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SHB Vehicle Hire Expands Vehicle-Mounted Fleet with first delivery of new Versalift VTL-135-F at Vertikal Days 2019.

The Vertikal Days event at Donington Park was the handover point for SHB Vehicle Hire's latest addition to their expanding vehicle-mounted fleet.

Ian Burton of SHB collected the keys for a new 13.5m Versalift VTL-135-F on a 3.5T GVW Ford Transit from Versalift's Chris Wrenn which is the first of a 30 plus order placed by SHB for use in the rental market. The order will be completed between May and October 2019 with the initial 10 units being utilised immediately for the expanding vehicle hire business.



First of 10 VTL-135-F units being handed over to Ian Burton (L) of SHB Vehicle Hire by Versalift UK's Chris Wrenn (R)

Market leader Versalift, have worked closely with SHB for more than ten years providing van-mounted and pick-up mounted platforms that form part of an 18,500 strong vehicle fleet. The

company has 16 key locations nationwide, supplying to a variety of market sectors including local and central government, infrastructure services, highways, utilities, rail and facilities management on a variety of different hire options.

Versalift's Telescopic Light van-mounted platform was first shown to the market in 2018. Its design includes a host of improved performance and safety features including re-designed boom structure manufactured from ultra-high strength steel. The newly formed boom profile delivers exceptional rigidity that provides users with smooth platform operation. Remarkably strong, despite its low weight, the VTL can support a capacity of up to 265kg on vans with a GVW of more than 5 tonnes.

The new VTL series has been completely re-designed for improved performance and productivity. In terms of SHB specification, the VTL-135-F is mounted on a 3.5T GVW Ford Transit, has a working height of 13.5m and the outreach is an impressive 8.4m. Bucket capacity is 230kg and the payload is 325kg (after driver, passenger & fuel). Its 140° Fly-boom gives extra versatility and the built-in LMC controls automatically control the extendable outreach dependent upon the load in the basket.

The VTL-135-F's are all kitted out with a variety of features including zero tail swing as standard, a motorway interlock and the added safety feature of a walk-in bucket. All of the platforms are certified LV (Low Voltage). This enables the operator to have protection from electrocution for voltages up to 1000v.

Ian Burton, SHB Hire's MEWPs Product Manager commented "We are keen to keep our expanding fleet diverse and by working with Versalift, we know we can achieve that".

Chris Wrenn, Versalift Regional Sales Manager said; "I am delighted that SHB have continued to support our innovative approach to design with the VTL, we set out to produce a working platform that offers the very best in terms of productivity and safety for the operator and I am pleased to say that SHB are one of a number of customers that have embraced it".

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