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SAM WILKINSON SOLID FUELS POWERS UP WITH NEW ISUZU GRAFTERS

Whitby coal supplier, Sam Wilkinson Solid Fuels, has taken delivery of its first-ever Isuzu N35.150(T) Grafters from local dealer Thompson Commercials, after being told the 3.5-tonners are “the best around for the type of work we do”.

The two new Isuzu Grafters join a five-strong mixed commercial fleet, replacing similar vehicles from another manufacturer. They each feature custom dropside bodies from Robinson Truck Bodies, with a Penny PH110 crane mounted to one for the loading and unloading of larger bags of firewood or coal. Additional bespoke elements of the build include an increased bed height to help prevent injury when lifting and extra heavy-duty lashing points for improved load security.

Sam Wilkinson, Owner of Sam Wilkinson Solid Fuels, says: “We looked towards Isuzu when our previous manufacturer stopped making flat front cabs, which we need to be able to manoeuvre around many of our customer sites.

“After speaking to others in the industry, Isuzu consistently came up as the best around for the type of work that we do. Between the payload capacity, the agility of the chassis and their reliability, the Grafters have really impressed us.”

By opting for the N35.150(T) model, the company benefits from twin rear wheels, a powerful three-litre engine and a five-speed manual gearbox, perfect for navigating the rolling hills of the Yorkshire Dales that are home to the majority of its customers.

“Thompson Commercials has also been incredibly supportive throughout the whole process. We told them exactly what we needed, and they helped us spec each vehicle to fit that bill. The service we received was personal, thorough and professional, we couldn’t have asked for anything more,” Wilkinson adds.

Both Grafters will be on the road at least five days per week, averaging 12,000 miles annually, completing deliveries within a 40-mile radius of the company’s Whitby base. As with all Isuzu chassis, the new 3.5-tonners are covered by the manufacturer’s three-year unlimited mileage warranty, which includes 24/7 roadside assistance, alongside access to the company’s dedicated Customer CARE Team and its extensive dealer network.

Founded in 2012, Sam Wilkinson Solid Fuels has rapidly expanded its operation through the acquisition of similar businesses in the past six years, delivering loose and packed coal, kindling, bulk logs and FloGas to customers across North Yorkshire.

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Founded in 1916, Isuzu is a major global truck, commercial vehicle and diesel engine manufacturer, with customers in over 120 countries around the world relying on Isuzu trucks to carry out their day-to-day business operations.

ITUK was formed in 1996 and is a dedicated Truck Sales, Marketing & Aftersales operation supported by over 60 franchised Dealers in England, Scotland and Wales.

All Isuzu Truck products sold by ITUK are covered by a three-year unlimited mileage warranty and backed by the company's unique Customer CARE programme:

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