



Navigate your complex vacuum excavation challenges. Strike Free.

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Providing you with the right advice,
elite and accredited operators and specialist vacuum
excavation to tackle your most complex jobs.

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Elite Operators as standard

Vac-Ex aspires to offer the best excavator operators with the best vacuum excavators so that our clients know they are in trusted hands. Our operators are responsible for over 1 million hours of strike free excavation work so our reputation speaks volumes.

Our operators are at the heart of everything we do which is why a particular focus of ours is our highly developed in-house training programme. This allows our operators to become the best accredited operators in the industry specialising in some of the most challenging construction sectors, including airports, nuclear power, oil & gas, and more. Our commitment to training and accreditation ensures that our operators are well-prepared to meet the demands of your excavation project, no matter how complex.

Are you concerned about...

- Navigating lots of known services?
- The presence of unknown or unclear services? Did you know GPR on average only identifies 40% of services?
- Not being able to use traditional methods of excavation?
- Restricted access and space on site?
- Tight schedules and needing to get the job done quickly?
- Sub-contractors not having the right access permits to work?
- Finding a company that works in sensitive areas and sectors requiring specialist passes? We have a proven track record of working in Nuclear, Airports, Sub-Station, Power Stations, Petrochemical, MOD and other specialist areas.



This was my first project, and the whole process from start to finish was excellent. The Operator was superb – helpful, professional, and great to work with. Looking forward to the next job with the 32T unit.



Thank you for making the process smooth from enquiry to completion. Both operatives were professional, had a great attitude, and completed the work on time. We'll definitely be in touch for future projects.



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Operated Machines

All our units are available to hire 24/7 with our highly qualified operators.



CPCS Ticketed Operated 32T 8 Wheel Vacuum Excavator

This is one of our most popular operated vacuum excavation unit. The hydraulic 'Mega Arm' and 32 tonne capacity makes it the leading machine on the market.



CPCS Ticketed Operated T-Vac Midi Track

This is a compact yet powerful and versatile vacuum excavation unit. It is capable of handling even the hardest to reach excavation projects.

Our sales and service team have decades of experience in vacuum excavation, being the original operators in the UK. Take advantage of his expertise with free advice when preparing for any job. Let's get the project specified correctly, first time.



For more information about our equipment please visit:

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Sectors we work in:



Airports

Vacuum Excavation is the preferred technique in the airport industry. Each year, airport contractors trust Vac-Ex to provide them with suitable Vacuum Excavation units to handle any excavation requirements, we can operate both inside and outside the airport boundary.



Nuclear

Vac-Ex is a leading company that offers Vacuum Excavation for the nuclear sector with its specialist Vacuum Excavation units that are capable of safely and efficiently conducting nuclear excavation work of any project size.



Highways

The UK has over 262,000 miles of roads, highways and motorways. We at Vac-Ex play an integral part of the ongoing emergency and preventive maintenance works Nationwide, providing highway excavation services all across the UK.



Water

The water industry is an essential utility sector in the UK. Many contractors must replace ageing pipes, often deep within public roads and footpaths.



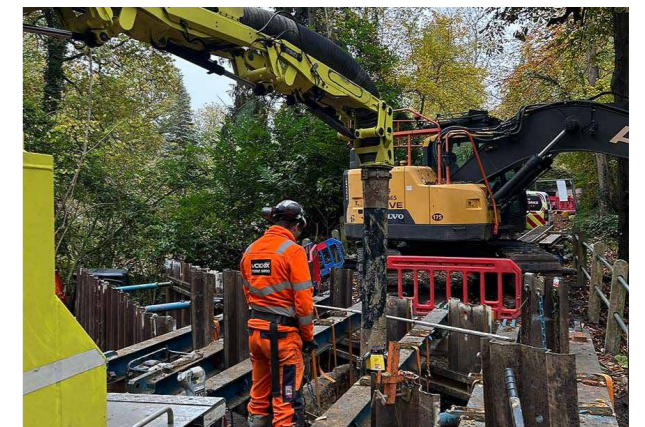
Rail

We at Vac-Ex offer specialist rail excavation solutions all across the UK. From major train stations to awkward limited access in remote areas we are confident we have the answer to any problem. Vacuum Excavation is the preferred method for excavating around rail stations.



Gas

Excavating around buried underground gas pipes in the UK can be extremely dangerous. Traditional gas excavation methods could result in utility strikes, injuries, disruption and expensive remediation work.



Sectors we work in:



Power

At Vac-Ex, we have specialised Vac-Ex units available for hire to carry out power station excavation work safely and efficiently.



MOD

Vacuum excavation is the preferred and most reliable technique in the Ministry of Defence (MOD) sector. The risks associated with traditional excavation methods, such as underground utility strikes, pose significant threats to the safety and security of MOD operations.



Telecoms

When it comes to safely exposing underground utilities on telecommunications sites in the UK, telecoms excavation is the logical alternative to conventional methods like hand digging. Vac-Ex is an industry leading supplying Vacuum Excavation services to the telecoms sector.



HMP Prisons

Vacuum excavation is the preferred and most efficient technique in the HM Prisons sector, offering a safe and precise method for managing excavation in sensitive environments.



Construction

The UK construction industry often uses excavation contractors when developing new housing and buildings. Many construction firms insist that groundworks contracts use Vacuum Excavation units.



Bespoke

Some projects demand bespoke excavation, such as for specialist engineering work like tunnelling and shaft sinking. In the UK, many construction companies and civil engineering firms rely on Vac-Ex for Vacuum Excavation hire.



| John Mee VAC-EX Hire

John Francis Mee founded John Mee Construction Limited in 1993 to carry out specialised civil engineering work. In 2005, the company won a contract on a site in Sheffield which was heavily congested with underground services. John Mee invested in a vacuum excavator to complete this job successfully.

This new approach to safely digging around buried utilities was a first in the UK and led to two awards. More Vacuum Excavators were added to the fleet and the company re-branded to John Mee VAC-EX Hire in 2008, focusing solely on vacuum excavation. The company has expanded rapidly to

over 22 truck-based vacuum excavators and 12 smaller mini-vacuum excavators.

In June 2022, John Mee sold the business to its current owners, led by Dan Bown*. Under the new ownership there has been significant new investment across all areas of the business, particularly in the excavator fleet, which has been renewed and expanded. The business is currently seeing significant growth of over 20% a year. This growth is powered by combining the most modern machines with the best operators in the industry, supported by a state-of-the-art workshop and a professional support team in our head office.

| Our Charity Work

Vac-Ex are incredibly proud to support The Sheldrick Wildlife Trust who have worked to protect wildlife throughout Kenya for over 43 years. The trust offers the most successful orphan elephant rescue and rehabilitation program in the world and provide anti-poaching support and veterinary assistance when needed.



The organisation also works to protect other wildlife such as Rhinos and Giraffes.

As of 2020 the charity has successfully raised 263 orphaned elephants and have released 172 back into the wild.

Our adopted elephant Galla was rescued in 2016 and we are thrilled to be able to support him. You can view our adoption certificate for Galla below.

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| Environment

At Vac-Ex we are committed to reducing the impact our vacuum excavation units and premises have on the environment.

We operate our environmental management system in accordance with BS EN ISO 14001:2015 and continually strive to improve the effectiveness of our systems. We regularly review our environmental objectives and ensure our staff are fully compliant with this policy.

View the section below to see the steps that we have taken so far.

Vac-Ex environmental commitment is no different within our premises, where we aim for zero environmental non-conformances. Our premises are equipped with solar panels and use LED lighting which is motion activated throughout. We also recycle all of our office paper.

| On Site

Vac-Ex actively monitors our waste streams and Co2 emissions which we review every year. As part of our ongoing commitment we annually review skip usage and only use licensed waste contractors in order to reduce waste going to landfill. All of our employees undergo Environmental Awareness Training and Toolbox Talks to maintain our standards. Our staff are trained in the use of spill kits and drip trays and each of our sites are equipped with eco-friendly spill kit stations.

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