

COMPACT 'GIANT' BREEZES THROUGH TOUGH SITE

When contractors are faced with very limited access, narrow spaces can often force them to use smaller equipment than needed to get the job completed efficiently. This lower capacity can add to costs.

Recognizing this problem, Takeuchi has released a more powerful version of its TB 016 compact excavator, the TB 219.

One of the first to seize on the benefits of the TB 219 was Brian Holloway who operates Brian's Tight Access Excavations. His company specializes in difficult sites that often have only one metre wide access, such as domestic swimming pool construction or excavation work in high density residential areas.

"We had two Takeuchi TB 016 compact models which had been performing very well, however when we saw the abilities of the TB 219, we immediately recognized the benefits of this more powerful super compact machine," Brian said.

"We had a challenging site where we needed to remove a considerable volume of rock facing from a residential back yard. While the TB 016 could have accomplished the task, we knew the added power of the TB 219 would enable us to carry out the work in far less time."

"Access to the site was just one metre wide and a further complication was a wall mounted air conditioning unit that protruded into the space above. After a site-specific risk analysis to ensure safe work practice, the ROPS was removed so we could get the TB 219 up a steep slope via ramps."

"The TB219 has 30 per cent more mass and more performance in every area: greater lift capacity, more power, wider track when extended and yet can retract it's undercarriage so as to access those tight jobsites. It's around 25 percent more productive and ideal for our type of work."

We were also attracted by its lifting capacity and on-board anti-drop valves and safety overload device for crane-legal lifting of suspended loads. You can tell immediately that all the key structural components have been beefed up to deliver higher performance." Brian said.

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Brian Holloway on site with his new Takeuchi TB219

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