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# **Welcome to RMA Special Vehicles, Insights**

Your monthly update on the latest from RMA Special Vehicles and our global network of modification centres (Thailand, Dubai, Türkiye, South Africa, Australia) and assembly hubs (Cambodia, Myanmar).

As an international leader in vehicle modification and conversion, we handle everything from design and manufacturing to delivery, maintenance, and parts supply. Partnering with major OEMs, we deliver purpose-built vehicles for emergency rescue, security, industrial, and defence sectors.

Join us as we share the latest on our engineered vehicles and the support behind them.

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# **Daren Ambrose**

Managing Director, Global Modifications



RMA Special Vehicles Develops the New Nissan Magnite MOVE Panel Van

Pretoria, 12 February 2025 - RMA Special Vehicles (RMA SV) played a crucial role in developing the new Nissan Magnite MOVE panel van, launched by Nissan South Africa. The modification transforms the compact Nissan Magnite five-door hatchback into a versatile light commercial vehicle (LCV), designed specifically to meet the needs of small business owners.

RMA Automotive South Africa was tasked with the design, engineering, sourcing, and supply of the complete modification kits, converting the standard Nissan Magnite MOVE into a fully functional LCV. The vehicle is positioned as the successor to the popular NP200 half-ton pickup, discontinued after a 16-year run, and is already making an impact in the local market.

The RMA Special Vehicles team in South Africa engineered and manufactured key components to ensure the vehicle met LCV market demands. Modifications included a custom-designed cargo bay with a non-slip Hexa Grip finished floor, a steel honeycomb partitioning bulkhead bearing the 'MOVE' logo, window meshes, and

cargo netting to enhance load management and security.

Additionally, the windows were reinforced, whited-out, and partitioned with honeycomb for added protection, ensuring enhanced security during transport.

The Magnite Move Panel Van - Move Your Business Forward





Magnite MOVE by RMAA



# RMA - Specialised Ambulances, Mobile Stroke Units Roll Out in Thailand

Nan, Thailand, 10 January 2025 - RMA Group is an active participant in Thailand's Mobile Stroke Unit Royal Honour Project, which aims to transform stroke care nationwide. This initiative involves rolling out advanced Mobile Stroke Units equipped with CT scanners, telemedicine systems, and essential medical equipment to provide immediate, on-site treatment. Built on a truck chassis, the units function like satellite mobile neurology departments, designed to address critical delays in life-saving care caused by long travel times in rural areas and urban traffic congestion.

The Mobile Stroke Units will be deployed across 21 Somdej Phra Yupparat Hospitals nationwide, with Thailand's Nan hospital serving as the pilot site. Each unit offers a choice of three CT scanners, including the Siemens SOMATOM, which provides highquality brain imaging comparable to hospital systems. This flexibility ensures each unit is optimised for patient and location needs. Additionally, 5G integration enables faster diagnoses and real-time collaboration with specialists, ensuring quicker, more efficient care.

The project results from collaboration between RMA Group, Siriraj Hospitals, and Mahidol University, who jointly designed and built the units. By enabling timely diagnoses and immediate drug administration, the initiative delivers hospital-grade stroke treatment sooner, improving patient outcomes.

# **▶** Click here to visit our Mobile Stroke Unit website









# RMA SV Introduces Groundbreaking Transit 4x4 Conversion

**Stuttgart, 26 January 2025** – RMA Special Vehicles showcased its 4x4 Ford Transit Van conversion on the all-new 10-speed automatic Euro 6 model at the Caravan, Motor & Tourism Trade Show 2025 in Stuttgart, Germany (18–26 January). As one of the world's largest tourism and leisure exhibitions, the event provided a prime opportunity to introduce the Transit 4x4 Conversion to automotive bodybuilders, outfitters, and the public. Interest was high among RV modifiers and end-users alike.

This marks a significant milestone for RMA Special Vehicles, as the 4x4 conversion was previously only available with manual transmission. With Ford's latest model release, RMA SV expands its expertise to meet growing demand for versatile, off-road-capable vehicles in European and global markets.

The Transit 4x4 conversion will be showcased at events across Europe in the coming months, highlighting RMA's commitment to high-quality, flexible conversions for the tourism and leisure sectors.







**Laem Chabang, 25 February 2025** – Laos suffered over two million tons of ordnance dropped during the Vietnam War—equivalent to a planeload of bombs every eight minutes for nine years. An estimated 80 million unexploded submunitions remain buried, contaminating 30% of the country and causing over 20,000 casualties since the war, many of them children.

RMA Automotive is proud to contribute to risk reduction with the delivery of a blastand shrapnel-protected JCB tractor loader for the HALO Trust in Laos. The vehicle provides B7-level ballistic protection across walls, roof, and floor, along with spall protection against fragmentation. It also features heat insulation and air conditioning for operator comfort in harsh conditions.

Built for UXO-contaminated areas, the loader minimises risks for forestry and agricultural workers. Its excellent visibility ensures safe navigation of high-risk zones.

The HALO Trust, a global landmine clearance charity, will deploy the vehicle to clear unexploded submunitions, protecting local communities.





# RMA and Kia Join Forces to Expand Global Reach in Special Vehicle Modifications

**Laem Chabang, 20 March 2025** – RMA Special Vehicles (RMA SV) and Kia Special Vehicles Division (Kia SV) have signed a Global Framework Agreement to extend Kia's presence in the global vehicle modifications market. The collaboration, announced on 18 March 2025 at RMA's Laem Chabang facility, will focus on defence, industrial, medical, and security sectors.

This partnership combines Kia's military-ready and heavy-duty vehicles with RMA SV's modification expertise and global network, offering tailored solutions worldwide.

# A Strategic Partnership for Global Growth

Daren Ambrose, Managing Director of Global Manufacturing & Modifications at RMA Group, said:

"Kia has an impressive product portfolio, and this partnership allows us to bring their vehicles to new markets. By leveraging RMA's global network, we can meet the specific demands of defence, medical, industrial, and security sectors."

Ik Tae Kim, Executive Director of Kia Special Vehicles, added:

"This collaboration highlights Kia's capabilities in the modifications market. With RMA's expertise, we can provide innovative, purpose-built vehicles meeting the highest standards."









The partnership will focus on global tender opportunities and feature Kia's vehicles at major events, including the DSEI Defence Show in September 2025.

# **About Kia Special Vehicles**

Kia SV, a global military and commercial vehicle leader, has over 50 years of experience and operates in 38 countries. As the sole supplier to the Korean Army, it has produced 142,000+ military vehicles, including the KLTV and KMTV.















# Ford Global Fleet Sales (FGFS) & RMA Special Vehicles: A Powerful Partnership

**Ford Global Fleet Sales (FGFS)** provides global fleet solutions, delivering factory-direct Ford vehicles to industries with specific needs, such as defence, emergency, security, and industrial sectors. FGFS ensures these vehicles are optimised for performance and reliability.

A key benefit of partnering with FGFS is the ability to modify Ford vehicles while retaining the manufacturer's warranty—a significant advantage for businesses seeking tailored solutions without compromising factory support.

RMA Special Vehicles enhances FGFS by providing international bespoke modification solutions for all Ford vehicles, including complex conversions such as left-to-right-hand drive transformations and 4x4 upgrades.

RMA Special Vehicles also offers ready-to-go solutions with a range of core vehicle products across key segments, including ambulances, light tactical vehicles, minesite vehicles, and cash-in-transit solutions.

By working with FGFS and RMA Special Vehicles, customers access vehicles

expertly modified to their operational needs, backed by Ford's warranty. This partnership delivers reliable, high-performance solutions tailored to precise requirements.















# RMA Aftermarket Operations Unveils New Accessory Partnership - HAMER

Laem Chabang, February 2025 - RMA Automotive's Aftermarket Operations (AMO) is expanding its product portfolio with two key additions: a new partnership with Hamer, Thailand's leading OEM-approved accessory brand, and the launch of its RMA SV Canopy range.

### **Hamer: Premium Vehicle Accessories**

The collaboration with Hamer introduces quality-assured accessories to RMA AMO's lineup, including:

- Stylish body kits with precise fitment
- Durable LED lighting solutions
- Protective exterior trim components
- Practical interior upgrades

# **RMA SV Canopy: Functional Pickup Solutions**

The new RMA SV Canopy series offers:

- Weather-resistant cargo protection
- Integrated storage solutions
- · Lightweight yet robust construction
- Straightforward installation

We are excited to expand our product range at RMA AMO, giving our customers even greater choice. Our enhanced offering now combines Hamer's premium styling and protection accessories with RMA SV's functional canopy systems, alongside our growing number of product solutions. "We're proud to provide these high-quality options to our customers," said James Smith, General Manager - RMA AMO.









**Laem Chabang, February 2025** – RMA Special Vehicles has delivered a Toyota Hiace Commuter Cash-in-Transit (CIT) vehicle to a leading Brunei cash management provider. Designed for urban operations, this compact CIT van features BR2 ballistic protection (resistant to 9mm rounds).

Our composite armouring preserves the vehicle's original appearance and functionality, avoiding unwanted attention. The lightweight design maintains near-OEM fuel efficiency and reduces maintenance costs.

### **Key Features:**

- Driver Compartment: Fully armoured for operator safety.
- Personnel Compartment: Armoured for crew protection.
- Vault: Reinforced with anti-cut protection to deter unauthorised access.

A mechanical interlock system secures the vault during loading/unloading, ensuring maximum security for crew and cargo.

This delivery represents another example of RMA's specialised expertise in developing security vehicles that balance protection with practicality, a capability we've refined through years of experience in the CIT sector.







# RMA Special Vehicles: Enhanced Safety with Minecorp's ROPS Technology

**Brisbane, Australia** – At RMA Special Vehicles (RMA SV), safety is paramount. Minecorp, an RMA Group member, has developed advanced Roll Over Protection Systems (ROPS) now available for vehicle modifications. These systems protect occupants during rollovers without compromising centre of gravity or cabin space.

### **Internal and External ROPS Solutions**

- Internal: 4-point and 6-point designs for cabin protection.
- External: Chassis-mounted for added protection and flexibility (e.g., lights/beacon integration).

### **Proven Safety and Compliance**

Engineered to meet Australian National Code of Practice (LH8, LK9) and Australian Design Rules (ADR), Minecorp's ROPS undergo rigorous testing for harsh environments.

# **Global Application**

RMA SV integrates these ROPS into modifications worldwide, enhancing safety for defence, mining, and industrial clients.





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