

Company Profile

Pentalver Transport was formed in 1980 with just 16 employees and a few trucks, offering road haulage services to shipping lines using the Port of Southampton. Today, the Company employs almost 800 people and has undergone unprecedented expansion, operating nearly 300 trucks and over 40,000 TEU of container storage capacity. Our established depots in Southampton, Felixstowe and Cannock have recently been supplemented by facilities in Tilbury and Ipswich.

1980 - Pentalver Transport begins trading

1994 - Pentalver is purchased by the *AP Moller-Maersk Group*

2000 - Purpose-built depot in Felixstowe opens

2002 - *Kuehne & Nagel* employs Pentalver to develop a storage facility in the Midlands

2005 - Pentalver acquires *Bowmur Haulage* of Cannock

2006 - Rail-handling operations begin in Southampton

2007 - New 28 acre Midlands depot opens; nationwide container refrigeration service starts

2008 - Operations at new depots in Tilbury and Ipswich begin

The Pentalver Group is now widely regarded as the leading provider of container related activities in the UK, and is unique in offering such a broad range of services. Our major customers include almost all major shipping lines using UK ports, along with blue chip companies such as Epson, Toyota, Ricoh and Canon. Since the early 1980's, the Company has also had a strong relationship with the Ministry of Defence, during both peacetime and in times of conflict.

Services

Road Haulage

The current Pentalver road fleet consists of almost 300 tractor units and 400 trailers. The majority of vehicles are manufactured either by Scania or MAN, and are equipped with Euro 4 or 5 engines. Vehicles are replaced on a rolling schedule ensuring a young, reliable fleet. A wide variety of trailers are available including skeletal, 20ft/40ft sliders, combi-trailers (splits into two 20ft trailers), low-loaders, semi-low-loaders, flatbed, curtain-side and pipe carrying trailers. Other types of trailer are obtainable with prior notice. Hazardous-trained drivers are available.

Container Storage

With over 100 acres of storage capacity throughout the UK, Pentalver are the largest container storage provider in the Country. Purpose-built side loaders and reach-stackers operate round the clock at most locations. Our loaded storage operations are covered by extensive CCTV systems, and dedicated security staff for when the depots are closed.

Rail Operations

Over recent years, Pentalver has developed a strong partnership with EWS Railways. In Southampton, a rail handling facility for import / export containers using the Port now handles up to 40 trains per week using specialised side loading machinery. Turnaround times for trains are on average significantly faster than those at nearby rail terminals. A new service at Ipswich is due to commence in March 2008.

Cargo Handling

Our Southampton and Felixstowe depots have teams dedicated to the packing and unpacking of containers, with specialised handling equipment and covered storage areas. All types of cargo are handled, including cars, drums, palletised goods, and large breakbulk pieces such as motor yachts, machinery and project cargo.

Refrigeration Services

During 2007, our refrigeration engineering department was expanded considerably. Our highly skilled engineers are now available 24/7 at locations across the country, including Southampton, Felixstowe, Tilbury, Thamesport, Midlands/North East and Scotland. Pentalver are also approved suppliers of spare parts for all the major refrigeration machinery manufacturers. Gensets are also available for hire.

Container Maintenance & Repair

Our team of repairers are able to perform maintenance and repair to shipping containers. Liner bags and tilts can also be supplied and fitted, and steam-cleaning performed. We are also able to undertake bespoke modifications to suit an individual customer's requirement, often in conjunction with our own Container Sales department.

Container Sales

Pentalver are the UK's largest importer of new containers for the self storage market. Offering new and pre-owned containers for sale throughout the UK, we have equipment to suit all needs, from simple local storage up to fully CSC-approved units for overseas shipment. We can convert containers into workshops, offices or other specialised units. Refrigerated containers are also available, and if required, these can be converted to operate using domestic three-phase power or a combination of diesel-powered and electric machinery.

