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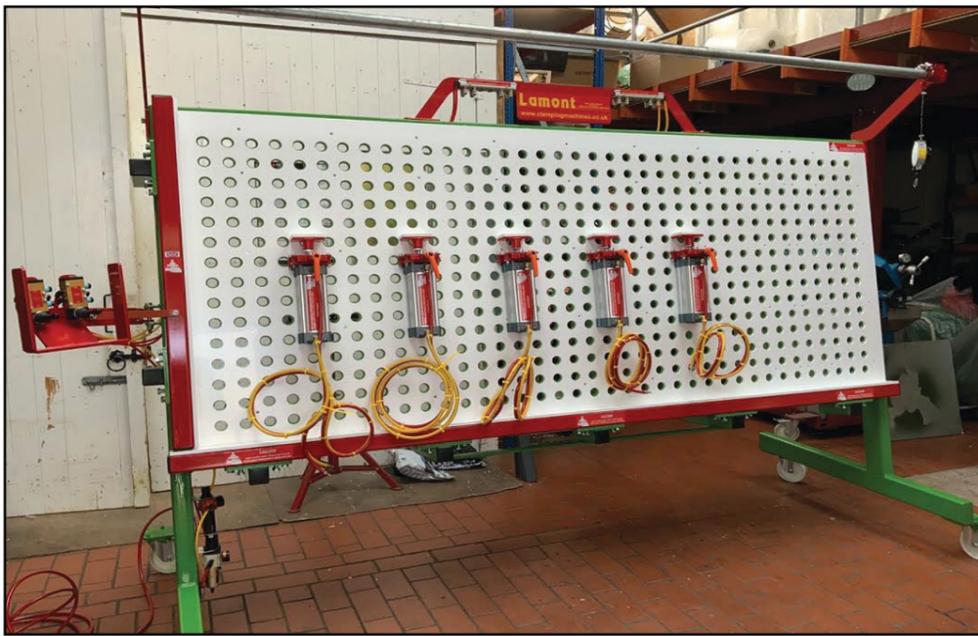
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MAKITA MAKES AN IMPACT

LEADING power tool manufacturer, Makita has expanded its XGT 40VMax line up with a new brushless impact wrench. The TW004G is an incredibly powerful machine that can deliver up to 4,000 impacts/minute, for optimum performance.

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'The new TW004G impact wrench benefits from our 40VMax XGT technology, that provides operators with high output, tough design and fast charge times - to maximise user productivity and keep the machine working at optimum efficiency for longer,' says marketing manager, Kevin Brannigan

The TW004G benefits from a compact design that makes it suitable for use in tight and awkward spaces.

It is also lighter in comparison to alternative models, reducing user fatigue and improving productivity. The in-built LED job light ensures clear visibility (and improved safety) when the machine is in use.

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LASER CUTTING

HPC Laser is a leading UK supplier of laser engraving, cutting machines and CNC routers, supplying a range of different models to sign-making, education, trophy engravers and a wide range of other industrial and private customers for an almost infinite array of applications.

'CNC router technology has advanced significantly over the past few years with the most significant developments being in travel speeds and positional accuracy, automated tool change options and enhanced features for automated operation and software integration,' explains HPC Laser director, Steve Cockerham.

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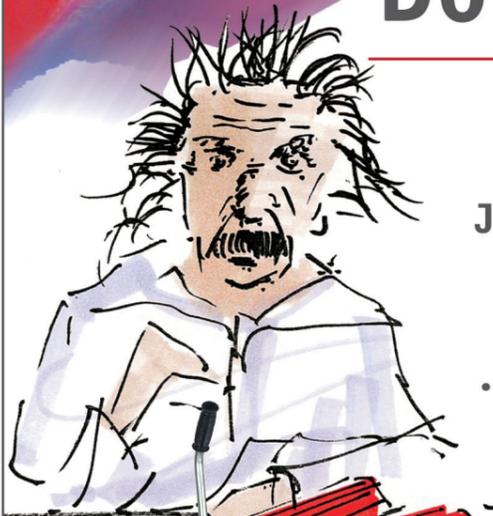


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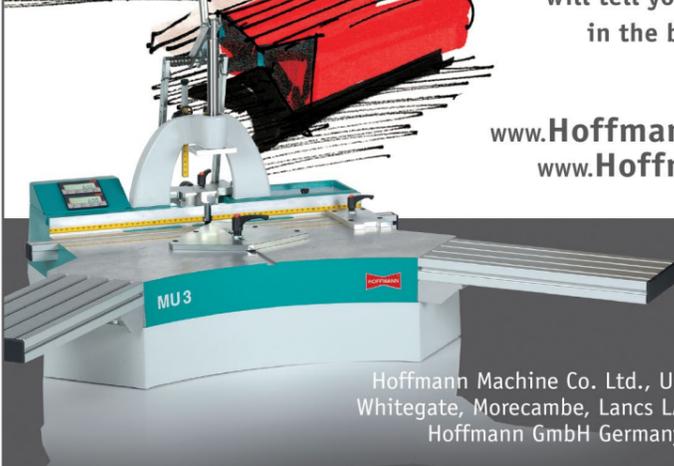


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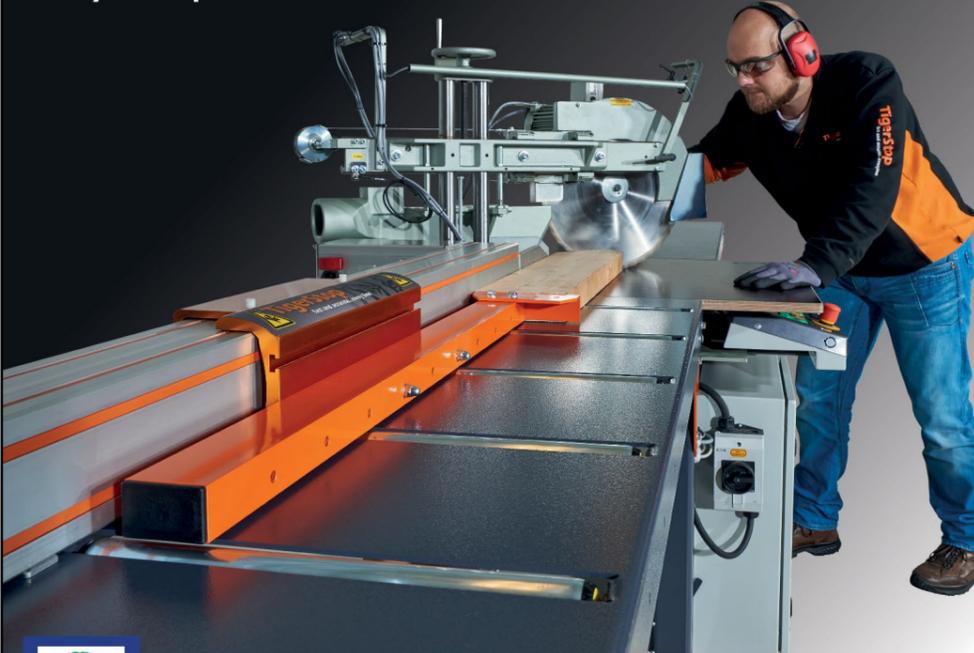
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SPECIALISING IN KITCHENS WITH THE HELP OF A MATRIX TABLE AND A WOODWELDER SUPPLIED BY ALAN LAMONT

RUSSELL Hutton has been creating beautiful, bespoke furniture in Sheffield for over 20 years.

Specialising in kitchens, the company also offers furniture for bedrooms and for whole house projects.

As part of the company's ongoing work to upgrade its workshop and achieve even higher standards, Russell Hutton purchased a Woodwelder and matrix table from Alan Lamont of Lamont in November 2019.

'We were wanting to speed up the processing of doors in particular,' explains managing director, Matthew Hutton.

'Before we purchased the clamping table, we were using manual clamps, which took up a great deal of space and their operation was very time consuming,' says Mr Hutton.

'We carried out all the necessary research into what tables were on the market and Alan's option was the one that we ended up pushing on with,' he adds.

There were several reasons behind this decision, but key was "the service side and the fact that they made the product to suit our requirements".

'We wanted it to be of a reasonable size and some of the other offerings didn't have the flexibility that Alan gave for the more bespoke side of our business,' continues Matthew Hutton.

'We had the support gantry for the RF gun to be able to suspend it above the work to make it more accessible. The fences were made to accommodate our doors,' adds Mr Hutton.

The Woodwelder can cure in minutes glue that may previously have taken hours to dry, saving in terms of both space and time. It and the matrix table are part of an overall programme of modernisation, with the next step, the spray system, being a consequence of the efficiency of the Woodwelder and matrix table:

'The quicker we make things, the quicker we need to finish!' proclaims Mr Hutton.

Plans are also in hand to upgrade the saw system and to install a more economical heating system. Matthew emphasised the importance of bringing staff on board as new machinery and equipment is brought in:

'As a business owner, you will want to make it work: staff do not always see that and they think that the way they have been doing it is fine! You do need to encourage a change of process.

'However, once the staff buy into the concept of the machine and once you get used to using it, it is much quicker and well worth the investment,' adds Mr Hutton.

The Woodwelder and matrix table are mainly used for doors ... doors of all sizes.

'Before we received the new equipment, we were building doors oversize and then cutting them down afterwards. With how square the doors are coming out, we are now more confident to build them to more accurate sizes, so we spend less time cutting to size after the clamping process. It does save time and makes the process more efficient.

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Asked if he would recommend the company and the equipment, he replied:

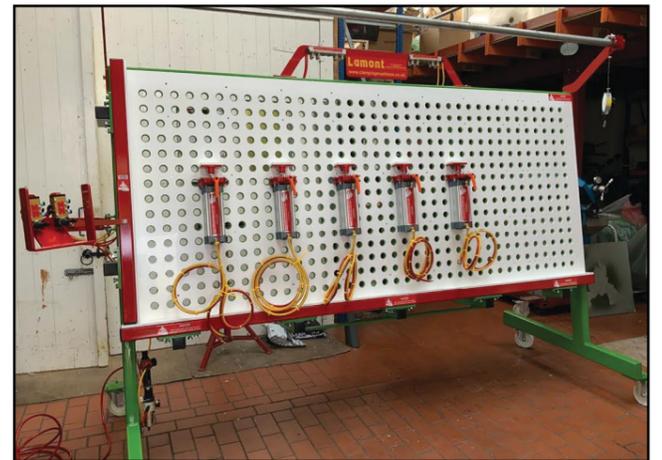
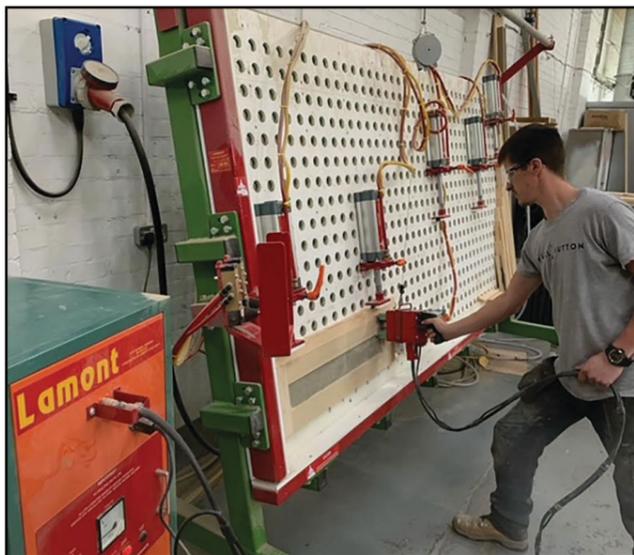
'Yes, I would. Alan and his engineer who installed the equipment were very helpful, they visited us before we made the purchase: they wanted to make sure the system would work for us.'

Reflecting on doing business in the COVID-19 era, Matthew added:

'COVID-19 has been a strange one: with the first lockdown the whole thought was "What is going to happen now?" but once we got over the initial part, luckily we had a good volume of work on the order books.

'Then as we re-opened the showroom and workshop, we have been incredibly busy and we continue to pick up orders from people who are getting on with projects they may not have had time for before: things are really starting to come to fruition and we have got a very healthy outlook for the first half of 2021!' he concludes.

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GIBBS SANDTECH OFFERING LOW-COST SOLUTIONS & CUSTOM-MADE MACHINES

OVER the years, UK sanding technology manufacturer, Gibbs Sandtech, has successfully developed a range of machinery and ancillary items for the UK woodworking sector.

Having been successfully supplying the industry for the past 60 years, the company is continually advancing new ideas and technologies in to the product range.

The latest development is a unique throughfeed denibber, called the CB. It is available in 630mm, 930mm and 1,330mm widths.

It has a very low entry level price tag, yet Gibbs says that it comes with all the features of high-end machines. The CB boasts full variable speed control for all functions, along with electric rise and fall for the brush sanding heads.

'The unique oscillating sanding brush system is capable of sanding and denibbing complex raised and fielded doors and Shaker style doors, as well as flat panels,' explains Gibbs Sandtech director, Warren Gibbs.

'The machine can even be fitted with wire brushes to give a grained effect on solid wood frames and complete doors, as well as flat veneered panels.

'The heart of the system is a very special brush and abrasive system, also manufactured at the company's factory premises – the abrasive system is available in the full grit range and

different length brushes and abrasives. This gives the user great flexibility in achieving the desired sanding.

'The CB also has very low running costs, with customers only having to replace the abrasives around once every three to six months.

'Being a fully UK-produced machine, at the company's factory in Hertfordshire, quality and precision are guaranteed and, to ensure peace of mind, all machines are sold with a full 12 month-warranty,' says Warren Gibbs.

Gibbs has also invested time in designing optional extras, such as side sanders for the edges and cleaning blow bars which, according to Gibbs, leaves the exiting panel 100 per cent dust free for spraying.

'The CB's denibbing results are second to none, as demonstrated by the numbers of machines that have been sold over the past few years,' says Mr Gibbs.

'We have also developed a great range of mobile drying racks and spray tables. They are suited for small and large operations alike.

'All the racks and spray tables are designed and manufactured in-house and fit budgets and requirements from one man workshops to large finishing departments,' adds Warren Gibbs.

Along with a standard range, Gibbs also offers custom-

designed racks and spray tables to suit customer's individual requirements.

In addition, the company also offers custom-made machines, providing a one-stop shop, from in-house design, manufacturing and installation.

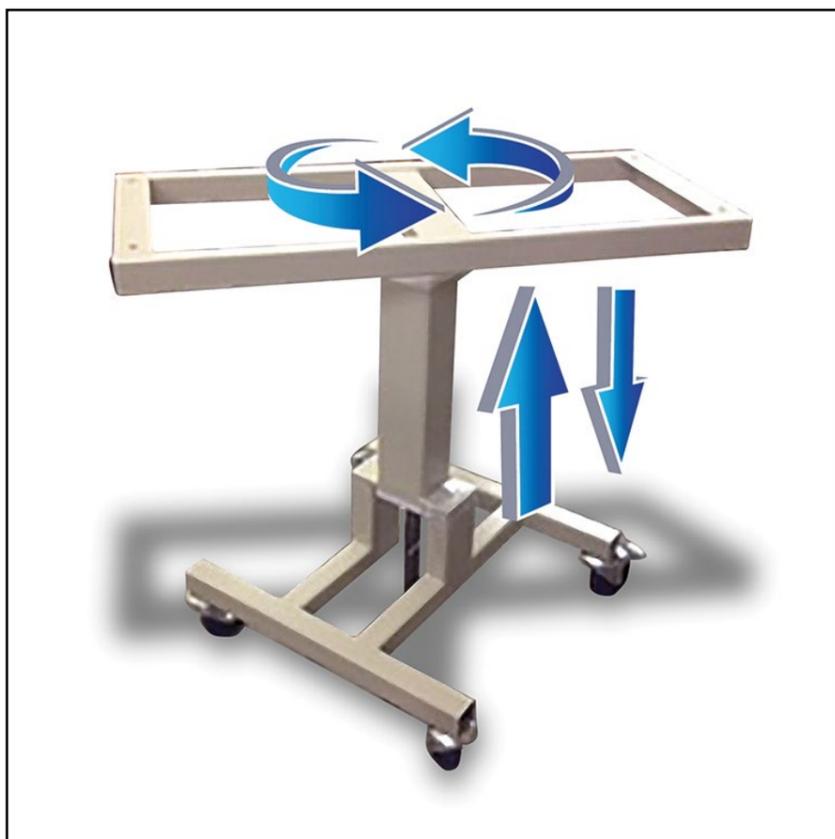
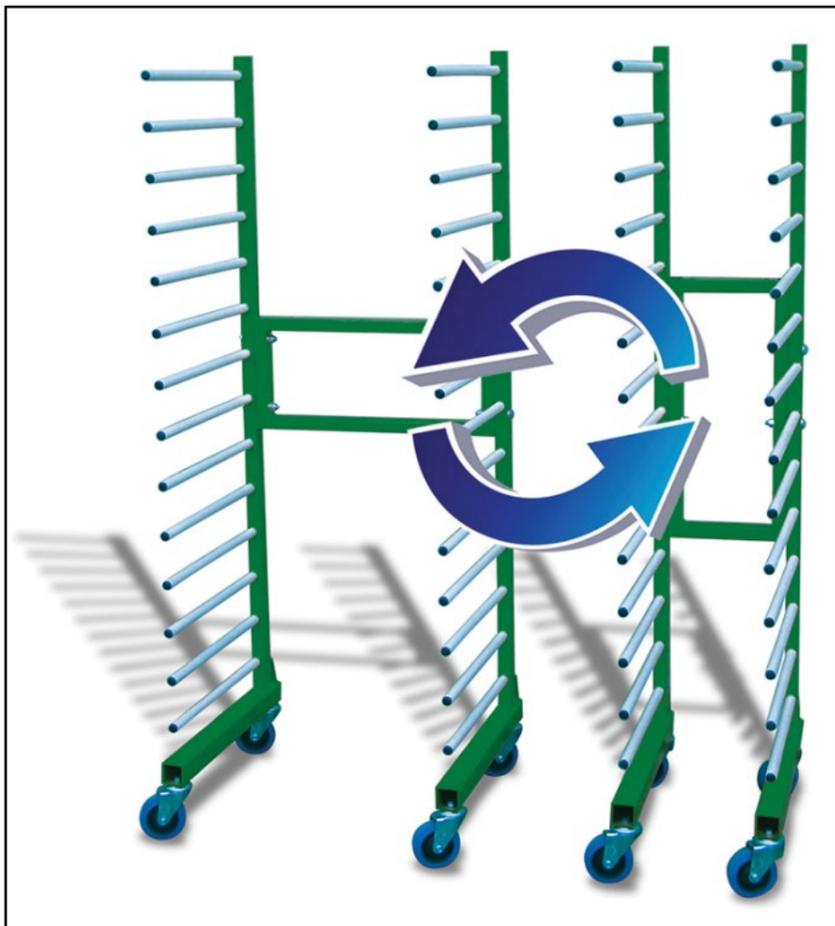
Having been manufacturing custom-built machines for over 40 years, Gibbs has a wealth of knowledge and experience in many areas – customers from small companies to multi-national PLC's have had machines built by Gibbs Sandtech.

'Projects generally are never the same. We work with a blank sheet of paper at the initial concept stage, so the finished design can meet every detailed requirement of the customer. Most are truly unique designs suited to individual processes incorporating handling, machining, clamping, or sanding processes,' says Mr Gibbs.

Gibbs also has a wealth of experience in RF (high frequency) used for rapid glue curing – sometimes combining several processes in to one machine.

'Custom designed machines can sometimes be a stand-alone unit, or form part, or even an entire production line.

For further information tel Gibbs Sandtech on 01920 822404. Visit www.gibbsfinishing.com



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NEW WASTE EXTRACTION SYSTEM BOOSTS PRODUCTION

OAK-framed buildings specialist, English Heritage Buildings has invested more than £50,000 in a new waste extraction system from Wood Waste Control (Engineering) Ltd.

For more than 30 years the company has been based on a factory in East Sussex. From there it provides bespoke oak frame buildings, ranging from garages, garden rooms and home extensions to commercial project, such as offices, tea-rooms and wedding venues.

Customers are located right across the UK – and even as far afield as Belgium. The company has built a reputation for combining traditional English craftsmanship with modern construction techniques.

English Heritage Buildings is the only oak-framed manufacturer to be awarded the prestigious BM TRADA Q-Mark - one of the most rigorous certification processes available for construction products and used by world-class construction companies and manufacturers.

Its factory houses two large CNC machines and seven other items of woodworking machinery, but the company realised its productivity was being hampered by an outdated dust extraction system, which was unable to keep up with the growing demands for greater production throughput.

English Heritage Buildings turned to Wood Waste Control to design, manufacture, install and commission a new dust extraction system.

Wood Waste Control specified a model from its WFS modular silo filter range with 45kW fan, mounted on a frame outside the workshop.

All-new ducting connects machines to the filter. The collected waste is then discharged through a rotary valve unit and fed via a transfer system to a large articulated trailer. The waste is used by a local farmer for animal bedding.

'The installation was very smooth and the new system works extremely well, with capacity for future expansion,' explains production manager at English Heritage Buildings, Gavin Everton.

'The benefits of the new system are clear, with increased production efficiency and greater productivity. Rather than using only three, or four machines at a time, we can now have the whole factory working flat out from 7am to 7pm.

'The factory building is much cleaner and there is a big cost benefit from not having to deal with regular extraction problems,' adds Gavin.

'Our modular silo filters feature a flexible design, with many configuration possibilities to suit a wide range of applications and the ability to easily extend the unit for future expansion,' says managing director of Wood Waste Control, Reg Gareppo.

'Some customers choose extraction to storage silos, closed containers, bagging units, or briquetting presses. Others use the waste to heat their factories via one of our wood-fired heater systems,' continues Mr Gareppo.

The WFS extraction units are certified according to the latest ATEX European Directive for explosive dust.

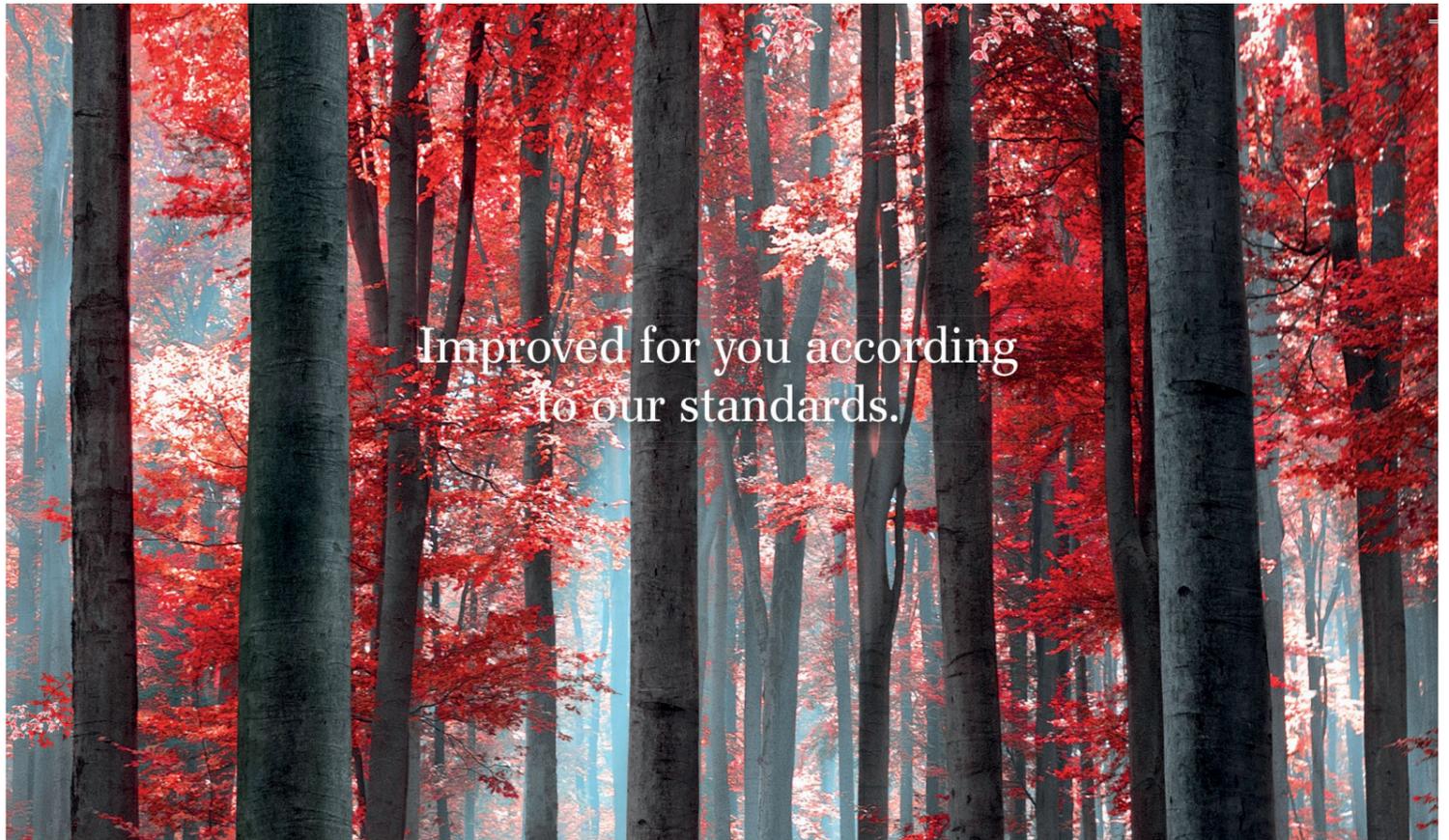
Wood Waste Control is one of the UK's leading dust extraction and heating equipment specialists for the woodworking industry.

The company is based in Bourne End near High Wycombe and has hundreds of successful waste extraction, processing and heating equipment installations across the UK, in Europe, Russia and Africa.

The family company manufactures its wide range of filters in the UK and supplies shredders, briquette presses, biomass heaters/boilers, together with quick-assemble and spiral ductwork to enable it to offer solutions from simple stand-alone bagging units through to complex integrated systems.



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NEW ADHESIVE RANGE LAUNCHED BY HENKEL

EDGE-BANDING PUR adhesives dominate the market. Over the years, PUR adhesives have been more accessible to customers who are edging and, as technologies advance, PUR adhesives' outstanding performance has become available to all edging customers, delivering the finished goods to the highest standards.

One disadvantage with standard PUR adhesives is the line speed, running around 10-35m/min and, with large-scale industry moving towards line speeds of 30-80m/minute, Henkel leapt into action and developed Technomelt PUR 270-5 ME.

This product enables clean processing on very high machine speeds of up to 80m/min, delivering the highest bond strength on all common edge-banding materials.

Technomelt PUR 270-5 ME is designed to run on straight edge- and soft-forming edge-banders on medium-to-high speed lines for bonding solid wood, veneer, melamine, polyester, PVC, ABS, PP and HPL to core boards. It offers all the benefits of PUR technology with the added feature of very low stringing and smearing.

A further added benefit of Technomelt PUR 270-5 ME is that it offers MicroEmission PUR technology without the hazardous labelling, making it more environmentally friendly and safer for operators to handle.

Henkel is always very mindful of Health & Safety and with

companies seeking safer options with PUR adhesives, this solution would allow the company to improve their operating procedures whilst, at the same time reducing risk – Technomelt PUR 270-5 fits right in.

Technomelt PUR 270-5 ME is designed for maximum output rates with PUR quality and the highest standards in occupation safety.

With MicroEmission technology and fully REACH-

compliant, Technomelt PUR 270-5 ME adhesive "really is the future for customers and the planet", according to Henkel.

"We have your application covered and the environmental impact reduced. So why not improve your micro-climate at the same time as improving your production, by changing to Technomelt PUR 270-5 MicroEmission adhesive?" questions a company spokesman.

The Henkel name is quite rightly associated with quality and market-leading technologies. This does not purely apply to its adhesives, but also to its extensive range of hot-melt cleaners, which cover everything from surface cleaning through to thorough system/application equipment cleaning.

Given that an effective cleaning process can make all the difference to meeting deadlines, maximising output and achieving daily goals, Henkel says that it is here to help set customers on the right path and ensure they are getting the most out of their day.

For further information tel Henkel on 0161 627 1001. Visit www.kenyon-group.co.uk



NEXT-DAY FROM STOCK CNC TOOLING SOLUTION

KENT-based Wealden Tool Company has at least 95 per cent of its entire range in stock at any time – meaning that orders can be dispatched the same day, offering customers a rapid source of supply.

The comprehensive range includes traditional solid spiral cutters, including large sizes and other items, such as chipbreaker spirals for stringless cutting on solid timbers.

Many feature replaceable tips, offering the benefit of a constant diameter and easy maintenance, the blades being rotated to present new cutting edges.

There is also a fulsome range of solid tungsten carbide bodies with PCD (polycrystalline diamond) tips, for increased wear resistance when cutting abrasive materials.

New products include the Persistence Pro range of upcut, downcut and compression spirals, featuring a DLC

(diamond-like carbon) coating offering 2-3 x the life of uncoated tungsten carbide, a low co-efficient of friction and smoother cutting on all timber-based materials.

The company also produces an increasing range of Swop-tip replaceable insert tooling, many of which were produced to answer customers' specific problems – such as the Cove Surfacing cutter, a two-flute TC replaceable tip cutter to produce recesses with a flat bottom and radiused corners, overcoming the need for separate cutters for the radius and clearing out and thus eliminating problems of height alignment.

Wealden Tool Company has designed other innovative cutters, such as: the handleless drawer/door cutter to produce finger-pull mouldings on MDF and timber doors and drawers; Vari-Angle cutter heads and cutter blocks to take the range of

spindle moulder euro knives, offering compatibility between spindle moulding and CNC sections; Arris Round/Chamfer with two TC planer knives to edge plane in addition to rounding/chamfering and the Undercut Chamfer cutter to produce 45 deg undercut chamfers, featuring replaceable TC knives.

Although Wealden does not produce one-off specials, the Kent company can produce custom cutters in production quantities and is always happy to go out of its way to help customers with their projects.

For further information tel Wealden Tool Company on 01580 890500. Visit www.wealdentool.com



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NEW T-TYPE HINGES FROM TITUS

IN RESPONSE to the fast-growing demand for black cabinet hardware, Titus has launched its TeraBlack product range, which includes new versions of its innovative and highly successful T-type hinges, TL5 “full metal jacket” dowels, shelf supports and push latches.

The new Tera (Titus Enhanced Resistance Application) versions, which are particularly well suited to applications in premium kitchen furniture, have a dark-grey, non-reflective finish that is not only visually appealing, but is also highly resistant to scratching.

‘TeraBlack represents a very exciting step forward in the evolution of our product range,’ says, general manager at Titus UK, Phil Beddoe.

‘It’s been specifically developed to complement and enhance all types of cabinet furniture, but we believe that it will appeal particularly to the kitchen market,’ he adds.

‘TeraBlack is much more than just another colour option, it’s a unique finish that’s great to look at and will retain its good looks throughout the whole life of the product.

‘These features, combined with the outstanding quality and performance that characterise all Titus products, make the new TeraBlack items an attractive option for all top-tier furniture manufacturers,’ concludes Mr Beddoe.

Particularly well suited to applications in high-end premium kitchen furniture,

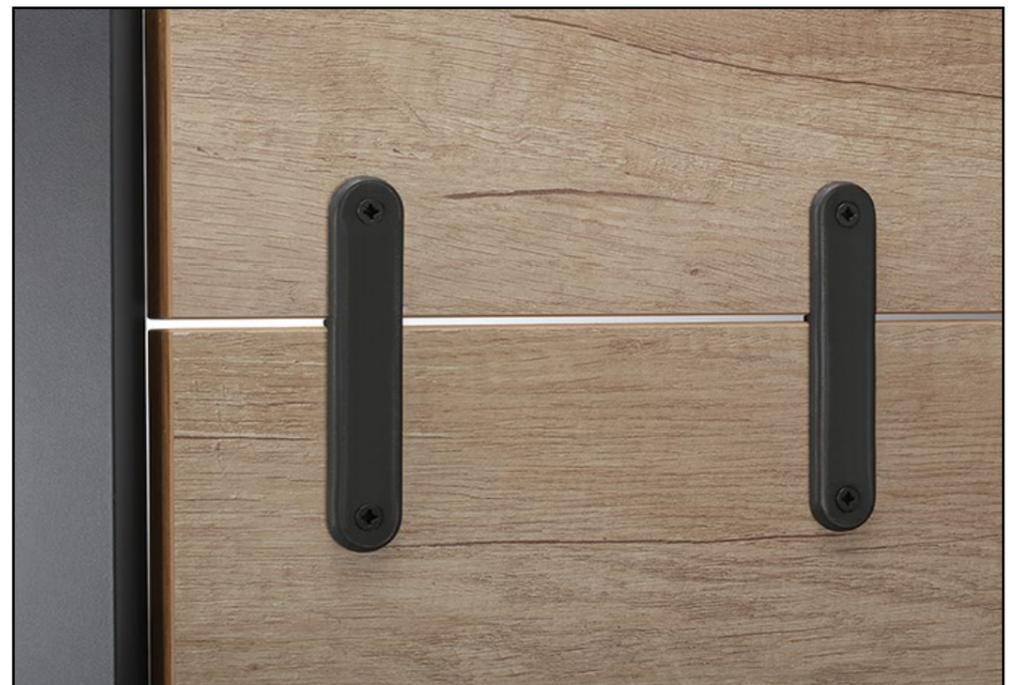
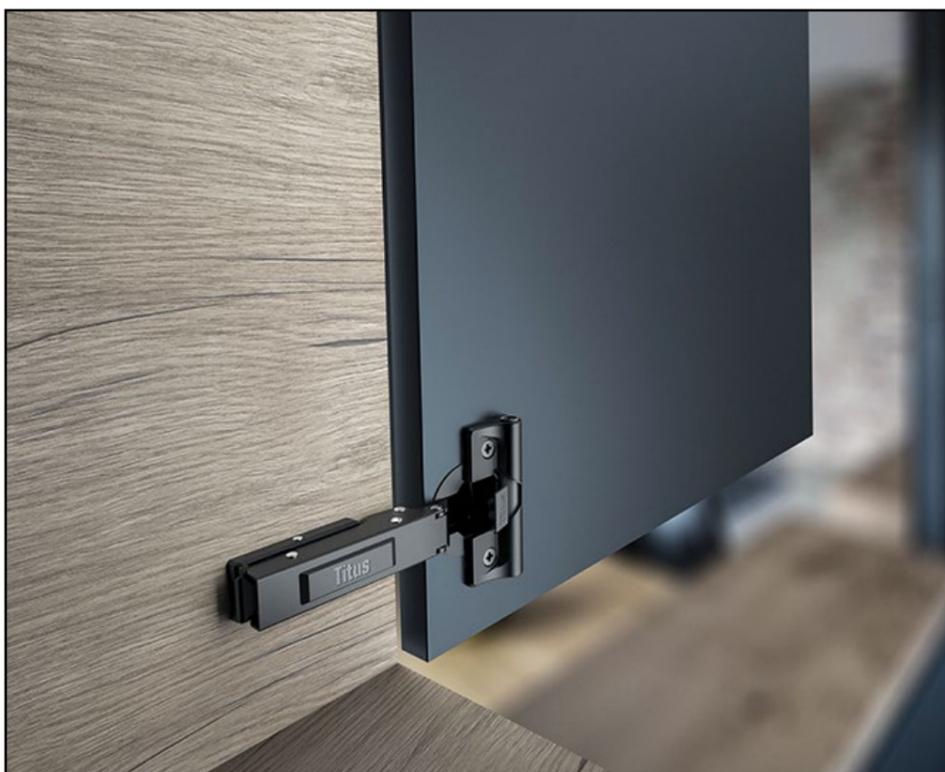
Titus TeraBlack products fully meet the requirements of designers and consumers looking for unobtrusive yet attractive cabinet hardware.

Titus TeraBlack products have highly uniform smooth surfaces, with a velvet feel that emphasises their innate quality and reinforces their consumer appeal.

They are dependable, Titus-engineered solutions supported

by tightly controlled, repeatable, efficient, flexible and scalable manufacturing processes that provide the performance, consistency and quality rightly demanded by high-end furniture producers.

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HAND-CRAFTED FLOORS & STAIRS FROM FIN WOOD

FIN Wood has been in business for three generations producing quality hardwood hand-crafted floors and stairs, as well as undertaking restoration work, stair cladding and floor sanding.

'My earliest memory of my grandfather's workshop is the smell of the wood,' says founder of Fin Wood, 38 year-old Alin Cristescu, who moved to London from Romania in 2013

'My grandfather worked a great deal with pine and oak, using traditional equipment, most of which he made himself. There were lots of hand-held tools,' adds Alin.

'I used to be an office person. When I finished university, I worked in sales for five years and then moved to logistics, covering



transport, warehousing and storage - experience that has proved very useful for running my business,' explains Alin.

In 2012, he became an apprentice and worked with his uncle, who owned and ran a flooring company specialising in wood.

'I learned how to handle the tools and technical elements and gradually began to learn how to install the floors,' says Alin.

Growing a business in the UK

For the first four years, Alin did everything himself and bought in new tools whenever he could.

'At first, I couldn't afford to pay someone to work alongside me. However, as the jobs became more complicated, I needed someone to help. My cousin's brother-in-law was looking for work and even though he didn't know how to do floors, I knew that he was dedicated. I trained him and he's still with me today,' says Alin

Fin wood employs three workmen and a freelance SEO specialist, who helps promote their services on Google and social media - an important tool with so much of their business coming from online search.

His advice for anyone who wants to start a company is to get organised and prepare for hard work.

'You have to make sacrifices - your time, energy, thoughts - to make it work,' says Alin.

Less haste, more speed

When it came to naming his company Alin used the Swedish word "Fin", meaning "elegant, polished or fine", to highlight the quality of his work.

'The wood we use comes from a British-based factory, supplied by a forest in his home country of Romania,' he says.

The quality of wooden boards can be determined by their length, the number of alterations made and the size of the bevels, the term for a diagonal, or angled cut through the wood.

'A poorly made board will have large bevels to hide the inaccuracy of the cut in the manufacturing process. When it's



properly cut, a quality wooden floor will have very small bevels, which means that the first sanding will be minimal and so the floor will have a good life-span,' he says.

'For quality installation, there are two aspects to think about: how it looks on the surface - details of how it goes around doors and meets other floors - and how it looks underneath. The sub-floor is crucial for long lasting floors. It needs to be flat and free of moisture,' explains Alin.

Alin and his team pride themselves on their workmanship and punctuality.

'When I schedule a project with a customer, we're there on the dot at 8am with our materials and everything we need to get started,' says Alin.

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WHEN THE GOING GETS TOUGH

MIRKA is a world leader in abrasive technology, offering some of the most sought-after abrasives and exemplary tools.

Offering a complete range of technically superior, high-quality coated abrasives on net, foam, paper, non-woven and cloth, Mirka's abrasives are available as discs, strips, sheets, rolls and belts.

In terms of tools, the Mirka Power Tools division develops and manufactures advanced, ergonomic and lightweight sanding machines that provide a total sanding solution and deliver real benefits to customers.

Mirka's tool range consists of electric and pneumatic sanding machines, polishing machines, hand blocks and dust extractors, together with equipment for sanding walls and ceilings.

The company also provides a very wide selection of Mirka accessories to complement its extensive range of abrasives, polishes and tools.

Combining the aforementioned products, together with innovative and hi-tech, easy-to-use, step-by-step processes, Mirka's customers will, and do, reap real benefits, by using total system solutions.

The company's concept of dust-free sanding, combined with effective surface finishing solutions, has replaced traditional sanding methods in many industries.

Regarding the past challenging year and looking forward to the remainder of 2021 with Mirka UK national sales manager industrial, Pete Sartain was questioned on a number of different points.

What makes Mirka stand out?

Mirka's success is founded on a company culture that aims to constantly seek out new challenges and apply creative thinking to generate continuous improvement and unique solutions.

The cornerstone is an intensive research and development programme and the commitment of talented staff across all areas of the business.

This has resulted in the development of revolutionary abrasive technology and the creation of ground-breaking new coatings production processes and a new generation of



Pete Sartain

ergonomic and lightweight electric sanders.

How would you summarise 2020?

Driven by innovative products that challenge the current market place, Mirka has seen impressive historical growth in sales to the woodworking sector and 2020 will be no exception to this.

'It is reassuring to be working for a market leader with core values that allow us to ride the storm,' says Mr Sartain.

'In the words of Joseph Kennedy, immortalised in the song by Billy Ocean, "When the going gets tough, the tough get going."

'Mirka has always believed that success is led by people. Our vice president, Simon Bloxham once said at a meeting:

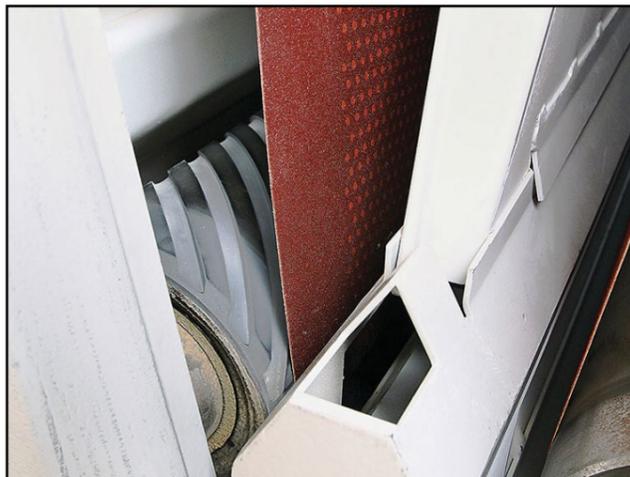
"If you want to know what makes Mirka great, look in the mirror every morning. You are the face of the company and represent everything about us."

The defining measure of any company is not how it performs in times of growth and prosperity - it's easy to grow in a growing market. What defines a company is how it performs in challenging years, such as 2020. The resilience and general positive "can-do" attitude of our team here at Mirka inspires me on a daily basis.

'We all have our heroes during Covid-19 - Captain Sir Tom Moore, the NHS staff and thousands of other key workers. However, we often forget the people around us, our work colleagues, without whom the wheels of our business would stop turning.

'Rapid growth in our business over the past decade has meant many changes and challenges, yet the team at Mirka is used to adapting to change and 2020 is no exception.

'Utilising the latest coating technology, Mirka's research and



development team is currently working on new products across the range to offer innovative finishing solutions to the market place.

'Wide-belt sanding will form part of this. With the exception of Mirka's Ultimax range, new product development has been limited from all suppliers, but it's now time for a change.

'The product range currently being developed will not only meet the challenges of the new sanding machine technology, but will also deliver on the new sanding substrates being used by our customers.

'It's an exciting time - watch this space ...'

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NEY HAS HUNDREDS OF VERY SATISFIED CUSTOMERS FOR ITS EBM EDGE-BANDERS

NEY has sold EBM edge-banders exclusively for the past four decades and has literally hundreds of very satisfied customers.

The new 2020 range gives manufacturers the twin benefits of greater productivity at prices which are 20-30 per cent lower than was previously the case.

EBM KDP 72

This model is ideally suited to the lower volume manufacturer who needs a reliable machine with a small foot-print capable of edging panels with materials up to 2mm thick. The machine is single phase and, therefore, well suited to the smaller workshop.



The KDP 72 is ideally suited to the lower volume manufacturer who needs a reliable machine with a small foot-print.

EBM KDP 74

The next machine in the range features two diamond pre-milling cutters to rectify the panel edge, offering an excellently finished panel. It is ideally suited to customers who are cutting with a panel saw and may suffer from chipping, or scribe marks. It also features top and bottom profile scrapers and buffing.

EBM KDP 135

This machine is ideally suited to manufacturers who need a reliable, yet faster machine with a pre-milling capability to produce a well-finished product. The feed speed of 13m/minute makes it highly efficient.

An intuitive touch screen controls all of the machine functions and is conveniently mounted at eye level at the infeed end of the machine. Pre-milling, scraping and buffing are standard.

EBM KDP 136

The next machine in the range is ideally suited to the manufacturer requiring a reliable machine with a pre-milling capability and corner rounding to produce a well-finished product at a reasonable cost.

The feed speed of 13m/min makes it highly efficient for the smaller to medium-sized manufacturer. Pre-milling, corner rounding, scraping and buffing are included.

EBM KDP 208

Finally, this model offers a complete solution for the medium-sized to larger manufacturer.

It features diamond pre-milling blocks, two independent end trim saws and a two motor corner rounding unit.

The combination of this allows the machine to achieve 20m/min on straight edges and 12m/min when corner rounding.

It has a full colour touch screen located at the infeed end of the machine to select the working units, a glue pot, track speed etc. Scraping and buffing are standard features.

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The KDP 74 is ideally suited to customers who are cutting with a panel saw and may suffer from chipping, or scribe marks.



The KDP 135 features an intuitive touch screen which controls all of the machine functions and is conveniently mounted at eye level at the infeed end of the machine.



The KDP 136 is ideally suited to the manufacturer requiring a reliable machine with a pre-milling capability and corner rounding to produce a well-finished product.



A complete solution is provided by the KDP 208, which features diamond pre-milling blocks, two independent end trim saws and a two motor corner rounding unit.

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IT DOES EXACTLY WHAT IT SAYS ON THE BOX

LASER CUTOOTS is a family-owned and run business that has been successfully trading for approximately nine years in Washington, Tyne & Wear. What was primarily set up for laser cutting and engraving has now also evolved into wood crafting and box production.

After being approached by a charity to see if the company could produce memory boxes, the team first began with laser cut out boxes. These required a great deal of manpower to complete, as they still needed to be glued, clamped and left to dry. From this the company moved to a locking mitre joint, which was better, but still required gluing, clamping and time to dry.

Whilst visiting the 2019 annual Northern Woodworking Show in Harrogate, company director, Paul Stott visited the Hoffmann Machine Company stand.

He was given a demonstration of the Hoffmann MU3 dovetail routing machine by Sean Colmer, who is one of the Hoffman team. Sean produced a simple, but strong mitre joint in a matter of seconds.

Paul was impressed and sent Sean some samples of his 9mm thick poplar wood to test the accuracy and strength of the joints.

A range of samples was produced, using different sized Hoffmann dovetail keys (W2-W0). It was agreed that the joint using the Hoffmann W0 key would offer the ideal solution.

Paul was so impressed with the samples that the Hoffman MU3 dovetail routing machine was purchased immediately and the company hasn't looked back since.

'With very limited training, all our staff can now produce all parts of the box, eliminating the need to employ a dedicated member of staff,' says Paul Stott.

'We can now produce the joints and start assembly immediately with no clamping required. The finished joints are tighter and stronger and add to the quality and finish of the box.'



'Not only has the Hoffman dovetail jointing system improved the quality of the joints, the production time has been reduced by two-thirds, increasing productivity,' concludes Paul Stott.

Laser Cutouts is currently producing four different sized boxes from small (150mm²) up to large (400mm²).

The new Hoffmann W0 key is one third smaller than the already legendary W1, so it was considered ideal to use on Paul's 9mm thick profiles.

With a cross section size of just 3.3mm x 4.4mm, it will draw together profiles as thin as 7mm and upwards with startling strength.

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HPC Laser is a leading UK supplier of laser engraving, cutting machines and CNC routers. Established in 2006 the West Yorkshire company has supplied over 5000 machines to sign-making, education, trophy engravers and a wide range of other industrial and private customers for an almost infinite array of applications.

All machines are supplied complete with on-site delivery, installation and training and covered by a minimum 12-month on-site warranty.

With a team of nationwide installation and service engineers and life-time telephone and email technical support, help is never far away when you need it.

'Smaller desktop routers are available from other suppliers, but these are generally intended for relatively light use,' explains HPC Laser director, Steve Cockerham.

'HPC's router range starts with a more industrial LS6090 machine with a 600mm x 900mm bed size.

'Even with a machine of this modest size, the compact arrangement is able to accommodate a 3.5kW air-cooled spindle motor, which is frequency inverter driven, providing ramped acceleration and deceleration, elimination of high in-rush currents and a seamless choice of operating speeds up to 18,000rpm.

'Even HPC's entry level industrial machines, such as the



LS6090 are available with a wide range of upgrades, including water cooled spindle motors with operating speeds up to 24,000rpm, vacuum bed and automatic tool change options.

'CNC router technology has advanced significantly over the past few years with the most significant developments being in travel speeds and positional accuracy, automated tool change options and enhanced features for automated operation and software integration,' says Steve.

HPC believes that one of the most practical machine developments in recent years has been the technological improvements made in spindle motor and frequency inverter technology.

Prior to this technology being introduced, more traditional machines used fixed-speed mains-fed spindle motors with speed changes being offered through a variety of methods – including belts and pulleys and mechanical speed variators.

'As mains-supplied AC electric motors are supplied via a fixed frequency 50Hz supply, they are unable to vary their operating speed – an interesting point, the no-load motor speed (RPM) is equal to 60 times the supply frequency (Hz) divided by half of the number of motor poles,' points out Steve.

'Hence a two-pole motor on 50Hz would run at 3000rpm, a four-pole motor at 1500rpm and so on...'

Frequency inverters work by rectifying the AC electrical supply to DC and then switching this DC supply at incredible speeds to output a synthetic three phase sinusoidal supply, a process known as pulse width modulation.

'The key ability of this system is to vary the output supply frequency. This means that a two-pole motor that would usually run at 3000rpm on a 50Hz supply can now operate at 24,000rpm when driven by the frequency inverters synthetic supply at 400Hz,' says Steve.

'A major benefit to this technology is that the motor-frequency inverter combination offers infinitely variable speed options between

0-24,000rpm – the maximum speed usually limited only by the mechanical constraints of the motor – hence the reason why an air-cooled motor cannot operate at the higher speeds of a water-cooled motor. Usually the ventilation fan limits the maximum speed of the air-cooled motor,' adds Steve.

'Significant CNC router developments in recent years have included the migration to heavier duty fabricated steel and cast iron beds, improving dimensional accuracy, reducing vibration and ultimately contributing to improved repeatability and in most cases a vastly superior cutting finish,' explains Steve.

Such recent developments in machine features together with modular designs – and the lean and flexible manufacturing systems of today – mean that customers can now purchase a cost-effective tailor made machine, configured to suit exact needs and expectations faster than ever before.

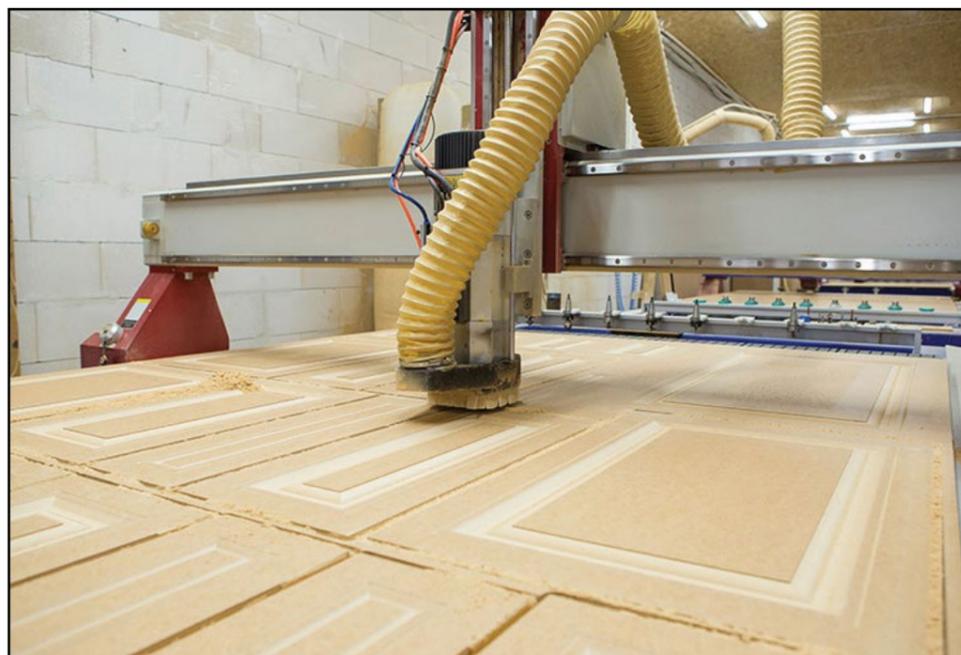
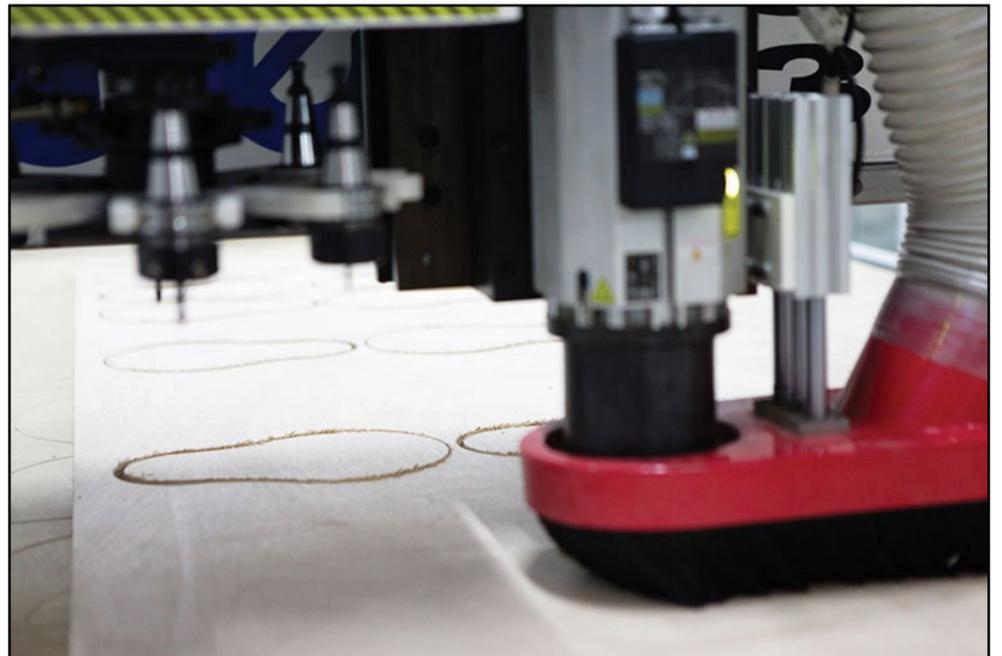
CNC router technology, especially considering the recent advances in specification, have left modern machines wanting for few, if any additional features. Indeed, it almost feels like we have reached the pinnacle of innovation in CNC router development.

'When considering one can now buy a CNC router with an almost infinite spindle speed range and

a plethora of standard features and optional extras, such as vacuum bed, tool-change devices, fourth axis and multiple spindle arrangements for such attractive prices, it is difficult to imagine what new developments might be with us next,' says Steve Cockerham, speaking once again on behalf of the West Yorkshire company.

'However, as with many products and industries, continual innovation, research and technological development will bring about new machine features that will make us wonder how we ever managed without them!' concludes Steve.

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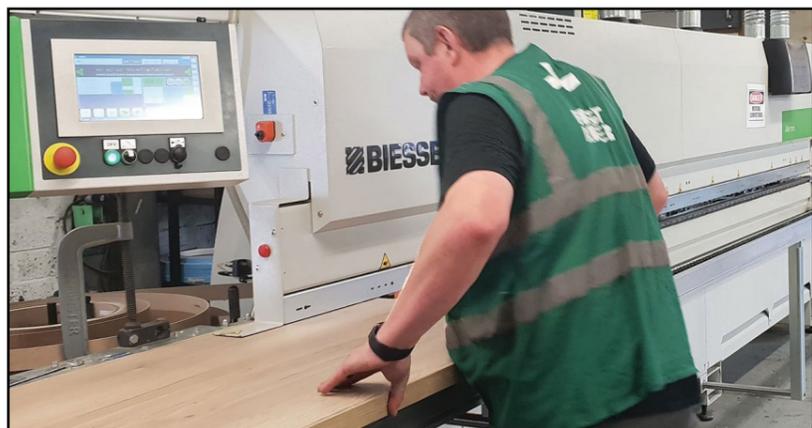
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F G PARKER'S STATE-OF-THE-ART OPERATION OFFERS EDGING, WRAPPING CUTTING & DRILLING FACILITIES

BEGINNING as a supplier of components for temporary structures to the armed forces in the 1950s, F G Parker's state-of-the-art facility provides edging, wrapping, cutting and drilling facilities, providing the flexibility and service standards required by customers all over the country.

Formed by George Parker in 1950, F G Parker & Co Ltd quickly became a leading component provider for temporary structures required by the armed forces.



Continued investment in manufacturing equipment enabled the company to diversify its production capabilities to include custom-cutting and preparation of sheet materials for customers in the furniture and construction industries.

As a family business with third generation, Rob Parker now managing the operation, F G Parker's business successfully diversified into furniture manufacturing in the early 1980s, providing products and services to help manufacturers find greater productivity in their businesses.

The Dorset firm has continued to develop within the industry supplying a full range of furniture components, mouldings, wrapped profiles, kitchen carcasses and cabinets, cutting, edging and CNC machining services to its clients.

In order to provide the flexibility and service standards required by today's customers across the country, F G Parker's impressive 20,000ft² production plant is home to highly advanced CNC routing equipment, the very latest CAD/CAM capabilities and high performance edging, wrapping, cutting and drilling facilities.

Drilling rails

F G Parker's specialist drilling and boring machines enable the company to offer various holes drilled to any area of any-sized cross ties, post, mullion, front rail and back rail.

Additionally, it is able to drill longer-sized rails up to 3m in length and its rail drilling department is able to cope with high volume orders, as well as small batches.

'As standard, we produce many colours to get the perfect posts for the kitchen design. We hold in stock 36mm x 36mm and 60mm x 36mm, but we can make to any specification,' says Rob Parker.

'We can add drilling and/or we can cut the lengths down to fit any carcass size required – or just supply long lengths.

'Customers can also save time on their edge lines and get us to wrap small rails. We can even cut and drill them to customers' drawings, which will save significant man hours,' adds Mr Parker.

Wrapped profiles

Wrapped profiles are typically used for cornice, pelmets, skirting boards, picture frames and small rails for kitchen and bathroom cabinets and drawer wraps.

'We can wrap many MDF and chipboard products in a variety of shapes and sizes,' explains Rob.

'This process means that we can supply a post, rail and/or cornice to match any style.

'Additionally, the product can be wrapped all the way round, giving a very tidy look to any cabinet whilst, at the same time, reducing costs,' says Mr Parker.

F G Parker operates multiple PUR glue lines for a high-quality, cost-effective product.

The benefit of using PUR glue on wrapped products

is that it provides a high strength bond, moisture resistance and reduces the danger of humidity interlacing.

This process increases the standard life-span of all its products compared to those manufactured with other glue types.

'We have a large range of foils available to us from PVC and paper coloured-matched to real wood veneered foils. Working with our foil suppliers, we can match many colours, including plain, high gloss and woodgrains. Regardless of small, or large order quantities we will be happy to assist with customers' enquiries,' says Rob.

Edging

'With direct trade accounts with Egger and Kronospan, we are able to source a wide range of décors and matching edging to fulfil customers' particular specifications, meeting any size and quantity required.

'All our edging is adhered using PUR glue, the benefits of which are that it provides a high strength bond and moisture resistance.

'Additionally this type of glue offers a minimal glue line between the MFC and edging, but ensures that the product can withstand the rigours of heat and moisture over a long period of time,' points out Rob.

'We have a large range of edgings available to us from ABS to real wood veneers. Working alongside our suppliers, we can match most colours and finishes including matt, high gloss and woodgrains,' says Rob.

Regardless of small, or large order quantities, F G Parker is able to assist with customers' varying requirements.

Panel cutting

'We are specialists in cutting MFC and chipboard/MDF raw boards,' says Rob. 'On our high-speed automatic beam saws and automatic crosscut saws, we are able to meet the vast majority of customers' requirements.

'We use the latest in optimisation software to minimise waste and optimise cutting lists, so that each panel can be cut accurately and efficiently.

'We can source the material and décor for you, but can also provide a cutting service for materials that you have already purchased yourself,' concludes Rob.



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GETTING BACK IN TOUCH WITH THE MARKET AT LIGNA 2021

LIGNA



DUE to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, the LIGNA 2021 organisers have decided to postpone the event until later in the year. LIGNA 2021 will now be held from September 27 to October 1 at its usual Hannover venue.

The scheduled opening day may be some seven months away, but demand for exhibition space is already strong.

‘The event will once again fill 10 halls, as well as the open-air site booked. All the big industry players are on board. It seems that after many weeks of social distancing, lockdowns, online-only events and video conferencing from home, the industry is really looking forward to meeting up face to face,’ says Deutsche Messe’s global director, for LIGNA & woodworking shows, Christian Pfeiffer.

‘Businesses in the woodworking industry are keen to resume normal production and sales. They want to be able to advise and inform their customers in person,’ says Christian.

So, we’re doing everything we can to provide a safe and effective market place where the woodworking industry can meet, showcase new products and developments and get business moving again,’ he adds.

LIGNA is undoubtedly the flagship fair of the global wood industry, serving as a market place for woodworking and wood processing plants, machinery and tools, as well as a platform for exploring and debating the hot topics set to shape the future of the industry.

At the upcoming show, the following three topics will feature prominently – woodworking transformation, prefab building processes and Green material processing.

Exhibitors will be highlighting these topics on their stands and the topics will also be featured across various forums and special displays.

‘LIGNA will present the pioneering developments and visionary ideas that will be shaping woodworking industry production and business processes just a few years from now,’ remarks director of the German Engineering Federation (VDMA), Dr Bernhard Dirr.

‘LIGNA is our window on to the future and that’s more important than ever given the Covid-19 pandemic. If we manage to showcase

our industry in a way that people can physically explore, experience and engage with, then I think we will be able to call LIGNA 2021 a success, regardless of the visitor and exhibitor turnout.

‘Obviously, we all hope that the worst of the pandemic will be over by May, but it’s impossible to say when case numbers might start to drop off, or when a vaccine might become available. So we have to be realistic,’ says Christian.

‘The global travel restrictions alone suggest that we will have fewer international visitors than at the 2019 fair. The virus is likely to be with us for some time to come, so we need to find new ways of enabling businesses to engage with their markets. We need LIGNA 21,’ says Christian.

Safety at LIGNA

The LIGNA 21 format incorporates a public hygiene strategy that Deutsche Messe has developed in consultation with the relevant authorities.

The show will have comprehensive measures in place to ensure the Health and Safety of exhibitors and visitors in all areas of the venue.

Hanover’s hospitality sector is also ready for the new trade show normal.

‘For us, facilitating business and protecting health go hand in hand,’ explains Christian.

‘In order to protect exhibitors and visitors, we will ensure that LIGNA 21 meets the highest standards of hygiene, safety and healthcare.

‘This will entail hygiene and distancing measures at the entrances and exits to the venue, as well as for in-hall aisles, on the exhibition stands, in the on-site restaurants and even in local hotels,’ adds Christian.

Deutsche Messe’s LIGNA team is currently developing a digital participation option that will be offered alongside the show’s trusted in-person format and will make the show available to exhibitors and visitors from key markets who may be unable to travel to Hanover.

For further information visit www.ligna.de

W EXHIBITION & ELEMENTS 2021 CANCELLED – EVENT NOW MOVES TO FEBRUARY 2022



THE W Exhibition & Elements, which was completely cancelled in 2020, moving to 2021 has been postponed again in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic and the event will now be returning to the NEC on February 6-9 2022.

The postponement of the UK's flagship event for the furniture manufacturing and joinery industries follows a period of unprecedented uncertainty due to the ongoing global impact of COVID-19.

The organizer, Montgomery Group has taken proactive steps to move the co-located W Exhibition and Elements events from September 2021 to February 2022, creating a safer timeline for the industry to work towards.

'We have been in constant contact with the NEC throughout the pandemic to ensure that we deliver a safe and successful event when the W Exhibition & Elements returns,' says W Exhibition managing director, Nickie West (pictured below).



'It's our priority to deliver the best possible ROI for our exhibitors and the best experience for our visitors,' she adds.

'When Ligna announced that it would be postponing its May event to September, thus directly clashing with the W Exhibition & Elements, we immediately entered a consultation process with each of our stakeholders to develop a new timeline that would preserve the success of the show both now and in the future. The new winter 2022 timeline will allow us to do this,' explains Nickie.

Following its February 2022 outing, the W Exhibition & Elements will return to the NEC in September 2023 before continuing to follow a biennial frequency, after Ligna, thereafter.

'After an extended period of restricted face-to-face business, we hope that the entire industry will share in our enthusiasm at getting back to doing what we do best,' says Nickie.

'The W Exhibition & Elements is the UK's flagship event for the joinery and furniture making industry and we are excited to showcase all of the latest products and machinery when we return in February 2022.

'I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of our stakeholders for being so supportive and understanding. From our exhibitors and visitors through to the WMSA and our industry press - we really do appreciate your support and patience,' concludes Nickie.

The W Exhibition & Elements has over 40 years of heritage. It will return to the NEC for its biennial four-day showcase a year from now in February 2022, once again bringing together some of the world's leading suppliers of woodworking machinery, materials and tooling.



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