

B&B GETS TO GRIPS WITH PIPE CLAMP ATTACHMENT FOR CPM GROUP



CPM Group, the market leader in the manufacture of pre-cast drainage systems, has improved the handling and storage of its Chamber Rings following the purchase of B&B Attachments' Blockmaster Pipe Clamp. Specified by CPM's materials handling supplier, Linde, the clamp has enabled the company to improve both its handling efficiency and storage capacity.

Once CPM Group began producing Chamber Rings of up to 1.8 metres in diameter at its facility in Mells, Somerset, it had to re-evaluate its product handling. The company decided that it not only needed a more versatile clamp that could handle heavier products but one that could also lift and stack product to improve the capacity of its stocking area.

B&B Attachments, the UK's leading supplier of forklift attachments, has provided CPM with its rugged and reliable Blockmaster Pipe Clamp. The clamp is capable of handling Chamber Rings of varying diameters and heights and up to two tonnes in weight.

Fitted to a Linde H60D truck, the clamp can lift two rings at a time transferring them from the production plant to the stocking area and then on to vehicles for onward transportation to CPM's customers throughout the United Kingdom. As the clamp is able to stack the pipes it has also helped improve the amount of product that can be stored by making maximum use of the floor area.

The attachment is now used everyday and without it the department would not be able to function. The combination of the Linde forklift truck and B&B Attachments' clamp has ensured better and faster handling of CPM's Chamber Rings.

To ensure that the driver can safely see in front of the load, B&B Attachments has also supplied and fitted a camera system to the clamp. As well as improving protection for other personnel and machinery, the camera has improved efficiency by providing all-round visibility for the forklift truck operator when he is transporting and stacking the Chamber Rings.

Covering over 50-acres, CPM's facility in Mells is the largest producer of concrete drainage products in the country. Over 100,000 tonnes of product is produced at the factory each year for customers that include merchants, developers, councils and water companies as well as for export to countries around the world.



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