

ENVIRONMENT AWARD



Derrick Simpkin receives the Network Rail Environment Supplier Award on behalf of PANOLIN.

«PANOLIN are the unseen partners of the UK Rail Network; the only visible signs of our presence are the PANOLIN FLOWER stickers as such it makes recognition through the Network Rail Environment Supplier Award all the more gratifying. It is also a tribute to the whole of the UK Rail Network that the industry continues to move forward with technology that helps to protect the Environment and valuable machinery whilst improving reliability and productivity» commented D. Simpkin upon receiving the award.

In 1997 there was only one machine on the UK rail network using PANOLIN biodegradable oil. In 2000 Network Rail Safety & Environment policy included the use of biodegradable hydraulic oils in its plan. At this point about 10 % of all purpose built «On Track Plant» was using PANOLIN biodegradable oils.

Today, it is estimated that 98 % of all such machines are using the oil; by virtue of either factory fill by the manufacturer or retro-fill by the operator.

Contractors now regularly record machine availability & reliability of 98 % and a large and growing number of machines have now exceeded the norms in terms of working hours with several approaching 16'000 hours without an oil change. Even after such prolonged use, the oil is still biodegradable and will reduce the effects of pollution if spilt onto the track bed.