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# **EQUIPMENT FOR SALE**

#### **MCGRATH 2010 MACHINERY CARRIER**



- Hydraulic ramps
- Mini ramps for upper deck
- Wheel size 19.5 on air suspension
- · Lift out maintenance hatches in floor



### FRUEHAUF CURTAINSIDE



- Full air suspension
- 12.2m ideal for awkward deliveries
- Good doors
- Rear tool box
- New air bags
- Full test
- Tidy trailer

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# SIX ROR LMC AXLE BEAMS

· Sold as a batch or separately

### £90 per beam

FRUEHAUF FLAT TRAILER

- Floor rings
- Tyres as new
- · Headboard and post
- BPW axles & suspension
- New cycle guards
- Full test

#### £4.000



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Warehousing

Modern warehousing from

Mallusk, also 6 miles from

Facilities and services can

customer's needs. floor or

Forklift service available up

be tailored to suit each

rack systems available.

Units available for rent

2000sq ft to 10,000sq ft located within 0.3 miles of the motorway network and

**Space** 

Belfast.

to 10 tonne.

**Available** 

For Rent:

### **CONTACT US:**

At Ashcroft Trailers we're always happy to discuss your requirements and help you choose the right trailers and services at the right price. To discuss your requirements call or email us now.

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# **ARTICULATED TRAILER HIRE SALES REPAIRS**

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### **ADVANTAGES OF HIRING FROM ASHCROFT TRAILERS**

#### **Correct Equipment for the job**

Hiring means the right equipment matches the right job. Hiring ensures safety, efficiency and saves money by avoiding any hidden costs incurred through buying the wrong equipment.

#### Variety

Hiring equipment gives a greater choice of options for each job. ATH have an extensive range of equipment which comes in various sizes.

#### Maintenance

Hiring eliminates numerous expenses associated with owning equipment; tyre wear, breakdown cover, safety checks, PSV and routine maintenance, saving you time.

#### Increased borrowing capacity

Trailers hired from ATH are 100% tax deductible because they do not appear on your balance sheet affecting depreciation. Contractors and general businesses find this beneficial when attempting to secure financial resources.



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#### Minimum equipment for the job

Equipment that stands idle is always a cost to the owner even if owned outright. Safety checks, finance, PSV and even depreciation take there toll on cash flow. Hiring allows the operator to have specific equipment for each job keeping pricing accurate and profitable.

#### We have a selection of trailers available for long or short term hire including:

- Box Vans
- Euroliners (Sliding roofs)
- PSK Flats
- Ejectors
- Rear Steer Extendables
- Tautliners
- Skeletals
- Walking Floors
- Coil Carriers
- Drop Frame Extendables
- Trombone Extendables

# **VAN TYRE ABUSE ON THE INCREASE**

A n increasing number of van and other light commercial vehicle operators in the UK are at risk of causing a tyre related accident as they are failing to look after the condition of their tyres.

The latest VOSA effectiveness report shows that 'condition of tyres' remains the most frequent prohibition defect at spot checks on light goods vehicles across the country, but worryingly, the incidence rate has increased from 20 percent in 2007/08 and in 2008/09 to just under 26 percent in 2009/10.

Responsibility for the condition of the tyres on the vehicle lies both with the van driver and the business itself. Drivers should ensure the tyres are in a roadworthy condition before setting off each day. Drivers found to be driving on illegal tyres risk incurring a personal fine of  $\pounds 2,500$  and three penalty points for each illegal tyre. Business owners also have a responsibility and duty of care obligation to provide their employees with a safe

working environment, which includes the provision of safe and roadworthy vehicles. Under the Health and Safety Offences Act (2009), UK courts have greater authority to prosecute businesses for committing offences such as fitting illegal tyres or faulty brakes. The maximum penalty has increased from £5,000 to £20,000.

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In addition to the punitive risks, businesses also face a number of additional costs by failing to look after their tyres properly. Under-inflated tyres will not only wear out quicker, but the vehicle's fuel economy deteriorates. Vehicle downtime at the roadside or in the workshop changing or repairing tyres means the vehicle is not earning money, and if deliveries are delayed, this can trigger penalty payments to customers.

Ashcroft Trailers offers complete commercial vehicle repair and maintenance support, assuring you of industry quality and professionalism all the way by taking full responsibility of your commercial vehicles allowing you to concentrate on your core business.



### SOME GOOD NEWS AT LAST FOR NI OPERATORS

igures published by Belfast Harbour reveal tonnages through the Port during 2010 grew by over 5% to stand at 16.5m tonnes - the first increase after three years of decline; tonnages had previously fallen by 10% since 2007 in the wake of the global credit crunch.

Belfast Harbour says that bulk cargoes handled by the Port increased by 12% during the year, with predominantly strong increases recorded by agri-food related trades. For the first time ever grain and animal feed tonnages reached the two million tonne mark, reaffirming Belfast Harbour's position as the island's leading Port in the sector.

Stone exports jumped by 47% reflecting strong road repair programmes in GB and the development of new markets in continental Europe, while harsh winter weather helped push salt tonnages up by 238% to a record 98,000 tonnes. Improved freight vehicle traffic (up 1.6%) and container tonnages (up 4.1%) also suggested that confidence in the local manufacturing and consumer sectors was recovering.

Operational changes on Irish Sea routes are also anticipated to benefit Belfast Harbour during 2011.

Stena Line's plan to open a new Scottish terminal at Loch Ryan later this year is expected to further boost freight vehicle activity through Belfast while vessel sharing by container line operators should help build upon the increased numbers of containers handled in 2010.

Although 2010's trade figures were generally optimistic, some sectors, particularly construction, continued to experience difficulties. Timber products fell by 32% to 82,000 tonnes, the lowest since 1985 while cement imports fell to 48,000, an almost ten-fold fall since their 2001 peak.



#### Ashcroft Trailer Hire

## MAKE YOUR TRAILER LOOK YEARS YOUNGER

railer refurbishment is an attractive option to many hauliers when faced with the prospect of having to buy a new trailer. Our six bay workshop is equipped to handle all types of trailer refurbishments efficiently. At Ashcroft Trailers, we can carry out almost every type of refurbishment from minor alterations, trailer conversions and even complete rebuilds.

#### Trailer refurbishment advantages:

- Increase the working life of your trailer
- Option to modify the design of your trailer and make it more economically friendly
- Convert your existing trailer to meet your needs and operational requirements
- Not as costly as buying a new trailer

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We are capable of tackling all of your needs and meeting your expectations. With our vast wealth of experience we bring to each task, this enables us to offer the best service to our customers. For more information regarding our range of services and products, please don't hesitate to contact us today.

#### What we can do:

- Chassis & body alignment
- Commercial vehicle trailer body conversions
- Reduce the height on many trailers i.e. for European work
- Sloping roof conversions to help the operator obtain a saving on fuel costs
- Painting and blasting
- Suspension changes
- Rear door modifications
- Replacement curtains
- Increase body capacity