



Keeping Lancashire icon trucking

Engineering firm FM Nicholson has delivered a six-figure contract to a global commercial vehicle manufacturer firm with one of its bespoke products.

FM Nicholson designed, manufactured and installed one of its overhead conveyor systems to Leyland Trucks in a deal worth £300,000. The contract used state-of-the-art technology and encompassed a global supply chain to deliver the product ahead of schedule to the Lancashire truck manufacturing giant.

FM Nicholson worked with world leaders in electronics, Schneider Electric and hoist equipment specialists Donati, as part of the project.

The company is experienced and has personnel with a wealth of design, manufacture and technical expertise to provide services across the industry, operating from its Rochdale factory headquarters. The base has recently been expanded after the company purchased an additional 5,000 sq ft test facility. FM Nicholson worked with the project management team at Leyland to move engines from their assembly point across its factory and lower them into their final position. The unique system was fitted with maintenance hospital bay for any modifications which needed to be made before the engines reached their final position.

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THE CHALLENGE:

Leyland Trucks are a global brand with a solid reputation for delivery the very best quality to supreme standards. Leyland wanted to replace its existing engine fit system, including replacing overhead steel work and engine fit trolleys. This was designed in-house at FM Nicholson before on-site visits to make sure everything was suitable and withn the detailed specifications.

THE APPROACH:

FM Nicholson engineers measure up existing overhead steelwork and replaced it lik-for-like within the customer's specifications. Working alongside engineers and designers from Leyland Trucks, FM Nicholson was able to develop the design of its engine fit trolley in line with specification. Following a robust testing programme FM Nicholson built and tested the trolleys to ensure they worked as intended.

Following testing at the customer's site and under an agreed schedule, the project was finished well-ahead of the proposal and it is now being used in production at the plant. FM Nicholson receives regular updates from Leyland trucks engineers who are please with the new system. It is efficient and has also helped alleviate some issues on the production line.



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