

## MEP HIRE SOLVES A WEIGHTY ISSUE FOR HE BARNES...

**CLIENT: HE Barnes**

**PROJECT: CAPA College, Wakefield**



*"A standard scissor lift would have been too weighty for the application," commented Steve Broadhead, Account Manager at MEP Hire. "The Micro Scissor Lift is the lightest in its category, so it quickly became the most obvious solution for the clients' needs."*

Facilitating a solution for safely working at heights within strict weight constraints on the new CAPA College site in Wakefield.

Sheffield based mechanical and electrical contractor HE Barnes provide an end-to-end service across the UK, covering; pre-construction estimates and tenders, design, installation and testing, as well as reactive and preventative maintenance.

As a contractor on the CAPA College site in Wakefield, HE Barnes is supporting this £9 million project to reach its completion. Once finished, the site will house a 150-seat theatre, 10 recording studios, dance studios, drama workshops, a multimedia tech suite and an outdoor amphitheatre.

HE Barnes needed to complete work to the upper floors of the new college. However, restrictions on the weight applied to the floors were becoming a barrier in terms of using traditional access machines to carry out work safely.

Working with MEP Hire, HE Barnes gave their new Micro Scissor Lift a trial on-site and this incredible access machine, not only delivered on their weight restriction challenge, but also paid them many other dividends they were not expecting.



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*Neil Bedford, Project Manager at HE Barnes commented, "Not only did MEP Hire provide an access solution to meet our weight restriction issues, they helped us to improve our productivity rates as well."*

Weighing in at just 880kg, the Micro Scissor Lift increases applications indoors where weight is an issue. It is compact enough to fit through standard doorways, yet able to reach heights of up to 6.5 metres. The lift also offers handling advice and guidance direct from the machine, for super-quick confidence in operation as well as improved compliance to health and safety objectives.

With a Direct Electric Drive System, HE Barnes found that the Micro Scissor Lift offered an improved drive performance over machines with a hydraulic drive.

They were also impressed with the machines battery life, which at 50% more duty cycles from a single charge, surpassed what they had experienced with alternative machines they had used in the past.

The Micro Scissor Lift has really proved its worth at CAPA College and HE Barnes went on to hire a further five machines for the site with the support of MEP Hire.

## About MEP Hire

MEP Hire, a division of Vp plc, provides mechanical, electrical, press-fitting and low-level access products to the UK's building services trades.

Originally founded in 1992, MEP Hire's rich history has built them an enviable reputation for innovation, quality, service and reliability.

Since 2013, MEP Hire branched-out into low-level access products and now offer one of the most comprehensive, youngest and best-maintained fleets in the industry.

MEP Hire offer national coverage from 13 branches across the UK, priding themselves in the specialist knowledge, expertise and skills their dedicated colleagues offer.

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