

LEADER IN ERGONOMIC DESIGN

Jari Huoponen is now operating no less than his fifth Lännen machine



- I bought my first ever Lännen machine more than ten years ago, a 740 model. After that, I had an 860S, an 860C and an 8600Ce. The most recent machine – an 8600Ge – I bought only last May. I must say that all of the machines have performed very well, confirms Mr. Jari Huoponen who is a seasoned entrepreneur from Nummi-Pusula.

The "boss" of Maarakennus Jari Huoponen Ky has been running his own businesses for over 30 years. Nummi-Pusula's Entrepreneur of the Year in 2004, Mr. Huoponen currently employs two others – a truck driver and an assistant. He drives the machine himself.

- I went directly from school to working for the City of Espoo, operating a 360-degree excavator. In the late 1970s I was driving my father's machine for about three years and then in 1980 I started up my own business. Our main work at the moment is laying cables. We also prepare gravel bases for paving with asphalt, especially on summer evenings. But laying cables is now the main

daytime activity. There's been quite a lot of this type of work lately – so we haven't had to wait much for new projects. The unusually snowy winter has not troubled us much either, says Mr. Huoponen.

Exactly as agreed

Jari Huoponen is not a guy with a tendency to exaggerate things. Not even when asked his opinion about these new machines from Lännen Tractors – for example, his latest acquisition, the 8600Ge, which with all its accessories is considered by many to present a pinnacle of the technology. He comments:

'Another big advantage is the machine's short delivery time. Even this new machine was delivered exactly as agreed, enthuses Mr. Huoponen.'

- This is a rather good machine. Like any machine, it has some aspects that are better than others. Yet, in terms of ergonomic design, this machine is number one, I have never driven anything better. The pumps for the backhoe could benefit from some extra power though and the machine perhaps feels a little rickety when things get really tough

- We contractors are all different and have strong views of our own about what a machine should be like. I can very well understand that not every wish can feasibly be implemented by the factory.

- But the Lännen service – it works alright. The company does listen to its customers' wishes and feedback, and small changes can often be implemented quickly and effectively. Another big advantage is the machine's short delivery time. Even this new machine was delivered exactly as agreed, enthuses Mr. Huoponen.

Lännen Wheel Loader Backhoe

- A multi-purpose machine for construction of infrastructure and environmental engineering projects.
- Ideal for public works such as construction of heat, water or electricity supply networks.
- A fast, powerful and versatile machine with excellent off-road properties for many different types of challenging tasks – the machine successfully combines a balanced and flexible wheeled loader with a high-capacity backhoe.
- Easy to control – excellent ergonomic design
- In addition to the Lännen 8600Ge wheel loader backhoe, other available machine models are the 8600G, 8800G, 8600E, 8600Ee and 8800E.