

PANOLIN – Ten years down the track



Plasser & Thuerer tamper operated with PANOLIN HLP SYNTH

DR 73904 was the very first PANOLIN filled Plasser & Thuerer Unimat 08-4x4/4S RT tamper to be certified by the UK VAB to work on the rail infrastructure.

The machine was delivered to First Engineering during November 1997, since then the machine has mainly worked on the Scottish network and has completed over 21'000 hours of work and has tamped in excess of 3 m sleepers.

Filled with PANOLIN HLP SYNTH 46 hydraulic oil in the factory the machine has not had an oil change and the only recorded losses have been during filter changes.

First Engineering have been extremely pleased with the performance and reliability of the machine which spends a lot of its time in the remoter parts of the highlands, particularly in the Spey area near to the hallowed Whisky distilleries.

«In spite of the machine being the oldest in our fleet its reliability is second to none it goes to work and completes the job without any problems. We are proud as a company to be First by name and First by nature to recognise the need to use the very best technology available in order to ensure we provide the highest level of delivery to Network Rail whilst considering the environment.

Our Carbon Footprint is as low as it can be as most components are also original as well. We specify PANOLIN hydraulic oils for all of our Infrastructure Maintenance Machinery with complete confidence.» Comments Plant Manager John Naughton.