

Burlington Stone increases its fleet of heavy duty Case machines

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Proven reliability and performance combined with reduced ownership costs were key reasons for Burlington Stone choosing a Case 1021 F Series Wheel Loader

Burlington Stone, one of the UK's leading natural stone and slate producers has increased its quarry and earthmoving equipment fleet of Case machines to 10 with the addition of a new Case 1021 F series wheel loader, supplied by local Case dealer Dennis Barnfield.



The company which operates eight quarries produces eleven different types of high grade stone and slate, that is then sold as roofing slate and as architectural stone for construction and building use. The slate is also used for floor tiles, flagstones, stone cladding and for bespoke design projects.

The Case 1021F will join an existing Case fleet of 7 x 921F wheel loaders located at Burlington's Kirby-in-Furness quarry, working alongside a Case CX350C and CX470B crawler excavators at the quarry face, loading the cut stone blocks onto trucks for transportation to secondary cutting, production, crushing and recycling facilities on site. To enable longer lengths of stone to be moved the 1021F has been fitted with tyre chains plus a V Profile special bucket.

Specially designed to work in demanding quarrying and aggregate environments this machine offers high levels of fuel economy and reliability, and delivers class leading performance and productivity due to its SCR technology and advanced cooling technology, high bucket payload, and a Tier 4 Interim 9 litre Case/FPT diesel engine, producing 320hp.

Burlington stone has been working Case machines for many years and their proven performance and reliability were key reasons for the company choosing a new Case 1021F as the successor to the 921E.

"The Case 921E has been a great machine for us" said Ian Kelly, Quarry Manager at Burlington Stone. "We've been using Case loading shovels for 17 years and they have proved to be reliable and robust enough to handle working in what is quite a harsh environment on our sites. We have always had good productivity with the Case machines through very little down time, and the power delivered by the machine is great for handling the large blocks of slate we extract."

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Before purchasing the Case 1021F Burlington looked at other manufactures equivalents, Ian Kelly explains why they decided to go with another Case: "Without the proven reliability the Case machines offer we didn't feel the others we looked at offered the best value for money. For us it was the complete package of a good purchase price, plus good fuel consumptions figures and low maintenance costs. We also have a very good working relationship with Malcolm Mackay at Dennis Barnfield, which has been built up over the last 17 years. They are fairly local to us and if we have a problem or need to fit a service in around our planned operations they always do their best to help."

Burlington's machine operators have also been impressed with the 1021F especially the new cab layout, which provides excellent visibility, and with Case's joystick steering system which is integrated into the left hand armrest, repetitive loading duties are a much easier task. There is also the optional rearview wide-angle camera, which has a live feed to the colour monitor in the cab for additional security and improved safety on site.

Mr Kelly adds "The Case machines we have used over the past 17 years have always been operator friendly but this new machine offers a totally different level of operator comfort to the previous ones, which is important if you are asking someone to work full shifts on it 5-6 days a week."

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