

Interview 1

Francis Blaser, APROLIS technical manager of the Mitsubishi Caterpillar fleet at the brewery in Champigneules.

Continental Mr Blaser, could you give us an idea of the size of your forklift fleet at this site, as well as the reason for your decision to take part in the CSEasy test?

F. B. The fleet is composed of approximately forty 4.5-tonne internal combustion forklifts in service with an average of 2500 hours a year. For the test we took the tyres that suffer most on this type of vehicle, the 7.00 X 12 on the rear axle. Average service life for a complete set is 1200 hours, or less in six months.

Continental Let's start with the mounting of the tyre, what do you think of it?

F. B. Excellent! Saves time, superb fit, very fast, can be done right here on site, without a press.

Continental After the first six months of testing, how do you assess the quality of the tyre?

F. B. The CSEasy tyre wears well. A SC 15-type tyre would have to have been replaced already, whereas the CSEasy still has roughly 40% of its tread left. So what comes to mind first are the cost reductions I get on a full service contract. Whether measured in terms of labour or product service life, the results look quite impressive.

Continental What about comfort?

F. B. No complaint of fatigue from driver. The new tyre seems to offer the same comfort as the SC 15.

