



The new WOLFF 6523 Clear

Proven lifting capacity with an innovative design

A new addition to the WOLFF Pack: The WOLFF 6523 Clear, will soon complement WOLFFKRAN's portfolio in the 224 mt class. The new flat top model is based on the popular classic WOLFF 6031 Clear, which is among Wolffkran's best-selling cranes with its flat top design, its proven lifting capacities, and its ease of assembly. In addition, the WOLFF 6523 Clear is impressive thanks to its patented, newly designed jib, and its technical equipment for operating the WOLFF High-Speed-Positioning-System (HiSPS).

The HiSPS assistance system was introduced at bauma in 2022. Sensors on the trolley and hook block together with a control unit enable the load to be transported free of load sway by detecting the rope's movements and automatically adjusting the movement and speed of the crane to it. Since the trolley always adjusts its position automatically via the hook block, not only is the wind impact eliminated, but it also prevents a diagonal pull on the load, making pushing the load by hand and pulling the hook manually easier and safer.

The WOLFF 6523 Clear is the first WOLFF on the market with the technological prerequisites to activate HiSPS. It is an option that can be acquired when purchasing the crane.

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AUTUMN UPDATE

Welcome to the autumn edition of the Customer Newsletter.

Summer has passed quickly but has proved to be a productive period for WOLFFKRAN. The business has continued to invest in the crane fleet, but also in new and sustainable lifting accessories as we strive to lead the industry in quality, safety, reliability and environmental sustainability. We aim to help our customers meet their ESG targets and look forward to having these products available for hire over the coming weeks.

We have worked hard to develop a dynamic sales strategy which ensures competitive pricing, excellent customer service and innovative lifting solutions for all projects and lifting applications. The economic outlook remains challenging, but through successful partnerships with our customers, we look forward to overcoming these challenges and creating mutual benefits for all.

We hope you enjoy reading our latest newsletter, and we remain available to assist with any upcoming projects or lifting requirements.

Managing Director
Richard Coughtrey



At WOLFFKRAN we are committed to ensuring the good health and good standards of safety for all of our people all of the time. We do not commit to a number of acceptable incidents or injuries as we believe no incidents or injuries are acceptable.

Through the creation and continual improvement of a positive safety culture which is fully supported and lead by the senior management team the WOLFFKRAN family work tirelessly to set high standards where we have a presence on our customers’ projects to improve health and safety standards wherever possible.

Our Safety management system is aligned and certificated to ISO 45001 and is further supported by our Quality and Environmental management systems which are also aligned and certificated to the ISO 9001 & 14001 standards. We are continually improving our systems and fully investigate all near misses and incidents with a “no blame” commitment to fully understand the causes and prevent future incidents of a similar nature whilst learning from bulletins or reports which circulate in the industry following incidents.



From August 2022 we have not had a reportable incident which equates to 604,121 hours worked by our family and we strive to ensure this number of hours is continued indefinitely.

We recently completed a 2 and a half year project which involved 12 operators working days and nights, as well as weekends, this project had zero operator involved incidents – over 72,000 hours were worked by operators on this project without an incident involving the on-site lifting operations.

We are proud of our record but we realise we can always improve. This is the key to our ongoing success, working together as one team.



The first Tower Crane Operator of the Year

In a celebration of skill, precision, and dedication to the art of crane operation, the first-ever UK Tower Crane Operator of the Year competition recently took place at the CITB (Construction Industry Training Board) on Saturday, the 30th of September 2023, as a part of the UK Plant Operator of the Year campaign.

We are thrilled to announce that the winner was Tom Allen, one of our esteemed employees at WOLFFKRAN. In this article, we delve into the exciting event and gain insights from Tom himself, along with commentary from Sean Hutson, WOLFFKRAN SHEQ Manager & Head of Lifting, who witnessed the competition first-hand.

Tom Allen, Tower Crane Operator of the Year

Tom operates one of our yard cranes at the UK Head Office in Sheffield. He was recognised as the star performer on the day, outshining a field of highly skilled operatives who participated in the competition.

In an interview with Tom Allen, he shared his thoughts on what it means to be named the Tower Crane Operator of the Year. *“Being named the Tower Crane Operator of the Year is an incredibly rewarding experience. It acknowledges my skills and expertise in the field and represents the hard work, dedication, and countless hours I’ve spent perfecting my craft,”* Tom said. *“This title is more than just a personal achievement; it signifies a standard of excellence and a commitment to safety and precision in our industry.”*

Tom learned about the competition through WOLFFKRAN’s online news updates, which keep all employees informed about exciting news and developments within the company. His journey to becoming a tower crane operator began with an apprenticeship at WOLFFKRAN after completing college. Tom’s training took place at the CITB National Construction College in Bircham Newton, lasting 12 weeks and covering the fundamentals of crane operation.

Reflecting on the competition, Tom highlighted one of the most challenging moments: *“The Zig Zag route with the W design made of scaffold boards was nerve-wracking, especially with the pressure of the clock. I kept my focus and relied on the training and experience I gained from working at WOLFFKRAN to guide me.”*

Over the years, Tom has accumulated a wealth of experience in crane operation through his work at WOLFFKRAN. *“Working at WOLFFKRAN has been a treasure trove of experiences. Being surrounded by seasoned professionals, I’ve had countless valuable experiences that have contributed immensely to my growth. Each day presents a new learning opportunity. The collective wisdom and mentorship of my colleagues at WOLFFKRAN have been instrumental in shaping my career and making me the operator I am today,”* Tom shared.



When asked about advice for aspiring tower crane operators, Tom emphasised continuous learning, prioritising safety, and seeking feedback. *“Never stop learning; the industry is always evolving. Focus on safety above everything else—it protects you, your team, and the integrity of the project. Lastly, always seek feedback, both positive and constructive.”*

Competing in events like the Tower Crane Operator of the Year is a great way to measure your skills against industry standards and learn from your peers. Embrace every challenge as a learning opportunity, and remember, every expert was once a beginner,” Tom concluded.

Sean Hutson’s Perspective

Sean Hutson, WOLFFKRAN SHEQ manager & Head of Lifting, shared his insights on the Tower Crane Operator of the Year competition. He praised the organisation of the event, noting the fantastic arrival process and superb event management. Families and industry enthusiasts enjoyed seeing various pieces of heavy machinery, including WOLFFKRAN Tower Cranes, adding to the overall excitement of the day.



The competition itself was designed to test operators’ skill, control, and accuracy to the limit. Operators had to manoeuvre a concrete block attached to the crane to simulate a heavy load, landing it on markers at different radii. The most challenging part was a complex course that required operators to follow a W-shaped path made of scaffold boards while racing against the clock. Sean described it as a true test of operating skills and decision-making under pressure.

“All of the challengers should be proud of themselves,” Sean emphasised. *“Just to put their name forward and travel varying distances, including one participant from Ireland, was a*

challenge. To get up the crane and complete the course, no matter how long it took, was an achievement in itself.”

Despite the fierce competition from operators who travelled from far and wide, Tom Allen from WOLFFKRAN emerged as the winner. Sean noted Tom’s composure, skill, and control with “dead eye” accuracy, which set him apart. Tom’s humility in victory also earned him respect from his peers.

Tom Allen’s success inspires aspiring crane operators, and his journey from apprentice to champion exemplifies the dedication and commitment required to excel in this field. Congratulations to Tom and all the participants who made this event a memorable showcase of skill and precision in crane operation.

Creative Crane Solution for London's New Student Accommodation Project

If you want to see a tower crane up close, there is currently a remarkable building scheme in London that is worth checking out. The project, managed by a construction company, Mace, features two impressive WOLFF cranes, WOLFF 630 B and WOLFF 355 B, that appear to be suspended in the air.

When there is no room for a crane base

This construction project required a creative solution due to limited space, and it was executed in three stages.

In Stage 1, WOLFFKRAN has erected the WOLFF 355 B (TC1) on the foundation anchors at the basement level. With 35m jib, max capacity of 21t* and 54m tower, a crane built the tower core and erected WOLFF 630 B (TC2), moving the work into stage 2.

TC2 is in an unusual position - bolted to a steel grillage cantilevering from the building just below level 4. This crane with a 40m jib, a maximum capacity of 21t*, and a 47.25m tower will be tied and climbed four times to an impressive height of 119m.

In stage 3, TC2 dismantled TC1 and erected TC1a on the opposite side of the building. The new WOLFF 355 B also hangs from the building connected to a cantilevering steel grillage. TC1a, with a 40m jib, maximum capacity of 21t* and 47.25m tower, will be tied and climbed three times to achieve 114.75m of height.

Both cranes look impressive against the backdrop of Britain's tallest building, The Shard.



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*The lifting capacities of the cranes have been reduced by 25%.



Growth for WOLFF Onsite

WOLFF Onsite offers a range of lifting accessories across many sectors. Being WOLFFKRAM of course, Tower Cranes are our specialty. We provide lifting solutions for construction sites, introducing innovative products for enhanced safety and efficiency.

As Winter 2023 nears, the WOLFF Onsite team reflects on a year of progress and growth and looks forward to the future with excitement.

Collaboration has been key in building strong relationships with clients and forming new partnerships, presenting exciting opportunities for the future.

In the recent months, we have conducted multiple product demonstrations. One of our demonstrations was of the Vita Load Navigator, which helps eliminate the risk of spinning loads. Additionally, we showcased the LPG generator, which is a practical and sustainable power source for construction projects, contributing towards a greener future.

It has been great to get out on site, get our gloves dirty, meet our customers in person, see the daily challenges they face, and offer solutions to overcome them.

Currently, we are working with a new monitored CCTV camera system to prevent 'Urban Explorers' from climbing the cranes.

Welcoming New Team Members

The team has expanded with the addition of two new members. Hayley Drabble joined during the Summer as Marketing Manager, bringing her marketing expertise to support the Sales and Business Development and drive the next phase of growth.

Michelle Myers was also recently welcomed as the new Product Manager. Michelle will work closely with customers and suppliers to gain a deep understanding of the customer experience, provide strategic direction and vision for product growth, and anticipate future requirements.

Looking back over the last few months, Tom McDaid, Sales Director at WOLFF Onsite, confidently shares his insights.

"We've had an exciting year at Wolff Onsite, making a lot of progress and achieving great things. Our team is growing, and we are working hard to expand our product line and offer new and innovative solutions that meet the changing needs of our customers. We're always talking to our customers and WOLFFKRAM Appointed Persons to hear their ideas and find ways to help them. We are excited about what the future holds."

All WOLFF Onsite accessories and equipment are available to hire or purchase. Please feel free to reach out if we can assist with any of your upcoming project requirements. We look forward to hearing from you.

Email: onsite@wolffkran.com or contact Tom directly at t.mcdaid@wolffkran.com.



WOLFFKRAN's Commitment to Supply Chain Sustainability and the Net-zero Summit



WOLFFKRAN, a partner of the Supply Chain Sustainability School since 2020, achieved gold-level status in 2022, demonstrating our dedication to sustainability. Our involvement in the school extends beyond partnership, with key team members actively promoting fairness, inclusion, respect, and nature recovery.

Jonathan Parker, Training Manager, serves as a Fairness, Inclusion, and Respect Ambassador and sits on the wellbeing working group. At the same time, Niall Conroy, Sustainability Program Manager, contributes to the Plant and Nature Recovery Groups. These roles emphasise WOLFFKRAN's holistic approach to sustainability.

Niall also represented WOLFFKRAN at the latest school's Net-zero conference in Coventry, focusing on topics like a just transition, steel decarbonisation, science-based targets and carbon measuring.

We also hold monthly meetings with our account executives from the school to further promote our sustainability-focused workshops and training programmes to the broader WOLFFKRAN workforce.

Supporting the school allows WOLFFKRAN to shape industry sustainability best practices and build stronger relationships with our customers and suppliers who are also part of the school.

The Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge took place last month, driving participants through a strenuous 24-mile hike with 1585 meters of ascent. This formidable test saw the conquering of Pen-y-Ghent, Wharfedale, and Ingleborough.

The event raised £2,170 for the [Children's Heart Surgery Fund](#), a charity close to our hearts, as a child of one of our team members benefited from their life-saving surgery at Leeds Hospital.

In the past, our team has tackled various challenges, showcasing the transformative power of collective effort.



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Thanks for reading! 

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