



“The winter might only be back for a day, but when it strikes, it strikes with a vengeance.”

Andreas Gorecki, Head of Operations, Paderborn local authorities

The weather in Germany's Münsterländer Bucht near Paderborn is tempestuous to say the least. Even when the trees and hedges are ready for their spring trim, it's not unusual to see the winter return with all its might. The local authorities in Paderborn therefore have to be

ready for anything the seasons may throw at them. And they are. Thanks to a Unimog fleet and a Unimog U400 equipped with a Stratos spreader from Schmidt and a mower from Mulag.



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The customer.

► With around 500 kilometres of public roads, 350 kilometres of private roads with public access and numerous parks, the Paderborn local authorities are always kept busy – especially in the winter. Particularly when winter maintenance services are required when least expected.

The challenge.

► Work is anything but predictable for the 41 municipal employees and their five Unimog vehicles. The fickle weather in the Münsterländer Bucht calls for exceptional flexibility. Even in the middle of spring, Old Man Winter often pays a surprise visit, bringing ice or snow.

► Head of operations, Andreas Gorecki, recalls the days when it took two people four hours to refit the Unimog for different jobs. Back then, he

"In spring, we could easily spend the mornings gritting for ice and the afternoons trimming trees and bushes."

Road Service Manager Francois Cordie

could only dream of a cost-effective, all-inclusive system with interchangeable implements for winter tasks, landscape maintenance and street cleaning.

The solution.

► Since adding the Unimog U 400 to his fleet, Gorecki no longer has to worry when he hears gloomy weather forecasts. No matter how mixed the weather, this highly versatile carrier sets to



Spring cleaning. U 400 with a Mulag FME 600 front-mounted mower.

with its custom-designed Stratos spreader from Schmidt and Mulag mower – both of which operate at full power.

► Thanks to the integrated working and power



The Paderborn combo: winter services and landscape maintenance in one.

hydraulics system with pre-installed standardised connection points, implements can be connected

in no time. After gritting the roads, the U 400 effortlessly moves on to mowing lawn areas, trimming trees and bushes or cleaning streets

The result.

► For Road Service Manager, Francois Cordie, the latest addition to the Unimog fleet has become an indispensable member of the team. „Not only have we benefited from the reduced effort required to retrofit the Unimog, VarioPilot® – transferable steering – means that one person can now handle multiple jobs. This gives us more flexibility in the deployment of our staff.”

► Cordie and his team also appreciate the U 400's high-speed, convenient electronic pneumatic shifting (EPS) and high payload. And because each of



Francois Cordie with his U 400.

Cordie's five Unimogs are permanently allocated to a specific driver, he ensures that each vehicle – the oldest of which has been in service for 22

years – remains in peak condition. The parks, roads and paths of Paderborn can count on good care for many years to come.



The boom rests on the spreader in transport mode.

Unimog benefits at a glance:

- VarioPilot® transferable steering helps to reduce personnel costs by enabling one-man operation.
- Cost-effective operation thanks to pre-installed connection areas and drives.
- Low maintenance and easy repairs due to long service intervals, extended operating intervals and longer component durability.

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