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Driving forward with waste

The fleet is one of the most important elements of waste collection. Siân Barton looks at the variety of waste vehicles and accessories available to operators



Geesink Norba's 'Pod' solution

On show at the recent RWM show in Birmingham was the demonstrator version of Geesink Norba's Pod vehicle which provides operators with a variety of collection options. First used back in 2004 by Biffa, the vehicle is now proving more popular as more local authorities realise the collection options it provides, says Geesink Norba's business development manager Nigel Garlick.

Mr Garlick says that the use of such vehicles is "a learning curve for all involved. We are finding the Pods popular for food waste and glass collections while the back can be used for refuse collection and different types of recyclables."

Recently, 17 of the trucks have been ordered by Serco for the company's Milton Keynes contract with a double compartment being provided at the back of the vehicle.

And, Mr Garlick says that there is also growing interest in the electric battery-powered version of the body - the chassis remains diesel powered - and this combination can generate about a 30% fuel saving with the battery also being charge by the engine.