

SAFETY KEY AS NATIONWIDE PLATFORMS SIGNS DEAL WITH ATS EUROMASTER

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The UK's leading powered access platform provider – Nationwide Platforms - has agreed a deal with ATS Euromaster, which will see the national tyre expert manage tyres on a fleet of more than 1,000 vehicles.

As part of the agreement, ATS Euromaster will monitor tyre wear and usage, carry out repairs and fit replacements across the Nationwide Platforms fleet. This includes around 160 cars, 170 vans, 120 trucks, 50 trailers and 610 specialist pieces of vehicle mounted plant.

Nationwide Platforms' Transport Manager Karl Wilshaw explained that due to the nature of its business, safety was always at the forefront when appointing contractors.

He says: "We wanted a supplier which shares our commitment to health and safety. Nationwide Platforms is very proud to be a Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (ROSPA) Gold Award holder, so knowing that ATS Euromaster participates in the same scheme gave us added confidence in their abilities.

"In addition, we needed a specialist which could provide us with 24/7 mobile coverage across our UK network and ATS Euromaster was the stand-out choice here."

Wilshaw adds: "Our brief was to find a supplier with the necessary tyre husbandry expertise to help us reduce our overall spend, while increasing fleet uptime and maximising safety. We've put ATS Euromaster to the test and are confident that through consistently high levels of tyre management, delivered on a national scale, we'll achieve all targets."

Cars in the Nationwide Platforms fleet will operate on a Michelin replacement tyre policy, with vans and trucks benefitting from Avon and Primewell fitments respectively. Specialist vehicles and items of plant will operate on a mixture of tyre brands, reflecting the diverse nature of the fleet and the varying scope of the company's work.

In 2010, ATS Euromaster became the first national tyre expert to be accredited by both SAFEContractor and the Contractors Health and Safety Scheme (CHAS). ATS Euromaster also earned a ROSPA silver award in 2011.

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About ATS Euromaster

ATS Euromaster is part of the Euromaster Group, which operates in fifteen European countries with 10,700 employees in more than 1,800 service centres. Established in the UK since 1961, ATS Euromaster has 370 service centres (comprising a mixture of retail, comprehensive and truck sites), approximately 1,000 mobile service vans and employs over 2,700 people, providing national coverage of the UK. It is the largest comprehensive tyre distributor supplying tyres for everything from cars and vans to trucks, coaches, forklifts, agricultural tractors and even construction plant. In 2010 ATS Euromaster became the first national tyre expert to be accredited by both SAFEContractor and the Contractors Health and Safety Scheme (CHAS). The company's technicians are amongst the most highly trained in the fast-fit industry, offering a comprehensive range of products and services including tyres, fleet inspections, nitrogen inflation, brakes, batteries, shock absorbers, oil, exhausts, fault diagnostics, air-conditioning servicing and MOT testing. Further information is available from www.atseuromaster.co.uk

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About Nationwide Platforms

Nationwide Platforms is the UK's largest powered access rental business, providing a fleet of more than 11,300 machines from a network of depots across the country. Nationwide Platforms also has the largest powered access training department in Europe, delivering a comprehensive range of working at height training courses to powered access operators and the access industry.

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