

# Ambulance fleet calls on ATS Euromaster for tyre first aid



When attending emergencies, paramedic crews need to have absolute confidence in the mechanical condition and safety of the ambulance they are driving.

That's why South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (SCAS) supports its own crews' daily vehicle checks with routine tyre safety inspections performed by mobile technicians from tyre experts ATS Euromaster. This ensures drivers of its 200-plus Mercedes-Benz Sprinter ambulances, which are on-call 24/7, can be confident responding to emergency call-outs under blue-light conditions, safe in the knowledge that their tyres are in tip-top condition.

An amalgamation of Berkshire, Hampshire, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire county ambulance services, the SCAS fleet of more than 800 vehicles covers an area from Southampton to Milton Keynes. As such, Fleet Manager, Garry Allen, was insistent on using a service provider which would be able to deal consistently with his demanding requirements over a wide geographic area.

Allen says: "Our fleet needs to be roadworthy 24/7; we can't afford to have an ambulance off the road and ATS Euromaster understands this. The service we receive from our local ATS technicians really is second to none as they care as much about our fleet as we do.

"The ATS Euromaster team knows exactly what is important to us – keeping our vehicles on the road safely. By having access to the company's 24/7 roadside rapid response service I know if we were to have a roadside tyre issue, whether it be at midday on a quiet Sunday afternoon, or at 2am in the middle of a wintry night, the job would be completed quickly.

"It gives my team real peace of mind to know that once we've phoned ATS Euromaster, the job is effectively done and that asset will be back in service in the quickest time possible."

SCAS has a 100 per cent Michelin policy and fits cold weather tyres to the fleet, as the specialist tyres are proven to offer better vehicle handling and reduced stopping distances in temperatures less than seven degrees. Alongside fitting and servicing the fleet's tyres at the five SCAS workshops in Southampton, Reading, Oxford, Stoke Mandeville and Bletchley, ATS Euromaster also services the tyres on vehicles provided on lease agreements.

Allen adds: "We have a lot of vehicles provided through Alltruck and ATS Euromaster handles all of that work directly for us. ATS Euromaster is committed to making things easy for its customers and I continue to be impressed by the standard of service we receive."



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