



Eagle Ottawa sites use Nu-Star PowerTugs in UK, Hungary & USA

Eagle Ottawa, LLC, a world leader in the manufacture of top-grain leather for the automotive industry, have recently taken delivery of two Nu-Star PowerTugs at their site in Warrington, England.

Douglas Dickson, Purchasing Manager, Eagle Ottawa Warrington, first contacted Nu-Star during November 2002 regarding the manual handling issues they had when moving their 'A' frame trolleys – referred to as 'horses'.

The 'horses' are used to transport the leather hides on site and used to be pushed and pulled by hand. This was an unpopular task as the combination of the swivelling castors and overall weight of the trolleys made manoeuvring them very difficult.

Nu-Star designed a bespoke method of attaching to the trolleys that ensured the operators could move them around under complete control and a PowerTug was then trialled by Eagle Ottawa from December through to February 2003.

Scott Shonamon, General Manager of Eagle Ottawa, Warrington stated; "There has been a substantial improvement in safety and ergonomics in using the Power Tug. They can be modified for multiple applications in pushing and pulling and are quite manoeuvrable in tight places where forklifts can't fit."

Following the success at this site, Nu-Star have subsequently supplied a further unit to the Eagle Ottawa site in Hungary and the Eagle Ottawa manufacturing sites in U.S.A. are now also trialling the PowerTugs.

"This is exactly the type of application that we developed the PowerTug for and we have trials progressing well with other users of 'A' frames and similar trolleys in Europe and the USA", explained Matthew Smith (Nu-Star's Managing Director).



Kevin Hatton (Despatch Clerk at Eagle Ottawa, Warrington) with the Nu-Star PowerTug moving one of the leather 'horses'

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