

An apple a day: with a bit of help from Goscor

The Molteno Brothers farming business, a South African producer of fresh pome fruit, has taken three Doosan B25S-5 four-wheel electric forklifts on long-term rental from Goscor Lift Truck Company (GLTC).

Shane Farren, GLTC regional sales manager, maintains that the bottom line for evaluating a lift truck is simply 'productivity. That's where the Doosan B25S-5 – and, in fact, and the entire Doosan Pro-5 line – really stands out. Productivity in an electric truck is a function of three things: speed, control and low energy consumption. All these things have been achieved through a number of exclusive Doosan design innovations,' he explains.

Doosan's Active Control Technology incorporates active heat control, which means the system self-protects should overheating be detected and the truck



Shane Farren and Abraham Pool with operators Henrico and Aubrey Snyders

will maintain consistent performance through 80 per cent of battery charge life. A particularly impressive feature is it has a much bigger battery compartment than other four-wheel electrics. 'This allows for

a larger battery with higher amperage, which significantly increases operating time enabling a full shift from one battery charge,' says Farren.

Operator comfort and safety is another big plus. 'Our operators like working with the machine, which is critical,' states Abraham Pool, manager of Molteno Brothers cold stores. 'It's driver-friendly and the braking system is a good example of this. As the operator removes his foot from the accelerator the brakes automatically engage, adding to the ease and safety of operation.'

GLTC is the sole provider of global brands such as Crown, Doosan and Bendi in South Africa. The Goscor Group, now part of the Imperial Group, has been supplying the local market industrial equipment and solutions for 29 years.