

# Pick your parts

Rounding up some of the parts suppliers helping keep fleets on the road

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operators start seeing the same issue themselves.

"We are responsible for looking after the whole UK market for Denso, Eberspacher Sutrak, Hispacold, Mobile Climate Control and Valeo (was Spheros), plus supporting others such as Hevac, Sanz Clima and Webasto. We have always offered a fair pricing structure and this is supported by our dealer network that can offer parts and personalised service locally to operators around them."

The company's 16 dealers share a technical support message group, allowing its engineers to share information and help solve problems in the field.

The most commonly sought-after air conditioning components are those with moving parts, according to Justin: "And with Covid-19 our PEPA-F filters have been extremely popular."

Its Covid-safety solutions include the Hispacold eCo3 and the PEPA-F system.

Airconco has also recently sourced a drop-in replacement clutch for new model Neoplan Tourliner 2s, which Justin says is a fraction of the cost of a new OEM compressor and clutch.

www.airconcoltd.com

## Transport Door Solutions

Now in its 15th year of business, Transport Door Solutions (TDS) is focusing on its aftermarket support for providing PCV door components. Paul Rossington, Director at TDS, said: "We have created a new parts guide for door systems, both as an A5 hard copy and as a digital publication. It features the top 1,000 bus door components. The plan is to release an updated version bi-annually. We have had great feedback from customers about it, it helps them select the parts they need quicker."

In addition, TDS is about to refresh its website, adding new content and optimising it for ease of use. The company supplies a wealth of door system components and is Ventura Systems' service agent and partner.

www.transportdoorsolutions.co.uk

## Ashtree Vision and Safety

When it comes to mirrors, one company supplying these components is Ashtree Vision and Safety.

Its products are widely retrofitted across the industry. The company has recently started manufacturing a new knock-back mirror arm, manufactured to an operator's



Airconco specialises in supplying air conditioning components, such as fans for HVAC systems

design. The mirrors are now being trialled before being retrofitted to the customer's fleet. Ashtree has had them painted yellow to increase visibility.

As ever, Ashtree's CycleSafe proves a popular product into the bus and coach sector. The extra-wide-angle mirrors allow PCV drivers to see cyclists in blind spots.

www.av suk.co

## PSV Transport Systems

According to PSV Transport Systems' Martyn King, a good parts supplier ensures good availability of components from stock, as well as the ability to invest in its stock. Good communication and response times are also essential, as is technical backup. For the latter, it can gain insight from its electronics, rotating electrics, powered access and pneumatics workshops. It can also draw on its team of service engineers to offer in-field technical support.

Its product range covers electronic, pneumatic, mechanical and electrical parts. It has an ongoing programme of new product development. Its online parts portal provides thousands of images and spare parts reference numbers.

Experience is something the company's team has in spades and Martyn strives to ensure competitive pricing, as well as gaining access to OE suppliers and equipment.

Martyn ensures the company continues to invest in new product lines and aims to have the most popular components in stock.

www.psv-transport-systems.co.uk

As fleets return to the roads, inevitably parts wear and need replacing. With this in mind, here is a collection of some of the companies involved in this area.

## Heavy Duty Parts

All makes and models of PCV parts are covered by Heavy Duty Parts. In particular, it specialises in Neoplan, Setra, Mercedes-Benz and MAN, but it is also dedicated to supplying components for other vehicle manufacturers. It can also now provide all Van Hool parts.

MD, Kevin Booth, said the company has the unique ability to supply all parts for the brands mentioned including parts some may assume to be 'captive' and 'dealer only'.

The company commits to providing customers with a comprehensive source for all part requirements. Its range includes chassis parts, engine parts, exterior panels, bumpers and interior fittings and trim. The company employs a team of highly-trained parts specialists who can supply the part you require by the vehicle registration number alone.

The supplier is the UK's largest stockist of parts suitable for mixed fleet operations. It has a 5pm cut-off time for next-day delivery.

www.heavydutyparts.co.uk

## Airconco

Airconco provides heating and air conditioning parts from all manufacturers. It represents the majority of HVAC manufacturers directly and benefits from a dealer network offering local support and parts.

Justin Stott, MD of Airconco, said: "Airconco has several hundred thousand pounds of bus and coach HVAC parts, because that's all we do. We can invest larger amounts into specific bus and coach HVAC to support the UK industry, whereas more general suppliers who stock all parts aren't able to carry as much, as resources are needed for other product lines.

"Running a service department and a network of 16 dealers means we have our fingers on the pulse when it comes to popular systems in the market. Common parts and failures are seen first-hand, meaning we can put in stock before the

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