

MNTN Plant Hire

The Liugong Excavator - is a brand new machine, for a used equipment price!

“These Liugong Excavators are dead set basic - the way excavators should be built. I find it extraordinary that it does not include hydraulic power modules. In all my years in operating, I have never seen those mode buttons used - they are like garnish, hardly ever used! It is so good to see this machine only includes what is necessary”, said MNTN Plant Hire Operator, Tony Esdaile.

Based in Buccan, SE Queensland, MNTN are a plant hire company that is predominantly involved in land clearing, subdivisions and general contract works. MNTN Plant Hire Directors, Mark & Nirbha Grant recently purchased a Liugong 925 Excavator from Heavy Metal Machinery. *“Price was a big factor in the decision of which machine to buy”,* Mark explained. *“The Liugong excavator offered us a brand new machine, for a used equipment price. Why buy a used one, when you can buy a new one at the same price”.*

Operator, Tony, told us that although they have only had the new machine for 4 weeks it has already clocked up around 350 hours. *“We have mainly used it for land clearing and some work on the magnesium pollution spill, knocking trees down and preparing the land for excavation. It has proven to be a very reliable machine so far. It certainly stacks up against any Cat machine and is a lot smoother to operate for land clearing. It is very versatile and gets around the site easily; it’s very efficient (I get a good*

couple of days out of a full tank) and has good all round visibility. I can honestly say, that it is one of the quietest machines I have ever sat in and I have been operating excavators since they were introduced in 1976. It is the only machine that I have ever been on, where my ears are not ringing when I get home”.

Tony added that, *“the operator station is excellent! I can sit in it for hours and still get out feeling really good. There is lots of leg room and the floor space is not cluttered, like it is in a lot of other machines these days. It has the best air conditioning ever and plenty of room to swing your elbows when you argue with the boss!”*

The undercarriage is a lot wider than most machines of that weight, so it is very stable and sits nicely. It leaves a lot of other machines, that are higher priced for dead! The powerful swing has been fantastic, especially in some situations where we have been on the side of hills; it just hooks in and goes around. We haven’t really used the bucket much yet, the paint is still not chipped as we have mainly been using an attachment to shear timber for mulchers. Obviously, we have not needed any parts yet but there’s no problem getting them for the engine because it is a Cummins or for the hydraulics which are Kawasaki.

In summary, this is a good, honest, basic machine. It is ‘no frills’ but it goes to work and it works hard all day, in some pretty tough going.

