

eQuilt retrofit debut



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One-off retrofit provides opportunity to install fire-stop material

Clark Wright, manufacturer of the revolutionary fire-stopping material eQuilt, has made its debut retro-fit installation, in a project with Metroline.

The product, which looks similar to conventional engine bay sound insulation, but offers remarkable fire-stopping properties, was demonstrated to major operators at the Fire Service College in Gloucestershire (route**one**, Big Story, 12 March).

Metroline was repairing a Volvo B7TL Plaxton President after a minor electrical fault resulted in



Bespoke eQuilt installed in modified Plaxton President being returned to use

mainly superficial fire damage to the engine bay.

New insulation was required, but being an older and modified vehicle with a retrofit reduced emissions exhaust system, it was proving difficult to identify the insulation part numbers.

Metroline Engineering Director Ian Foster contacted Clark Wright Sales Director Gary Hammatt for help, and the firm produced

a template for a bespoke eQuilt insulation/fire-stopping blanket, fitted prior to the major components being installed. Metroline hopes it is an investment that will prove to be value for money over the remaining operational life of the vehicle.

Following this successful installation Metroline is now exploring the potential of having eQuilt specified on future bus orders.