

Railcare

Railcare: well placed for future opportunities

Railcare was established as a privately owned company in February 2007 as a result of the management buy-out (MBO) of two former ALSTOM Transport heavy maintenance sites in Springburn, Glasgow and Wolverton, Milton Keynes.

After investing over £2 million in its people, facilities and equipment, Railcare is able to offer best in class services from vehicle overhaul and refurbishment to accident repair, spares and logistics.

Both of Railcare's sites have staff with considerable experience in overhauling vehicles and components, supported by dedicated project managers and expert project engineers. From external re-liveries to complete vehicle refurbishment and coded overhaul, Railcare has the facilities and expertise to deliver projects to the highest standards, on time and on budget.

Railcare's dedicated Spares & Logistics team aims to achieve the highest levels of customer service, focusing on minimising lead times and maximising pick rates to ensure that customers receive the parts they need when and where they need them. From single part supply to fully backed-off material supply agreements, Railcare's considerable industry and product expertise enables it to supply a comprehensive range of traction and rolling stock products for all UK vehicle fleets.

With one of the most experienced incident repair teams in the country and facilities capable of repairing all types of heavy and light rail vehicles, Railcare's incident repair team is able to commit to assessing damaged vehicles within 24 hours across the UK. Having recently secured a contract with Angel Trains



A re-liveried 156 433 standing at Railcare's Springburn Works

for the exterior re-livery of 28 Class 156 (two-car) units operated by First ScotRail, Railcare's Springburn works has recently delivered three of the units in its new Transport Scotland livery.

During March, Railcare also completed the final aspects of work on a contract with Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) at its Springburn site for the overhaul and refurbishment of eight 'trailer' vehicles which are operated on the Glasgow Underground network. The vehicles received a major overhaul of the main vehicle systems (including bogies, brakes, doors, draw gear, etc.) while the vehicle interiors also underwent a major refurbishment including new interior paneling (walls and ceiling), new floors, new seat coverings, new lighting and new body end doors. All eight vehicles also received new exterior re-liveries in a variety of differing brands in support of various SPT initiatives and promotional events.

A unique strength that Railcare can draw upon is its place within a group of businesses offering complementary services to the rail industry. Branded The Ombros Group, the businesses include:

- Rail Door Solutions (RDS), provider of rail door related modification and maintenance;
- TXM Recruit, specialists in both ad-hoc and full turnkey recruitment;
- Eye For Solutions (EFS), asset management consultancy;
- Joint venture Albatros UK, provider of on board systems and components; and
- Eye For Detail (EFD), supplier of PPE wear.

Each of the companies within The Ombros Group functions as single a entity, but has the ability to offer customers the advantage of both the group's combined strengths and value across the supply chain. With the combination of investment, experience and expertise and its unique positioning within The Ombros Group, Railcare finds itself well positioned to take on the challenging industry conditions and take full advantage of future project opportunities across the UK.

Steve McConnon, Managing Director Springburn, outlines his vision for Railcare: "Railcare's knowledge of heavy engineering is founded on 150 years of working in the rail industry. We believe that this knowledge and expertise gives us the ideal opportunity to offer heavy engineering solutions to the wider engineering sector."

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