



**Situating more than 1.5 million people on a volcanic field throws up a unique set of challenges, requiring a unique set of skills – enter Intorock Drilling, specialists in basalt exploration and soak hole boring.**

When it comes to his choice of truck, managing director Ian Shaw says: “It’s all about arriving onsite with the right equipment for the job you’ve come to do.”

Chosen for the right combination of size and power, the 13.5T GVM, 250hp FUSO Fighter FK1425 gets drilling gear where it needs to be with minimal fuss. Measuring 8,645mm front to back, 2,270mm wide and 2,530mm from the ground up, it makes site access “a breeze”.

“Carrying our gear to sites that have limited room is one of the biggest challenges for the crew, with compressors mounted on the truck and the drilling rigs on the flat deck trailer taking up no shortage of space.

“Since adding the Fighter to our fleet, we’ve

been able to avoid damages on site,” says Ian. “There’s no more pulling branches off trees, no scrapes on our truck and no mirrors ripped off!”

Ease of operation combined with creature comforts, such as an air-suspended driver’s seat, Bluetooth and USB / AUX ports on the radio, is also keeping drivers happy.

“All of our guys have mentioned how much it’s like getting in a car; it’s not like getting in a truck. It’s made everyone’s job easier,” says operations director Glenn Richmond.

“I’ve always known FUSO trucks to be reliable and affordable, with a wide range that caters to all sorts of requirements,” says Ian, who also added a new Canter 616 City to his line-up in 2018.

With the right trucks for the job, it looks like FUSO will continue being a rock to lean on as the drilling experts get down to business.

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Fighter FK1425	
	<b>GVM</b> 13,500kg
	<b>Power / Torque</b> 184kW / 761Nm
	<b>Transmission</b> 6-spd manual
	<b>Wheelbase</b> 4,270mm