



## MB continues expansion

Italian crusher buckets manufacturer MB is expanding rapidly with a new German subsidiary and a French affiliate due to open in the summer

**W**e're building a new site near Lyon, which is of great strategic importance for us," said Valerio Briganti, commercial manager. "For this reason, Intermat is an important step for us, so that people can come and see and feel the product being demonstrated. Reaction has been very good."

The rate of expansion shows little sign of slowing even in the current, straitened economic times. One thousand of the more than 3,000 machines the company has sold since its inception seven years ago were sold last year alone.

"Once people have understood what the crushers buckets can do and then put them to use, 90% of our customers tell us they've paid for the bucket within two or three months," Briganti added.

The company's four models, compatible with excavators from 8tonnes upwards, are primarily used for demolition and in the quarrying and construction sectors. Another growing market is the breaking up of stones in vineyards. "Previously, winemakers used to remove larger stones but then had to replace them with crushed stone from elsewhere, which could often change the type and quality of the wine," he explained.

"These crusher buckets mean the same stone can be put back in-situ."

The company has also launched an updated version of its second largest bucket. The BF90.3 is for use on excavators weighing more than 20tonnes and capacity has been increased by 25%-30% thanks to a larger jaw size.

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## MANTOVANIBENNE new CR100

Mantovanibenne, which specialises in the design, production and marketing of equipment for companies in the earthmoving and demolition-recycling sectors, unveiled new models in its Heavy Line including the CR100, a crusher for primary demolition, which is for use with excavators in the 90-130tonne class. Weighing 11tonnes, the unit has a 2m jaw opening.

The new RP80, also part of the Heavy Line, is for use on excavators in the 60-90tonne class; weighs 8.2tonnes and has a jaw opening of 1.25m. It would have been at Intermat but was required by a customer immediately.

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## FURUKAWA knows the drill

Rock drill specialist Furukawa has updated its range of large hydraulic breakers with the introduction of an adjustable breaker-bit bracket.

"It has been designed to be adjustable by spanner so that you can compensate for the loosening that will happen over time," said Naohiro Katayama, assistant managing director. "The aim is to ensure the pressure is maintained directly on to the breaker-bit."

The new bracket is a standard feature on the large hydraulic breaker range from F19XP to F45XP for excavators with operating weights from 12tonne-50tonne.

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## New X-Traction tyre size from MICHELIN



Reducing the cost of tyres on rigid dump trucks is the aim of Michelin's new X-Traction tyre size. The range has now been extended downwards to include a 24.00 R 35-size tyre which will be available from 2010.

According to Michelin, the new size will allow more RDT operators to benefit from the 20% operating tyre cost savings that the range currently offers to larger machines.

The performance improvement is achieved using additional rubber that increases the tread thickness to 81mm.

In addition to the deeper tread, the blocks have been more firmly anchored with a thicker undertread. To prevent stones caught in the tread from damaging the tyre, Michelin has equipped the X-Traction RD with a special arrangement of grooves that eject debris more easily.

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