

RAPID RESPONSE

- At 3:30am the call came in
- A 20ft container was blocking two central tracks
- At 7:00am the SRS Palfinger crane arrive on site
- Removal took 30 minutes

At about 3:30am on Saturday 1st March 2008, the SRS Systems Ltd duty manager at Bolsover received a call from the Network Rail Rapid Response Team.

The West Coast Main Line had been blocked in the Tring area by three 20 foot containers which freak gusts of wind had blown from their wagons. One container had landed on its end in the 10 foot. Not only was it was blocking the two central tracks, but it was also supporting overhead line.

At 7am, just 3½ hours later, the SRS articulated road rail vehicle carrying a Palfinger PR750 crane arrived on site.

A specialist crew had been mobilised and the crane had covered about 75 miles by road and a little by rail. It took about half an hour to lift each container and dump it in the cess.

Such rapid response using the motorway network and travelling the final few miles on track is typical. It can only be achieved with commercial road going trucks which have been converted to road rail.

SRS Rail System Ltd. operates a pool of 32 SRS road rail vehicles from its purpose built depot at Bolsover in the centre of England. They are available for hire throughout the land and rapid response is our speciality.



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