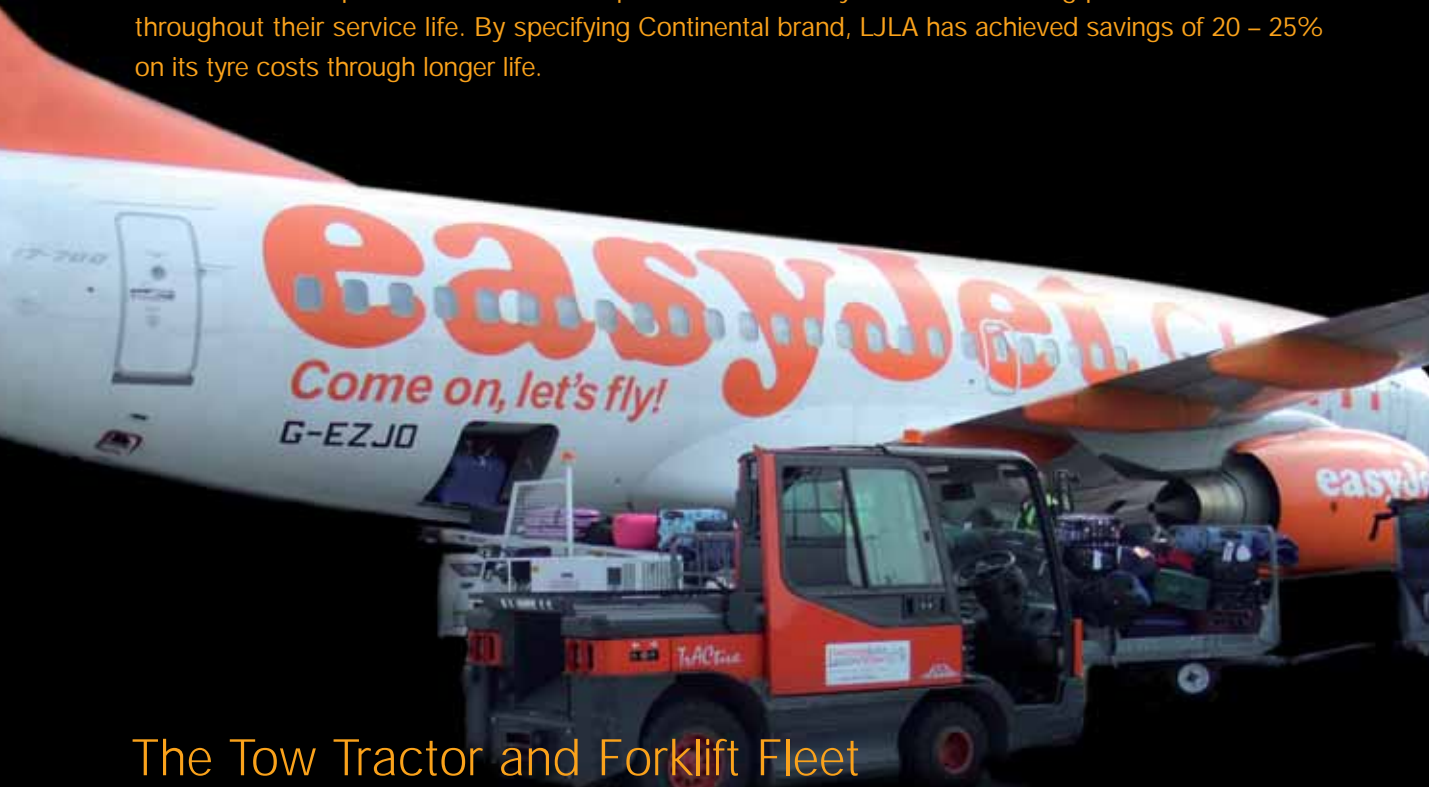


Liverpool John Lennon Airport Case Study

Snapshot

Airside safety is critical for the tow tractor and forklift fleet at Liverpool John Lennon Airport (LJLA). Operating airside, with safety management a priority for passengers, staff and planes, the tow tractor and forklift fleet specifies Continental Super Elastic SC 15 tyres for outstanding performance throughout their service life. By specifying Continental brand, LJLA has achieved savings of 20 – 25% on its tyre costs through longer life.



The Tow Tractor and Forklift Fleet

LJLA's tow tractor and forklift fleet loads and unloads baggage and cargo from aircraft. The 24 tow tractors and five forklift trucks, a mix of Linde E1 P250 tractors, Smiths electrical vehicles, Hyster and Mitsubishi, are wholly owned and serviced in-house by a team of seven engineers. Operating 24/7 on two twelve hour shifts, the trucks are worked hard in a demanding and high-risk environment.

Business Issues

Concrete surfaces wear tyres quickly and because activities on the ground airside and during aircraft turnaround are some of the most hazardous at the airport, safety is critical: tyres need to perform to exacting standards throughout their life. LJLA found that the previous tyre brand specified suffered from rapid wear and their performance deteriorated towards the end of life, compromising safety. Motor Transport Supervisor, Jim James, decided to investigate the industrial tyre market for alternatives.



About Liverpool John Lennon Airport

LJLA is part of Peel Holdings, one of the leading property and transport companies in Britain with assets valued at over £2.5 billion. Peel Airports Division comprises Liverpool John Lennon Airport, as well as Durham Tees Valley, Robin Hood Airport-Doncaster, Sheffield and Sheffield City Airport. LJLA is one of Europe's fastest growing regional airports, thanks to continued route expansion. In 2005 Liverpool John Lennon Airport handled over 4.4 million passengers.



The Solution

Jim specified premium brand Continental Super Elastic SC 15 tyres for the fleet.

"The tyres' tough, wear resistant tread has eliminated chunking and tread breaking, which means our trucks are able to operate more safely throughout the tyre's life," commented Jim.

The fleet is also achieving higher mileage performance on Continental SC 15s, while downtime through tyre failure has been drastically reduced.

"The Continental tyres give us a much longer service life, and this has helped to reduce our tyre costs by between 20 – 25%," said Jim. "Although safety is our number one priority, Continental ensures we minimise our risk in operation as well as keeping costs down – a great all-round performance. We are in the process of moving all our fleet onto Continental tyres."

About Continental

Continental is the leading industrial tyre manufacturer, offering an unrivalled range of tyres for all industrial operations. Its premium tyres deliver outstanding performance for operators in some of the toughest working environments.

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- unique flat steel cord construction reinforces the tyre base, improves stability and reduces vibration, prolonging tyre – and vehicle – life
- reduced heat build up assures maximum durability, ideal for round-the-clock use
- exceptionally tough, wear resistant tread and sidewall protection delivers outstanding service life
- excellent fuel economy for reduced operating costs



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