

COMPUTER CAB PLC GO GREENER

Advantage House is the new Operations and Fleet Facility of ComCab. The circuit recently held an Open Day so drivers and visitors could see the new premises and the new Advantage Despatch system. On the day ComCab also launched a free Nitrogen tyre inflation service to all their 3,500 drivers. This is just part of ComCab's ongoing campaign to save drivers money whilst reducing their impact on the environment.

Unveiled at the official opening of their new driver facility, Advantage House, the Nitrogen system purges all the compressed air from the taxis tyres and refills them with Nitrogen, which has proven benefits over standard compressed air. For many years airlines and Formula 1 teams have utilised Nitrogen in filling tyres and this is due to the unique properties of Nitrogen which gives it several advantages over standard compressed air.

It is widely believed that the moisture content of the oxygen in normal compressed air could lead to premature corrosion of the tyre wall and wheel rims of vehicle. As Nitrogen has no such properties, the lifespan of tyres is increased. Nitrogen also leaks far more slowly from a tyre once it has been filled. This means that when you fill your tyres with Nitrogen they retain the correct pressure for longer; meaning that optimum driving standard for the tyres is achieved. In this way fuel costs can be reduced by up to 5% over the course of a year.



Driver Reception



Knowledge School at Advantage House

Nitrogen is becoming more widely available in the tyre industry- but often at an increased cost (around £2 a tyre in some consumer outlets) but Computer Cab plc has decided to provide this service free of charge to its entire licensed taxi fleet.

Head of operations at Computer Cab plc, Malcolm Paice commented: "This will provide Computer Cab plc drivers with savings from longer tyre life and lower fuel costs. Perhaps more importantly the initiative meets Computer Cab plc's corporate objectives as part of our ISO14001:2004 Environmental Management Certification. Through reduced tyre wastage and lower fuel consumption this goes some way towards

the objective to reduce the impact our business has on the environment."

Malcolm added "Computer Cab plc is proud to be the first London licensed taxi circuit to offer this service at no cost to its drivers and this innovative approach has the potential to save 30 tonnes of Co2 emissions every year. There is a clear financial benefit for drivers and to help encourage our fleet to take up this great initiative we are even having monthly cash draws. All our drivers who have Nitrogen put into their tyres will go into a draw with a generous monthly prize for the drivers drawn from the hat."



New facilities at Advantage House