

FIREFIGHTING

'Semis' in demand

Goscor Power Products reports that there is substantial demand for its firefighter "semis" – stand-alone units mounted in a protective roll-over frame for companies with their own tanks.

"Many of our customers already own supply tanks and prefer to purchase our semi firefighting units, especially those which can power two hose reels simultaneously," says Mark Bester, MD of Goscor Power Products.

These units are purpose-built with Goscor's TR60 pump and powered by a Subaru overhead cam (OHC) engine with two reels of 20 m hoses and two spray guns – one to combat the fire and the other to "mop up" any part of the fire still burning. "Usually, one operator sprays while driving the 'bakkie' while the second operator sprays while walking beside it," says Bester. "OHC engines have fewer parts which means less wear and tear and less that can go wrong. An OHC engine also runs quieter so there is less noise and vibration, plus more torque and more horsepower. The beauty of the firefighter range is that it does not have to stand



Mark Bester, MD of Goscor Power Products, in his firefighter showroom.

idle during the low fire-risk months. It provides an efficient and capable all-round service to a number of users as it is designed to handle a range of chemical products, including fertilisers, dips and crop-protection sprays. These chemicals will not harm any part of our pumps as the seals are specially selected to handle this and the piston is made from stainless steel. Most competing pistons are ceramic, expensive and very sensitive to chemicals."