



Selecting the Right Hoist

To run an efficient workshop it requires good planning and a big part of planning a workshop is selecting the right hoists.

Recently Solitaire Automotive in Adelaide opened one of Australia's most impressive and prestigious After Sales Facilities, servicing many brands including the high profile marques of Aston Martin, Bentley and Lamborghini. Choosing the right hoist requires a good knowledge of the work it will be used for combined with a good knowledge of hoists and Solitaire Automotive worked closely with Australian hoist manufacturer, Molnar Engineering, to achieve the right hoist setup in their workshops.

"As there is no one hoist that will suit every vehicle or job type, it was important for us at Solitaire Automotive to achieve a partnership with a supplier such as Molnar Hoists to equip our new After Sales Facility. Molnar Hoists, as a local Manufacturer had the range of hoists for us to choose from, the ability to cater for our individual needs and the security of local support for after sales service, that has allowed us to achieve our goals in giving our company the very best in hoist solutions."

Craig Weber, Group After Sales Director - Solitaire Automotive.

Solitaire Automotive have a selection of hoists from right across the Molnar Hoist range in their facility. In the pre-

delivery section the Scissor Lifts are perfect for easy access to the vehicle with the doors wide open because there are no posts to get in the way. The Quick Service Lifts can save a lot of time on similar vehicles, just drive on and lift. The plan for the Land Rover section was to have all Rails wheels-free Four Posts Hoists but to increase the flexibility of the bays there is now a mixture of both the Rails and Jacking Beam systems for wheels-free servicing.

A hoist is a large and long term investment but it is there as a tool to make you money by saving you time. Before buying a hoist you should be clear about the work it will be expected to do and also have all the information from your hoist supplier. The wrong hoist can reduce efficiency or limit the work you are able to do.

Things to consider before buying a hoist:

Range of Service Work, Workshop Size, Vehicle Weights, Vehicle Sizes, Ground Clearance, Pickup Points, Vehicle Access Requirements, Drive-on/ Drive-off Requirements, Need to Park Underneath Hoist, Lifting Times, Availability of Spare Parts, Delivery Time, Warranty.

With the right knowledge and the right advice, the hoists you put into the workshop can make the difference between a good workshop and a great workshop.



Entry into the Solitaire Automotive Workshop



Servicing with Molnar Scissor Lifts



Solitaire's Land Rover Servicing Section