

Making light work of heavy lifting

PERTH BASED FLOORING SPECIALIST **H.I.S BUILDING SERVICES** RECENTLY PURCHASED A NEW TRUCK WITH A **TIEMAN** 1000KG RAIL TAIL LIFT AND A WHITING TRUCK ROLLER SHUTTER DOOR, BOTH OF WHICH HAVE REDUCED THE EFFORT REQUIRED TO UNLOAD THE TRUCK AT LOADING DOCKS



For over 20 years, H.I.S Building Services has been providing industrial, commercial, and domestic flooring services to customers throughout Western Australia as well as overseas. Its services include concrete surface sealing and hardening, concrete repairs, non skid flooring, decorative flooring, and protective coatings for walls and floors. H.I.S also manufactures and applies Aralux Floor Coatings which meet health and government safety standards, making it suitable for all commercial food preparation and packaging areas. H.I.S received its new Fuso Canter around three months ago. This unit was fitted with a Tieman TR1000 checker plate platform rail lift, as well as a Tieman supplied and fitted Whiting C4 Lite aluminum dry freight roller shutter door in Melbourne, before being taken across to Perth.

Prior to receiving the new truck, the company operated a smaller truck with a manually operated tail lift. H.I.S Project Manager, Glen Simpson explains, "As we service all sorts of customers, different sized loading docks often made the truck difficult to unload, especially at supermarket loading docks which aren't really built for smaller trucks. We would have to get the pallet onto the tail lift and then physically lift it onto the dock which is usually much higher than the truck.

"The idea of a rail tail lift was quite attractive to us and that's what led us to



Tieman. The tail lift actually raises above the truck floor which is very advantageous to us. By using this tail lift, we can simply roll the pallet onto the tail lift, raise it up to the loading dock and wheel it off – that's made a huge difference for us, it's a lot easier on the operators and they love it." TR tail lifts are available with lifting capacities of 1000kg (TR1000) and 1500kg



(TR1500). They have been designed with a vertical lift which makes them ideal for any situation where dock heights are higher than the truck floor. A large 2390mm wide platform combined with a heavy-duty capacity and solid construction make the TR models suitable for large loads or pallets. Easy loading of goods is provided by a low profile ramp, while pressure compensated hydraulics ensure a consistent operating speed.

The truck door H.I.S has chosen to have fitted to the truck, the Whiting by Tieman C4 Lite door is a lightweight but robust dry freight shutter door. This door is up to 15 percent lighter than similar wooden doors. Its integrated extruded continuous aluminium hinge configuration has been tested beyond 90,000 cycles, equating to 10 years of life in normal operation. This continuous hinge design also makes it easy to assemble and disassemble panels during servicing or maintenance. Changing bolt on roller retainers has also been simplified, thus reducing maintenance costs and down time. Both products have been living up to HIB's expectations and the company has also

discussed a service plan with Tieman that the company is planning to implement. This involves preventative service and maintenance from Tieman in order to prolong the life of the tail lift and the truck door and help keep them in peak condition. Tieman also offers national 24/7 mobile service for all makes of tail lifts.

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