

REXQUOTE CASE 988P MEGARAILER 940262

The CASE 988 was designed with medium lifting capabilities up to a maximum of 10 Tons. It has a reduced tail swing with a compact radius machine, ideal for confined spaces such as tunnels. This Road Rail Vehicle (RRV) can complete a range of tasks including maintenance and renewal works, with a slew limiting system fitted for ALO working. With the latest Spaceguard system fitted this also provides the option of working both all lines open (ALO) and under live overhead line equipment (OHLE).

Case gave it the build number CGG0232261 when it was out-shopped in 2002. It was then adapted for road/rail use by Rexquote and given conversion number 1734. It's low-centre of gravity also permits excellent stability and manoeuvrability. Its road registration number is RO 52 RCU.

When accepted by Railtrack it was allocated EVN/RIV Number: 99709 940262-7. In October 2002 Railtrack was taken over by Network Rail as the owner and operator of Britain's rail infrastructure.

Basic specification for this machine is as follows:

Weight	24 T
Width	8 ft 4 ins (2530 mm)
Max Reach	24 ft 11 ins (7630 mm)
Max On/Off Track Cant	6 ins (150 mm)
Max Travelling Cant	8 ins (200 mm)
Max Working Cant	6 ins (150 mm)
Max Gradient	1 in 25
Tailswing	6 ft 7 ins (2000 mm)
Max Lift Capacity (Bucket Pin)	10 T
Towing Capacity	46 T (4 trailers)
Trailer (Air/ Hydraulic)	A & H
ALO Spaceguard	Y
Twin Cab	Y
Engine	EURO 1-2

It was first used on Western Region for around 2½ years based at places such as Didcot, Reading and Tilehurst. Around 2006 it was taken on by L&W Contractors and 'christened' "Stacey 729" and used widely on the former Central Section of Southern Region at locations such as Brighton, Hassocks, Haywards Heath and Hove. Working transferred to the former Western Section then occurred from time to time at places such as Salisbury

and Surbiton. The last sighting of 940262 was at L & W Contractors' Five Oaks depot on Saturday 14th May 2016.

Later that year it was offered for sale and viewed at Eastleigh yard. The offer to buy 940262 was accepted and then it went to L&W Contractors' yard for servicing. Once a new certification had been obtained it was delivered to the Road/Rail terminal at Norden. A nickname was soon bestowed upon 940262 - becoming "Big Daddy" to reflect its 10 Tons capability.

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