

1. DEFINITIONS

- (a) Impact Fork Trucks Limited whose registered office is Citadel House, High Street, Hull HU1 1QE (company number 2550150) who is letting the Plant on hire is hereinafter referred to as the "Owner" and this expression includes its successors.
- (b) The "Hirer" is the Company firm or person taking the Owner's Plant on hire and this expression includes his successors or personal representatives.
- (c) "Plant" shall include any machine or part thereof and any attachments or fittings or replacements or any other thing hired under this Contract.
- (d) "Regulations" means any Act of Parliament, Order, regulation, bye-law or other similar instrument whether national or local, including any amendment thereto or re-enactment or replacement thereof
- (e) "Hire Rate" shall be the rate of hire for the Plant as provided overleaf and subject to the provisions of these General Terms and Conditions of Hire.

2. ACCEPTANCE

- (a) Unless otherwise agreed in writing, the Hirer's order, whether oral or in writing, for the supply of Plant shall be construed as an expressed acceptance of these General Terms and Conditions of Hire, and in so far as any provision of the Hirer's said order be inconsistent therewith, these General Terms and Conditions of Hire shall be deemed to prevail.
- (b) Any variations or purported variations of these General Terms and Conditions shall be deemed to be of no effect unless otherwise agreed in writing signed by a director or principal of the Owner.
- (c) Unless notification in writing to the contrary is received by the Owner from the Hirer Within three working days of the Plant being delivered to the site, the Plant shall be deemed to be in good order, save for either an inherent fault or a fault not ascertainable by reasonable examination in accordance with the terms of the Contract, and to the Hirer's satisfaction The Hirer shall be responsible for its safekeeping, use in a workmanlike manner within the Manufacturer's rated capacity and return on the completion of the hire in equal good order (fair wear and tear excepted).

3. COMMENCEMENT OF HIRE

Subject to the other provisions of this Contract, the Owner shall supply the Plant on the delivery date and at the site stated overleaf. The period of hire shall start on such delivery. Hire charges shall commence on delivery unless otherwise stated on the face of this Contract. Responsibility for loss or damage to the Plant is accepted by the Hirer

from the time the Plant is delivered to the site until it is removed from the site by, or on the instructions of the Owner. This responsibility will also apply whilst the Plant is on site during any period prior to the commencement of the hire period or after its termination whilst the Plant is awaiting collection

The Hirer undertakes that where the purpose for which the Plant shall be utilised shall be one which qualifies the Owner to obtain the appropriate Government Grant or any similar grant, the Hirer agrees that he will not take any action which may disqualify the Owner from obtaining such Grant or similar grant and will compensate the Owner to the full extent of any refund which the Owner is required to make to the Department of Trade and Industry or any other relevant authority as a result of any such disqualification

4. MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

Owner's Obligations

- (a) The Owner shall ensure that at commencement of the hire the Plant shall be of sound construction and in good working order and properly maintained and that at that time all Regulations regarding construction, maintenance testing and inspection applicable to the Plant have been complied with.
- (b) The Owner shall (save as hereinafter provided) carry out and provide all necessary repairs and replacements as quickly as reasonably possible and (so far as reasonably possible and during normal working hours) at times to suit the convenience of the Hirer.
- (c) Subject to the compliance of the Hirer with these General Terms and Conditions of Hire, the Owner shall allow the Hirer to have quiet enjoyment of the Plant.

Hirer's Obligations

- (a) The Hirer shall repair all punctures and replace all damaged tyres at his own expense, but save as aforesaid he shall not repair the Plant or make replacements or alterations unless authorised to do so by the Owner. Any replacements by the Hirer shall forthwith become the property of the Owner, and part of the Plant unless otherwise agreed in Writing. The maintenance of the correct tyre pressures (where applicable) and the tightening of wheel nuts must be part of the daily pre-shift checks
- (b) In the event of the contract continuing for a period of more than six months or 750hrs (whichever occurs first), the hirer will become responsible for all tyre replacements due to fair wear and tear in addition to all puncture repairs and replacements through damage
- (c) The Hirer shall forthwith notify the Owner if the Plant breaks down or fails to work properly, or if any repairs or

replacements (other than to or of damaged or punctured tyres) are necessary.

- (d) The Hirer shall at all reasonable times allow the Owner or its accredited representative or its insurers representatives to have access to the plant to inspect, test, adjust, repair or replace the same.
- (e) The Hirer shall provide fuel, top up oils, and grease (where applicable), and shall carry out a daily check to ensure that all the correct operating levels are maintained, which will include the coolant system where a suitable mixture of anti freeze and water must be used to avoid damage through sub zero temperatures..
- (f) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing the Hirer shall cause the following steps to be taken to maintain any traction battery forming part of the Plant.
- (g) Keep the equipment in a clean condition and free from debris or other material likely to affect normal operation or which might be harmful or hazardous to our engineers.
- (h) *The hirer is responsible for all costs associated to connecting and disconnecting a Battery Charger to/from a suitable electrical supply*
- (i) Battery must be properly charged, must at no time be operated in a discharged condition and must be allowed to cool for at least half an hour before use
- (j) Battery must be checked daily to ensure the correct level of distilled water is maintained.
- (k) An equalising charge must be carried out every four weeks. When an equalising charge is given the charger must be switched off manually after four (4) hours as the charge termination automatic relay only operates in the "normal" charge position on the charging apparatus. (Serious battery damage will occur if these points are not supervised.)
- (l) With regard to cleaning equipment hired, the suction filters must be maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendation
- (m) Gas Bottle (if applicable) A Calor LPG Bottle will be supplied and must be returned with the Plant at the end of the hire. Failure to do so will result in a charge of £50 being levied for the return of a non Calor Bottle.
- (n) not alter, modify or add anything to the Goods or permit any third party to do the same without first obtaining our written consent;

5. HIRER'S LIABILITY FOR LOSS OR DAMAGE

- (a) The Hirer accepts full responsibility to the Owner for loss or damage to or destruction of the Plant suffered during the period of hire from whatever cause the same may arise (fair wear and tear or Owner's negligence excepted) and is fully responsible to the Owner for the safekeeping of the Plant and its return in equal order to the Owner at the end of the

hire (fair wear and tear excepted). Until all damages are agreed with the Hirer, the plant shall remain on rental and be charged at the relevant rate.

- (b) The Hirer accepts all liability and responsibility in respect of, and shall fully and completely indemnify the Owner against all third party claims and losses howsoever arising in respect of damage to or loss or destruction of any property or in respect of the personal injury or death of anybody in any way caused by or relating to the Plant or its use (including but not limited to the payment of all damages costs and charges in connection therewith) except insofar as the damage, loss, destruction, injury or death directly results from the negligence of the Owner, its employees or agents.
- (c) The Owner shall not be liable to the Hirer in respect of any damage to or loss or destruction of the property of the Hirer nor in respect of the personal injury or death of the Hirer or his employees or contractors or other person in any way caused by or relating to the Plant or its use except insofar as any such damage loss destruction injury or death directly results from the negligence of the Owner, its employees or agents.

6. PAYMENT

- (a) Unless otherwise set out overleaf the Owner shall render invoices (to include where applicable the price of transport to and from the site and insurance and licensing effected by the Owner pursuant to Clause 9(d) hereof) at the end of each month for Plant on hire during that month, the Hirer shall pay by the end of the month following date of invoices or by bankers order as stated overleaf.
- (b) Immediately upon the hiring being terminated by the Owner in accordance with sub-Clause 12(b) hereof the Hirer shall pay to the Owner (in addition to any compensation payable hereunder) all moneys then accrued due under this Contract and any moneys which the Owner may be liable to pay to any third party by reason of any seizure and removal.
- (c) The Hirer shall pay the Owner forthwith for all repairs and replacements to the Plant, except for repairs and replacements arising from fair wear and tear or from notification (given under the proviso to paragraph (a) of the Owners obligations) under Clause 5 hereof.
- (d) Punctual payment is of the essence and we will be entitled to charge you interest in respect of any overdue sums at the rate in force from time to time under Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act 1998

7 VARIATION IN HIRE RATES

- (a) The Owner reserves the right to increase the Hire Rate quoted by the proportional difference between the Retail Price Index most recently published by the Office For

National Statistics (or any successor, Ministries or Departments) prior to the date of this Quotation/Contract and the Retail Price Index published in the month of delivery of the equipment and thereafter at twelve monthly intervals

- (b) The Hire is based on the use of the Plant for up to 40 hours in any week. If the Plant is used for over 40 hours in any week then the Hire Rate for that week shall be increased by the following percentages:

Number of Hours used	Percentage Increase In any week Hire Rate
41 hours - 50 hours	20%
51 hours - 60 hours	30%
61 hours - 70 hours	50%
71 hours - 100 hours	75%

8 SUBLETTING

The Hirer shall not without the consent of the Owner assign, sub-let, mortgage, charge, pledge, and part with possession of or otherwise deal with the Plant.

9. HANDLING OF PLANT

- (a) The Plant shall remain the property of the Owner but shall at all times after delivery to the site be under the direction or control of the Hirer only. The Hirer is fully responsible to the Owner for the use of the Plant only for purposes and in places for which it is suitable and for his own business and in a skilful safe and workmanlike manner and in accordance with the Regulations and not alter, modify or add anything to the Goods or permit any third party to do the same without first obtaining our written consent;. If the Plant should become bogged down or should for any other reason require recovery, then the Hirer shall be responsible for all costs incurred.
- (b) The Hirer shall employ a driver who has received proper training (not being less than 18 years of age) to operate the Plant in a safe and proper manner. The Hirer shall not allow any person other than the driver provided by the Hirer or the Owner to operate the Plant without the Owner's prior consent in writing.
- (c) The plant must not be used to lift loads in excess of the rated capacity shown on the plant or for any purpose for which it is not designed or tested
- (d) The Hirer shall not use or cause or permit any other person to use the Plant on any public road without having first obtained the consent in writing of the Owner and where such consent is given the Hirer shall ensure that the driver holds a current British driving licence applicable to the Plant; the Owner shall, on or before giving such consent, license the Plant at the Hirer's expense and the Hirer shall, at his own

expense, insure the Plant in accordance with the requirements of the Road Traffic Act.

- (e) The Hirer shall notify the Owner immediately in the event of any accident loss or damage arising and in any way caused by or relating to the use of the Plant howsoever caused. Oral notification shall be confirmed in writing to the Owner as soon as reasonably possible.

10. CHANGES OF SITE

The Hirer shall not move nor permit the Plant to be moved from the site specified overleaf without the Owner's prior consent in writing. Any consent given by the Owner is without prejudice to all the other obligations of the Hirer under this contract.

11 OWNER PLATES

These may be affixed or marked on the Plant by the Owner and shall not be removed, mutilated or obliterated by the Hirer.

12 TERMINATION OF HIRE

- (a) Except in the case of a fixed term contract the hire of the Plant may be terminated by either party giving to the other party not less than three (3) days' notice.
- (b) Without prejudice to the other provisions of this Contract, should the Hirer.
- (i) Withhold payment of the hire charges for fourteen days, or
- (ii) Fail to observe and perform any of the other terms and conditions of this Contract, or
- (iii) Do or cause to be done or permit or suffer anything whereby the Owner's rights in the Plant are prejudiced or put into jeopardy, or
- (iv) commit any act of bankruptcy or have a receiver appointed or make any arrangement or composition with his creditors, or being a company go into liquidation whether compulsory or voluntary (except for reconstruction or amalgamation only) or
- (v) Suffer any distress or execution upon his property, then and in any such case the Owner may terminate the hiring and seize and remove the Plant for which purpose it shall be lawful for the Owner (or the Owner's authorised agents) to enter into or upon any premises or site where the Plant may be for these purposes (and the Hirer consents to such entry).
- (c) When the hire is terminated it shall be the responsibility of the Owner to collect the Plant from the site; but if the Plant is not collected at the termination of the hire the Hirer shall continue to accept full responsibility and liability as set out in Clause 5 of this Contract until it is so collected.

13. ALLOWANCES AND LIABILITY

- (a) Without prejudice to the provisions for payment herein before set out, the Hirer shall be fully liable to the Owner for damages for any breach of this Contract.
- (b) Without prejudice to any liability assumed under Clauses 2(c) and 6(c), the Owner shall not be liable to the Hirer for any consequential or indirect loss or damage (including, without limitation, loss of business, and loss of goodwill) or loss of profits arising out of any breach by the Owner of its obligations under these General Terms and Conditions or for liability and damages howsoever caused (whether in contract, tort or otherwise), provided always that nothing in this sub-clause shall protect the Owner against liability arising from fraud.
- (c) The Owner shall accept liability to the Hirer for the injury to or death of person caused by the negligence or wilful misconduct of the Owner.
- (d) Except for the type of liability referred to at clause 13(c), the Owner's total liability in respect of any contractual breach or representation, statement or tortious act or omission arising under or in connection with these General Terms and Conditions of Hire (a "Default") shall not exceed the total sums paid or payable by the Hirer to the Owner in respect of the Plant to which the Default relates.
- (e) The Owner shall not be liable to the Hirer for any loss or damage caused by delay in delivery or non-delivery of the Plant or by delay in repairing or replacing the Plant if such delay or non-delivery is caused by an industrial dispute (including but not limited to strikes and lockouts) or by any event beyond the reasonable control of the Owner (including, without limitation, fire, flood, governmental acts or non-availability of spare parts).
- (d) Hire charges shall continue during any stoppage whether or not the Plant is returned to the Hirer's Works and whether or not a replacement of the Plant is supplied for the period of the stoppage save that by agreement with the Hirer the Owner may give credit against hire charges for any stoppage due to a breakdown of the Plant caused by an inherent fault or fair wear and tear notified to the Owner by the Hirer under Clause 5 hereof.
- (e) The Hirer shall be liable for hire charges at the "Hire Rate" in respect of any period after the termination of this Agreement during which the Plant or any part thereof cannot be removed from the site to the Owner's depot owing to an industrial dispute (including but not limited to strikes or lockouts) affecting the Hirer or the site.

14. INSURANCE

- (a) The Hirer shall at the Hirer's expense fully insure with a reputable insurance office.
 - (i) the Plant as described overleaf for the value shown,

against loss or damage or destruction howsoever arising.
(ii) in respect of all the Hirer's liability (or responsibility and indemnity) to the Owner within sub-Clause 6(b) above and

(iii) subject to Clause 9(d) above, in respect of the Hirer's liability to third parties relating to the Plant or its use

(b) The Hirer shall

(i) produce the policy or policies effected hereunder for inspection by the Owner on demand and

(ii) hold the proceeds of any claim under sub-Clause 14

(a) (i) above in trust for the Owner.

15. TIME OR INDULGENCE

Any time or other indulgence granted by the Owner shall not affect the strict rights of the Owner under this Contract

16. Third party rights

A person who is not a Party to the contract to which these General Terms and Conditions of Hire relate has no right under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce any term of the contract.

17 Notices

All notices to be given under the contract to which these General Terms and Conditions of Hire relate shall be in writing and shall be delivered by hand or sent by registered post or facsimile to the party concerned at the address set overleaf or such other address as one party may from time to time designate by written notice to the other. Any such notice or other document shall be deemed to have been received by the addressee if delivered, upon delivery; if posted, on the second working day following the date of posting; and if sent by facsimile, when the communication is transmitted to the recipient's fax number PROVIDED THAT a copy of the communication is sent by registered post or delivered by hand as soon as practicable thereafter.

18. Governing law and jurisdiction

The contract to which these General Terms and Conditions of Hire relate shall be governed by English law and the Parties submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts. NB Clause headings are included for ease of reference only.