problem of permanent punctures on site a set of SG Revolution 1300-24 SG super cushion solid tyres was purchased from ITWS to trial on one of the JCB machines.

Several months on and the tyres are performing way above expectation. Jonathan is exceptionally pleased with the solution;

“I was impressed with the concept of these tyres when I read about them. As a council we have a duty not to waste money and we were really suffering from the machines standing idle waiting for puncture repairs. Not only that, but once the tyre wall incurred damage, we would have to replace the whole unit prematurely. The SG Revolutions have really made a difference to our productivity on site and we have, without doubt, saved money. Our operators are happy as the machine is still comfortable to operate thanks to the rows of apertures that absorb any shock”.

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