

Middle Eastern Bell fleet draws close to racking up 3 million hours

Bell Equipment has announced that a fleet of 37 B40Ds and eight B50Ds, commissioned for a major construction project in Kuwait in 2007 and 2008, has collectively accumulated close to 3 000 000 operational hours, thanks to its operators' attentive programme of service and maintenance.

The vehicles, which were shipped to the Middle East in two tranches during the mid-2000s, have individually clocked between 56 204 and 60 208 hours and continue to remain in extremely good condition.

The trucks have been maintained by the client's own trained engineers and, owing to the high sulphur content in the fuel being used, have been serviced every 250 hours. Bell Equipment has supplied all the necessary replacement parts and oils required and made regular visits to the Kuwait site during the 11-year project to-date, offering advice and recommending preventative maintenance actions.

"Reaching such a colossal working hour total is an incredible engineering achievement for this fleet of machines," says Bell Equipment UK's Managing

Director, Nick Learoyd. "These vehicles have been put to the test under challenging environmental conditions, where heat and dust can easily affect the functionality and reliability of engines and cooling systems. While demonstrating the capabilities of our 'built-to-last' ADTs, the fleet also speaks to the value and importance of stringent maintenance programmes."

Whilst weather conditions differ in the UK, where rain and mud put machines through their paces in comparison, Nick goes on to say that similar levels of commitment to service and maintenance can significantly increase the functioning life of Bell vehicles here too.

"For the UK market, we recommend that operators service machines every 500 hours. It's a process we support every step of

the way. We can arrange for our qualified engineers to perform all necessary maintenance and servicing, or alternatively supply customers with service kits for their own engineers to use at each recommended stage. The kits contain all the oils and filters required to complete a service at each suggested interval, from 500 hours onwards.

"With the right technical advice and commitment to maintenance there's every opportunity for any UK Bell machine to achieve its own impressive working hour milestone.

"In the meantime, we hope the machines operating in Kuwait continue to go the distance and make it to their next million hours in the not too distant future."

