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New ALLMI Guidance Note - Purchasing Chassis for Loader Crane Use

As part of its ongoing work on the issues surrounding Engine Management Systems (EMS), ALLMI has recently released a new guidance note, which gives advice to anyone involved with purchasing and specifying a chassis cab to be used with a loader crane. Considerable savings can be made by specifying the chassis correctly at the time the order is placed and it may be possible for the chosen chassis to be configured to make it more suitable for the installation of a loader crane. Depending on the chassis make and model, the chassis may be ordered:



- Crane ready - but you will need to check that the chassis and the loader crane are compatible
- With chassis equipment such as, Ad Blue tanks, fuel tanks, exhaust systems, re positioned to accept a crane.
- Supplied with factory fitted PTO - If opting for a factory fitted PTO, the chassis dealer will need to know the required pump flow, pressure and usage (the time the crane will be in use each day verses the amount of time travelling).

- Supplied ready for third party PTO - In this case it would be prudent to ensure that the chassis is supplied PTO ready (i.e. that the appropriate switches and cables are pre installed).
- With electronic devices - Most, if not all chassis makes and models will require additional control units to be installed to facilitate PTO interlocking, parking brake interlocking, engine stop start, engine speed up and suspension lock out. It may not be possible to retro-fit these items after the chassis has been delivered. Also, the cost of retrofitting is significantly more expensive than having the work completed during chassis build.
- Dashboard kits - For crane warning systems

If the above issues are not dealt with before the order is placed, then to resolve them at the point of



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installation could be very expensive or in some cases, impossible.

It is not uncommon during the purchasing process of the chassis and/or the crane, for specifications to develop and change. For that reason, it's essential to ensure that all parties involved in the build of the vehicle are updated with any specification changes, as they can have an impact on the finished product and can cause delays in the

supply chain. It's also important that all parties involved with the build of the vehicle are provided with, and are in agreement with, a dimensioned layout drawing showing the chassis complete with loader crane and body. This drawing should clearly show the loader crane position, length of body, unladen and laden axle weights.

For a full copy of the guidance note, visit www.allmi.com

Further growth for ALLMI training schemes

2008 has seen another period of significant growth for ALLMI's lorry loader and slinger / signaller training schemes. Between February and October 2008 ALLMI trained 3,153 loader crane operators, which is an increase of 21 percent on the same period for 2007. An even greater level of growth has been experienced for the slinger/ signaller training, the uptake of which has increased by over 40 percent since 2007. ALLMI executive director, Tom Wakefield, said: "the growth that we're

experiencing is a testament to the quality of the training schemes and the work of the ALLMI Training Committee members who continually review and develop the content."



Uptake of Thorough Examination Training

The popularity of ALLMI's Thorough Examination and Load Test Training scheme continues to grow amongst ALLMI's manufacturer and service agent members, with 72 engineers now having completed the training. ALLMI executive director, Tom Wakefield, says: "24 member companies have now put one or more engineers through the scheme and the feedback we've been receiving has been very positive. The ALLMI Technical Committee continually reviews the course content and this has resulted in two updates being



Two ALLMI trained engineers, John L'Anson and Richard Foster.

issued this year, which includes the release of new and improved template documents for engineers to use when performing their duties.

ISO Conference 2009

Charged with developing international standards for cranes, the International Standards Organisation (ISO) Crane Committee will hold its 2009 conference at the BSI offices in London in May next year. Delegates will include senior engineers and managers from crane manufacturers, users, government agencies and universities, and ALLMI will be part sponsoring the event. ALLMI chairman, Mark Rigby, said: 'the ISO Crane Conference is a high profile event, which sees many important issues being discussed. It provides us with a great opportunity to promote ALLMI and the standards we represent, and there's also the potential to create valuable contacts on an international basis.'

