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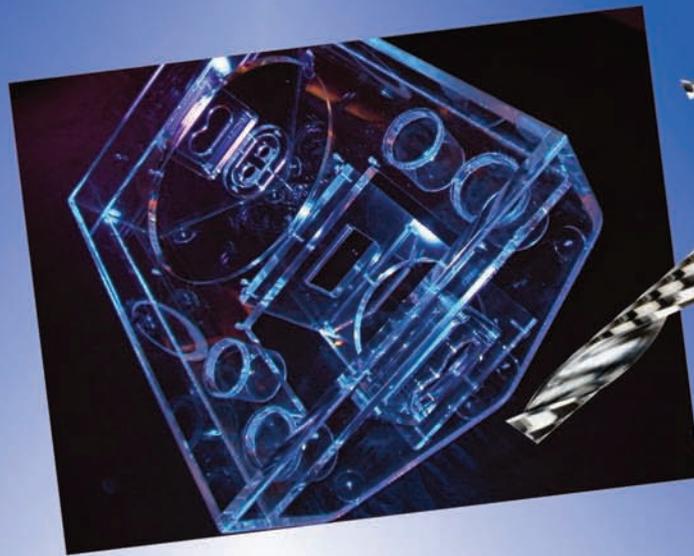
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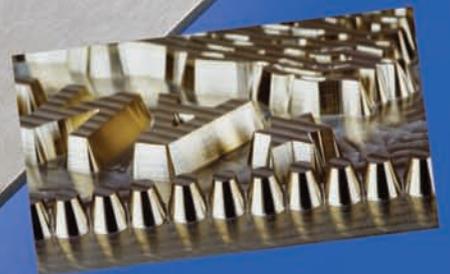
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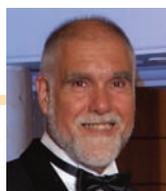
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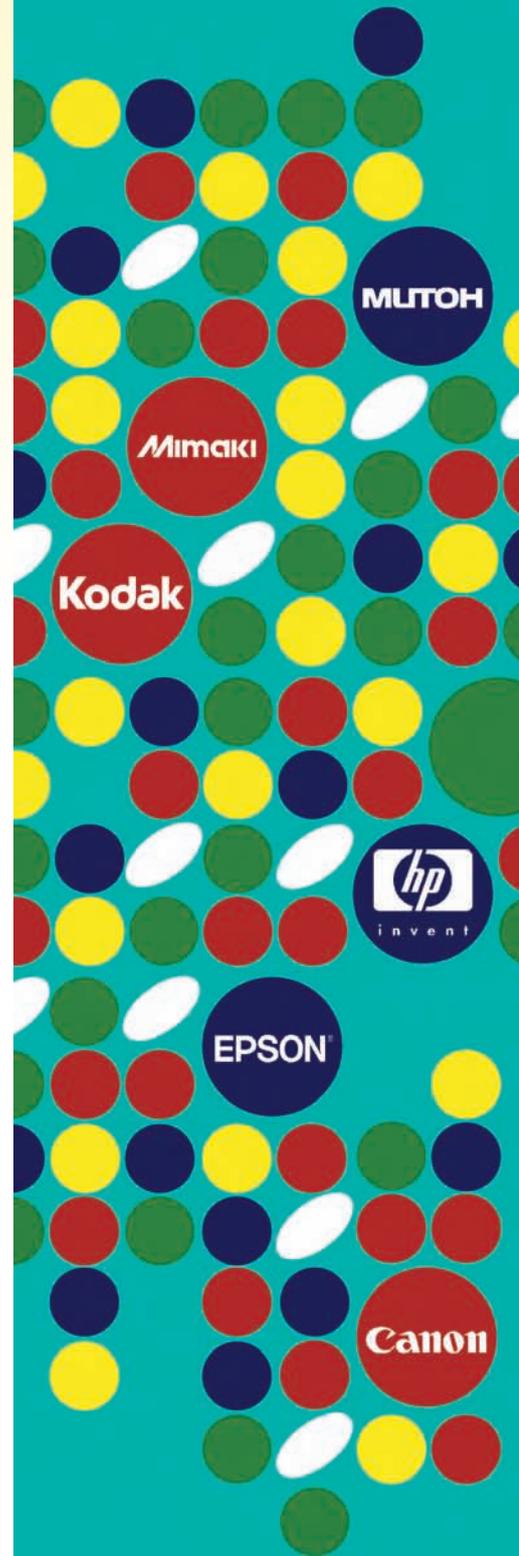
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5mm	£0.91	£1.15	£1.46	£1.82	£2.30	£2.79	£3.63	£4.48	£5.76	£6.31	£7.88	£9.70	£10.92	£13.94	£16.98	£66.71	
10mm	£1.83	£2.32	£2.91	£3.64	£4.61	£5.57	£7.28	£8.98	£11.53	£12.61	£15.77	£19.40	£21.83	£27.90	£33.96	£133.40	

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5mm	£0.48	£0.72	£1.09	£1.46	£2.00	£2.30	£2.67	£3.15	£3.64	£4.37	£5.15	£6.07	£6.87	£8.00	£11.03	£30.32	
10mm	£0.85	£1.33	£1.70	£2.55	£3.52	£4.37	£4.98	£6.07	£7.28	£8.32	£9.34	£11.52	£13.34	£16.98	£21.59	£58.21	
19mm	£1.82	£2.55	£3.64	£4.24	£4.85	£6.67	£8.49	£9.41	£10.92	£12.42	£14.86	£16.98	£20.01	£23.05	£27.90	£78.83	

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6mm	£0.37	£0.85	£1.22	£1.63	£2.42	£2.60	£3.03	£3.81	£4.37	£5.22	£6.67	£9.46	£10.92	£12.37	£14.55	£43.66	
12mm	£0.91	£1.57	£1.94	£2.84	£3.88	£4.66	£5.46	£6.31	£7.52	£9.22	£10.31	£11.70	£13.94	£17.16	£19.40	£58.21	
18mm	£1.57	£2.42	£2.96	£4.06	£5.03	£6.18	£7.64	£8.61	£10.92	£12.42	£14.92	£17.10	£20.84	£21.83	£29.11	£87.32	

3mm ALUMINIUM COMPOSITE (Dibond, Alupanel)																NO MINIMUM ORDER	
height	50mm	75mm	100mm	125mm	150mm	175mm	200mm	225mm	250mm	275mm	300mm	375mm	425mm	500mm	600mm	1200mm	other sizes available on request
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Chrome	£2.00	£2.55	£2.91	£4.28	£5.82	£7.01	£8.19	£9.46	£11.28	£13.79	£15.52	£17.56	£20.93	£25.76	£31.75	£98.25	
Brushed finish	£1.33	£1.70	£2.31	£2.86	£3.88	£4.67	£5.46	£6.31	£7.52	£9.22	£10.31	£11.70	£13.94	£17.17	£21.83	£65.49	

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Polished	£5.09	£5.49	£7.46	£8.00	£8.91	£12.19	£15.64	£17.10	£18.37	£21.83	£23.93	£33.59	£40.20	£47.48	£60.03		

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To go or not to go, that is the question

This year we have two sign exhibitions to look forward to. First up is Sign & Digital UK and our Exhibition Preview in this issue starts on page 96

The big question for suppliers is, "Do we go and show at both exhibitions or just the one?" The way financial markets are going, it's looking like a safer bet to attend just one. Organisers of both events have put a lot of time into the promotion side and both promise a good show. But at the end of the day, the visitor will make or break the show. Will visitors go to one or both?

Many suppliers are turning their backs on exhibitions and instead putting their trust in websites. Likewise with publishers, we are feeling the challenge of the internet. This year the bars at the exhibitions will notice the effect as many people may feel they can't afford even the cost of a drink. So keep an eye on who's buying and drinking at the bar, they're probably the people with the money.

We began a new series of features in our last issue, starting with "The Essex Sign maker" which was well received. First, I must apologise to Alphas Signs for missing them out on that occasion. To make up for it, Alphas Signs is featured on page 72. Our next in the series is "The Durham Sign maker". I admit I wasn't looking forward to the long drive up to Durham and my first attempt at the beginning of March ended with me turning around and coming home, owing to bad weather. At my second attempt I spent over four hours in a traffic jam, making it a very late arrival and thereby losing my first day. I'm pleased to report, County of Durham sign makers are a really great bunch but one upsetting thing I noticed was that they are not very helpful to each other, unlike in Essex. Down in the south they still have plenty of work and happily pass on any excess to a neighbouring competitor. But in the north, it seems they don't have that luxury and have to fight for every bit of work available. If there is any Co Durham sign maker that I have not yet contacted who would like to be included in the Durham feature, please get in touch immediately as this will be focused on in our next issue (May/June).

Exemplary service – thank you!

It is not very often I get the opportunity to personally contribute to the content of the magazine but having just survived my worst nightmare I had to take advantage of Editor's rights to say an enormous "Thank You" to everyone I dealt with recently at Hewlett Packard.

With only a week to go before deadline, my laptop died on me – not a problem you may think as everything would be backed up on to my external hard drive. Well, I hate to admit it but when I took delivery of my wonderful new HP laptop last July, I failed to reinstall the backup software properly so nothing had been saved since then. I can almost hear a lot of you saying "typical woman" and I hate to admit it but on this occasion you are probably right!

Having poured out my tale of woe to HP about loss of editorial, looming deadline and the imminent Sign UK, they pulled out all the stops for me and I received my laptop back in full working order within 48 hours.

So, a big "Thank You" to everyone who offered assistance and an especially big "Thank You" to Roger, who as you all probably know, is so laid back that he kept me calm throughout the whole situation.

Look forward to seeing you all at Sign & Digital UK.

Best wishes
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Apollo - a new generation of high resolution hybrid UV printers being launched in the UK

Following the withdrawal of Zund from the Printer market, Planet Digital Ltd in the UK have led development of a whole new range of UV Print solutions. Now in cooperation with European partners, Planet Digital are ready to launch the first of a new range of UV printers and print finishing solutions into Europe and Russia. Sign UK will be the first of a series of exhibitions and launches planned for the Apollo range.

Bryan Stringer, Managing Director of Planet Digital (formally the founder and chairman of B&P Light Brigade) was key in the original development of the Zund215 and Zund250. With over a hundred Zund printers placed in the UK and many years working with machine manufacturers, Bryan was ideally placed at the demise of the Zund printer to seize the chance to share his knowledge and customer needs with other manufacturers. Gary Dare, Planet Digital's Technical Director played a vital part in this development.

To quote Bryan Stringer 'As one of the main European distributors for Zund printers, none of us could understand Zund stopping the production of printers. But from a strong engineering and established user base, an opportunity was created to develop a new range of printers where we could use our experience to drive machine development based on working practises in the UK and Europe rather than being told by manufacturers what we had to sell! The support of our Zund user base continues.

Apollo is a whole range of printers from the entry level Apollo 16, (1600mm wide, industrial print heads, roll to roll and rigid sheet printer with white), through sizes 2600 and 3200 to the 2.5 x 1.5 dedicated flatbed, the Apollo Storm.

Using the latest generation industrial Ricoh printheads using grey scale attributes, the printer will offer a number of advantages. Stronger firing jets allow for higher head height adjustment whilst producing pin sharp edge definition. Good production speeds with resolutions of 1200 dpi apparent. White as standard (can be changed to colour if white not required).

Commented Gary Dare "Looking at my working background with Zund and other manufacturers, I feel the Apollo is one of the best engineered products I have been involved with. With a 2 year manufacturers warranty on mechanics and electrics we have a very good feeling about the Apollo range."

At Sign UK, three versions of the Apollo UV printers will be shown. Two Apollo 1600s using alternative 4 or 6 colour ink configurations and the Apollo 2500.

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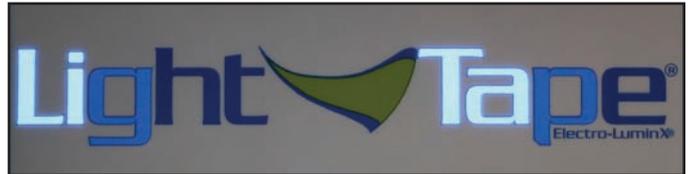
Light Tape® animation catches the eye, captures the imagination

Light Tape UK announce the launch of their latest lighting product the Animated Sign. A Light Tape® Animated Sign is similar to neon, but far more realistic because it operates within a high-resolution printed image. The image is divided into several different sections that can be illuminated separately from one another. Each section can be programmed and sequenced to create the appearance of movement within the static printed image.

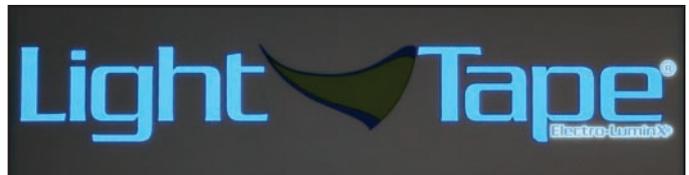
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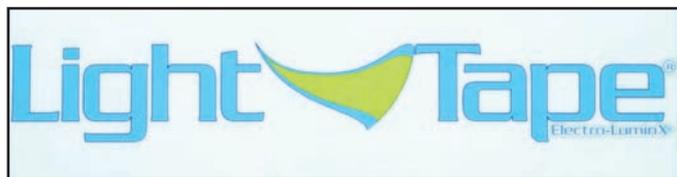
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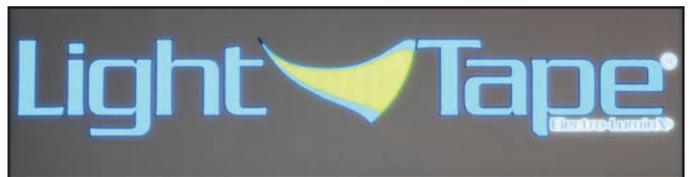
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GBC expands exclusive range of Arctic Cold lamination films

GBC Commercial Laminating Solutions Group, part of Acco Brands Corporation recently announced the commercial availability of Arctic Pressure Sensitive cold lamination films.

As the latest offering in GBC's Arctic range for indoor/outdoor applications, these films are processed at a temperature between 40-50°C, and are considered by GBC as a 'cool' solution for heat-sensitive inkjet output. The full range of Arctic films address the growing industry trend towards cold lamination, to ensure optimal color and finishing for banners, signage or trade show displays.

GBC is recognised as a leading manufacturer of hot lamination films and systems, but has also developed a broad selection of cold lamination films for their range of entry-level laminators up to the professional GBC Tuscan-1. For several years now, GBC has owned a manufacturing facility for cold pressure sensitive films in the US. The low dollar rate has enabled GBC-Professional to provide its European customers with a complete range of lamination films at a competitive price. In addition to a reliable production and stringent quality control, this manufacturing base also ensures rapid and direct exportation to GBC's global customer base. The GBC Arctic range is available for immediate delivery.

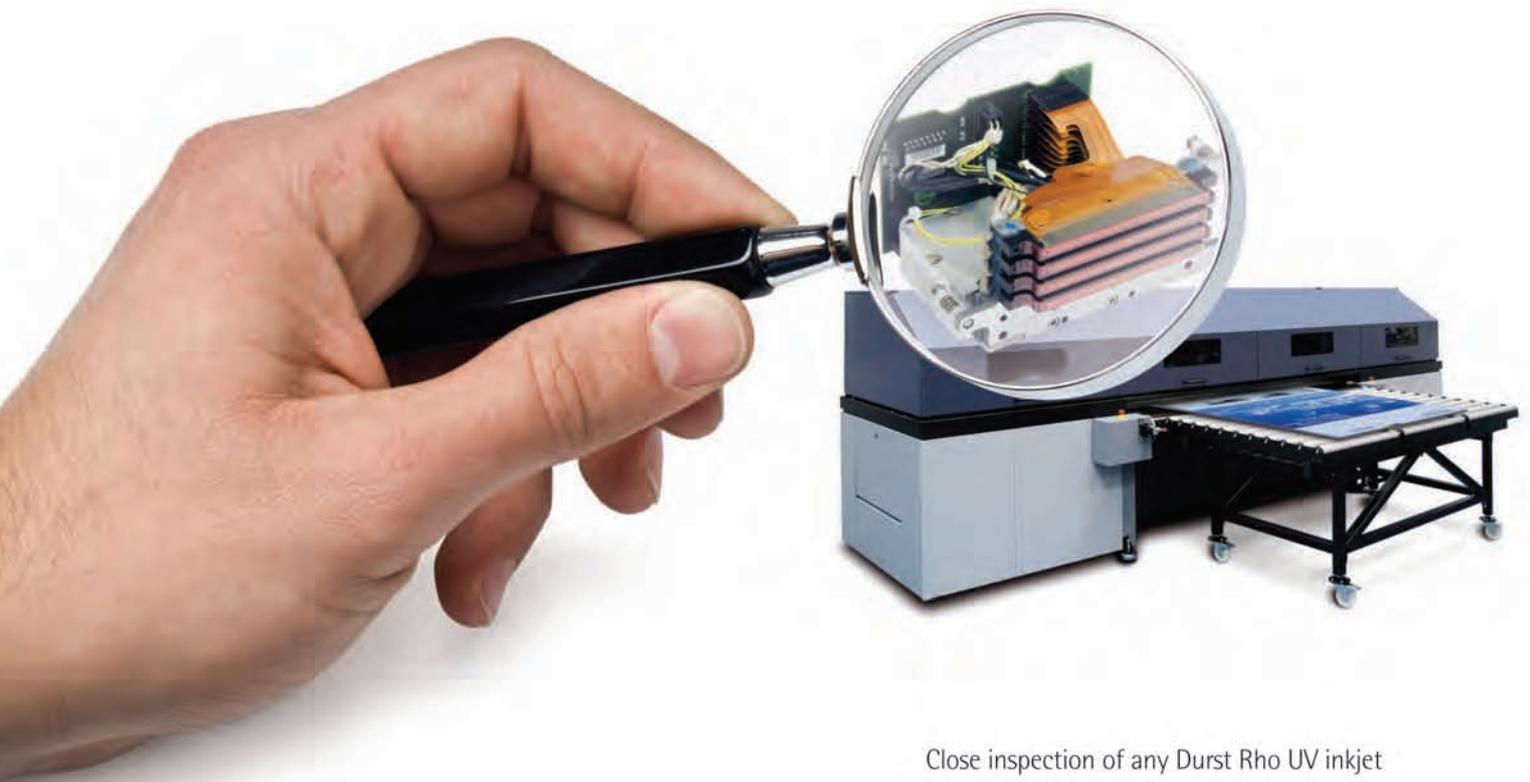
The growing sales trend in solvent printers, which cannot use heat laminating films, has prompted GBC to respond to its customers' requirements with a high-quality, durable cold film solution. Cold laminators are used when the laminated material is sensitive to heat. For example, some inkjet printers use inks that can melt when heated and other models require the use of heat sensitive paper.

The biggest advantages of using cold lamination are the low maintenance required and ease of use. As cold laminators do not use heat, no electricity is required to operate the machine, resulting in no warm-up time and faster movement of the material through the laminator. There is no need to adjust the roller tension or thermostat as cold lamination machines use pressure sensitive adhesives to bind the lamination film. GBC's Arctic Pressure Sensitive cold lamination films ensure high color density and brightness, enhanced contrast and a top quality professional finishing.

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The Cube – see the difference

Grafityp UK Ltd, one of the longest serving and most established suppliers of equipment and medias to the Sign and Print industries have further enhanced their offerings for companies sourcing UV printers.

“We all appreciate that the market for UV is without doubt growing fast. At Grafityp we set ourselves a goal to be able to offer our existing and potential new customers the best choice of machines possible that can deliver both quality print and build whilst still offering excellent value. It is with all this in mind that we are now delighted to be able to offer the Cube UV printer series from IP & I” said Sales Director Neil Stevenson. “What the Cube series will inspire in customers is the belief that you can actually get a lot more machine for your hard-earned money” continued Neil.

The Cube series of UV printers use the highly regarded Konica print head that allows a maximum resolution of 1440dpi. With 512 nozzles and a drop size of 14 picolitre, it offers excellent quality even when printing small text. It is available in a choice of head configurations including an option for printing white ink.

Two size models are available, a 1.6 metre wide machine and a 2.6 metre wide machine, both utilising the same high quality printing ability, and build quality.

Potential customers can view the Cube in a working environment, giving a real feel for the machines ability to easily handle all types of work, both roll to roll and flatbed.

The Cube 260 can print onto rigid substrates up to an amazing 95mm in thickness at speeds of up to 78 square metres per hour, and with its built in touch screen display and easy interface software it makes easy work of most jobs.

Supplied with a choice of in the box RIP software, it offers potential buyers the opportunity to purchase a high quality 2.6m wide UV printer at a price normally associated with much lesser brands.

The Cube high quality 1440dpi UV printer has without doubt turned up the heat in the expectation stakes.

The IP & I Cube series from Grafityp UK “Let Your Eyes Show You The Difference.”

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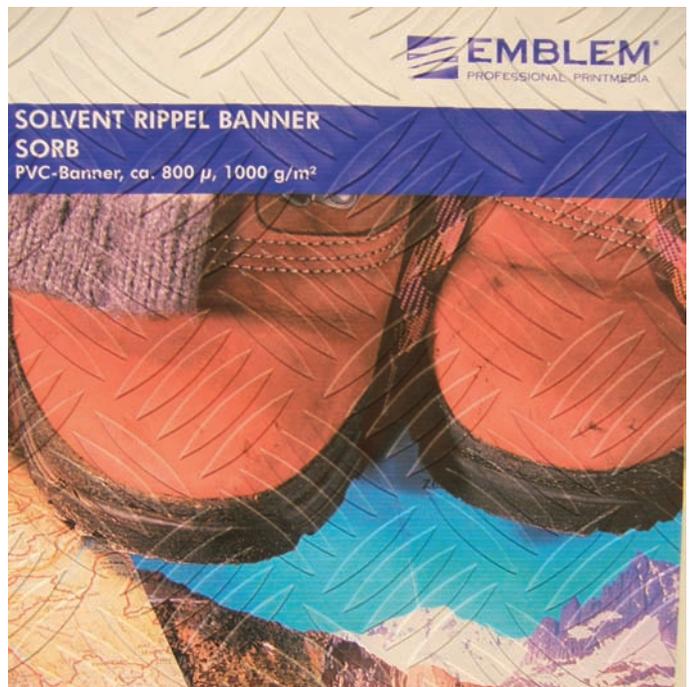
Emblem steps forward with new solvent banner surface

Dataplot has added a PVC banner material to its range of wide format solvent inkjet media marketed under the Emblem brand. The new product has a distinctive surface texture readily recognisable in floor and other surface applications.

Available in a weight of 1000gm² with a thickness of approximately 800 microns this robust and durable material can be printed with solvent, eco-solvent and uv curable inks to produce floor graphics, counter or table surfaces along with a wide range of other innovative applications.

Export director Jens Wilke says: “This new material is part of our continuing endeavour to bring imaginative new products to extend the value of the Emblem range of banners, films, canvas, paper, vinyl and laminates for both solvent and aqueous wide format ink jet technologies. The new product which we call Emblem Solvent Rippel Banner is strong enough for intensive use applications such as exhibition stands but can be extended even further with a sealing solution we provide that will protect the printed image for considerably longer.”

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Roland introduces new version of the Soljet Pro III XC-540 printer/cutter

Roland DG Corporation, a leading worldwide provider of wide-format inkjet printers and integrated printer/cutters, recently introduced a powerful new version of its SolJet™ PRO III XC-540 printer/cutter featuring revolutionary new Roland Intelligent Pass Control technology and additional enhancements that deliver even higher levels of speed, print quality and versatility.

The SolJet™ PRO III XC-540 printer/cutter is widely recognised as the industry's highest performing and most flexible production tool for a wide variety of applications, including partial and full vehicle wraps and graphics, signs, point-of-purchase (POP) displays, banners, labels, decals and more. The new XC-540 is Roland's most advanced 54-inch printer/cutter ever, offering all the advantages of the company's revolutionary new Roland Intelligent Pass Control technology. This new feature is a combination of Roland's VersaWorks® RIP and printer firmware that doubles the XC-540's productivity in standard print mode on vinyl. Roland DG's Intelligent Pass Control precisely controls dot placement to enhance print quality in every print mode by creating even smoother gradations, flawless solid colours and no visible banding.

The new XC-540 features award-winning Eco-Sol Max™ inks and is available in two models: the XC-540 in six-colour CMYKLcLm and four-colour CMYK configurations, and the XC-540W model equipped with five-colour CMYK+W ink set that features Roland's new white Eco-Sol Max™ ink.

When paired with transparent and opaque media, including gold and silver reflective substrates used for labels and decals, the XC-540W and white Eco-Sol Max™ ink offer shops the flexibility to print in three configurations for added versatility: CMYK plus white, white only and CMYK. The XC-540W prints highlights, graphics and text on transparent media for a range of unique, profitable applications including decorative window films, packaging comps, signs, labels, decals and POP displays. In addition, the white Eco-Sol Max™ ink can be printed as an undercoat to increase the opacity and vividness of four - colour printing.

Both XC-540 models come with powerful Roland VersaWorks® RIP software, including the Roland Colour System for spot colour matching, variable data printing, and the Max Impact™ preset for richer colour contrast, outstanding image quality and maximum productivity. The new models also feature upgraded media flanges that securely support media tracking for precision printing through long, unattended production runs.

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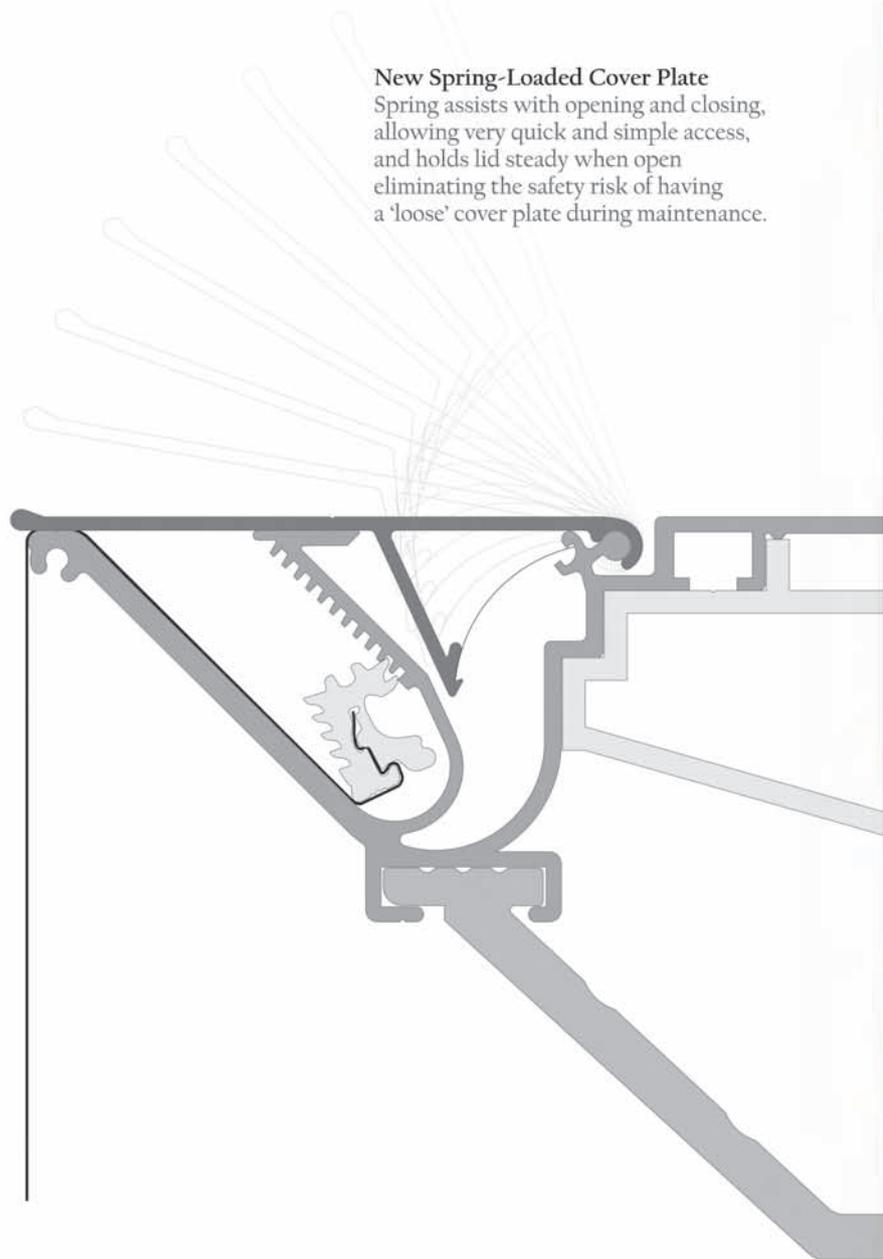
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Thanks to the new modifications, Speed Flex now accommodates the Alumiflex tensioning tool, for a more refined tensioning experience.

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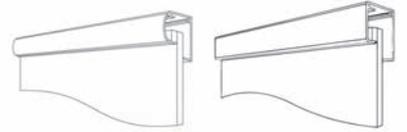
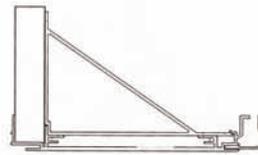
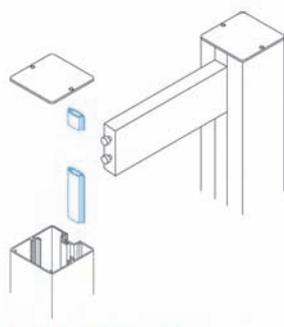
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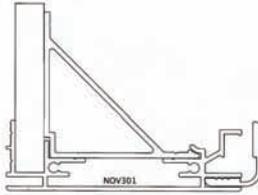
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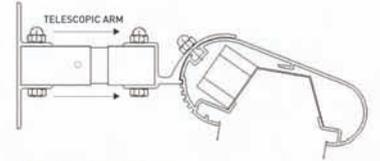


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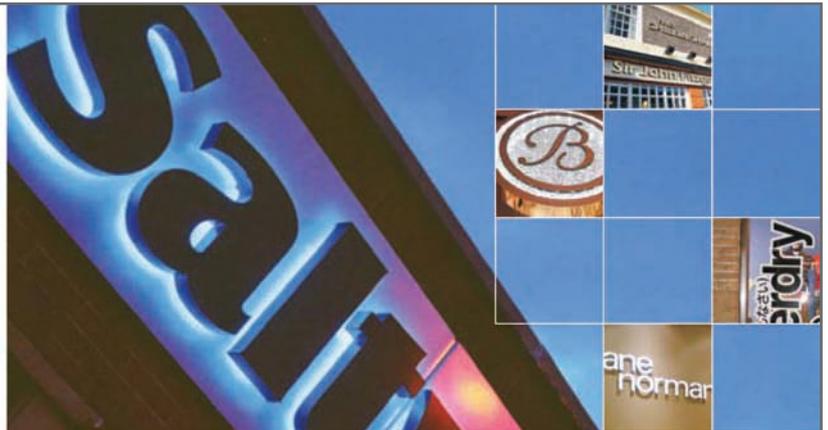
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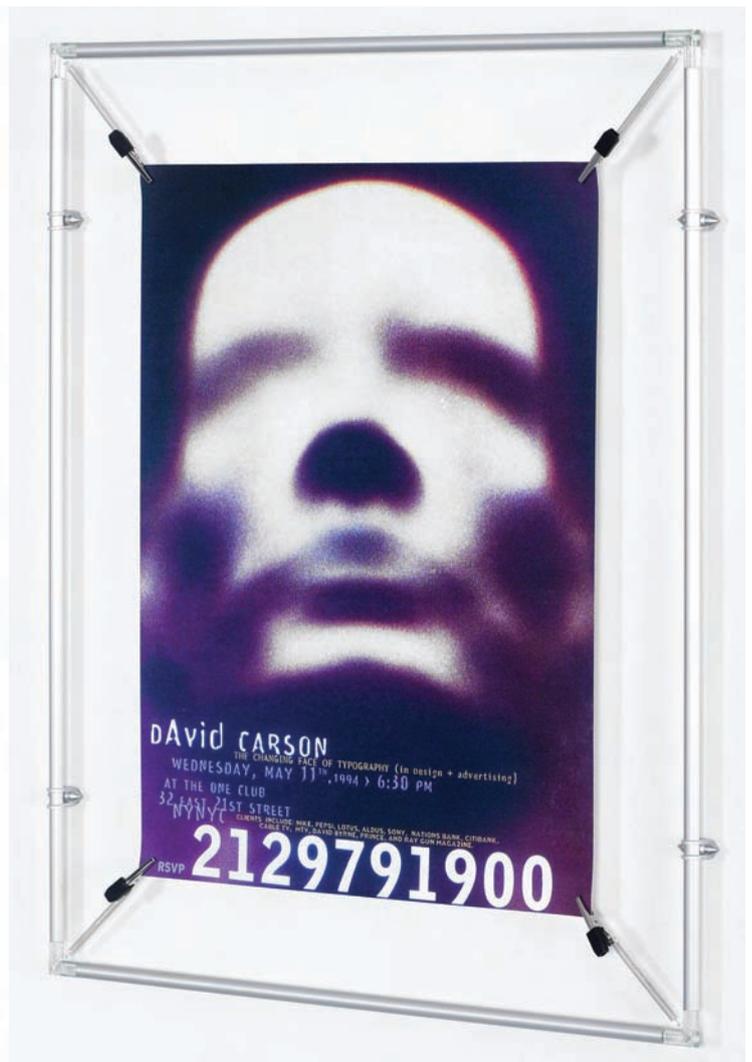
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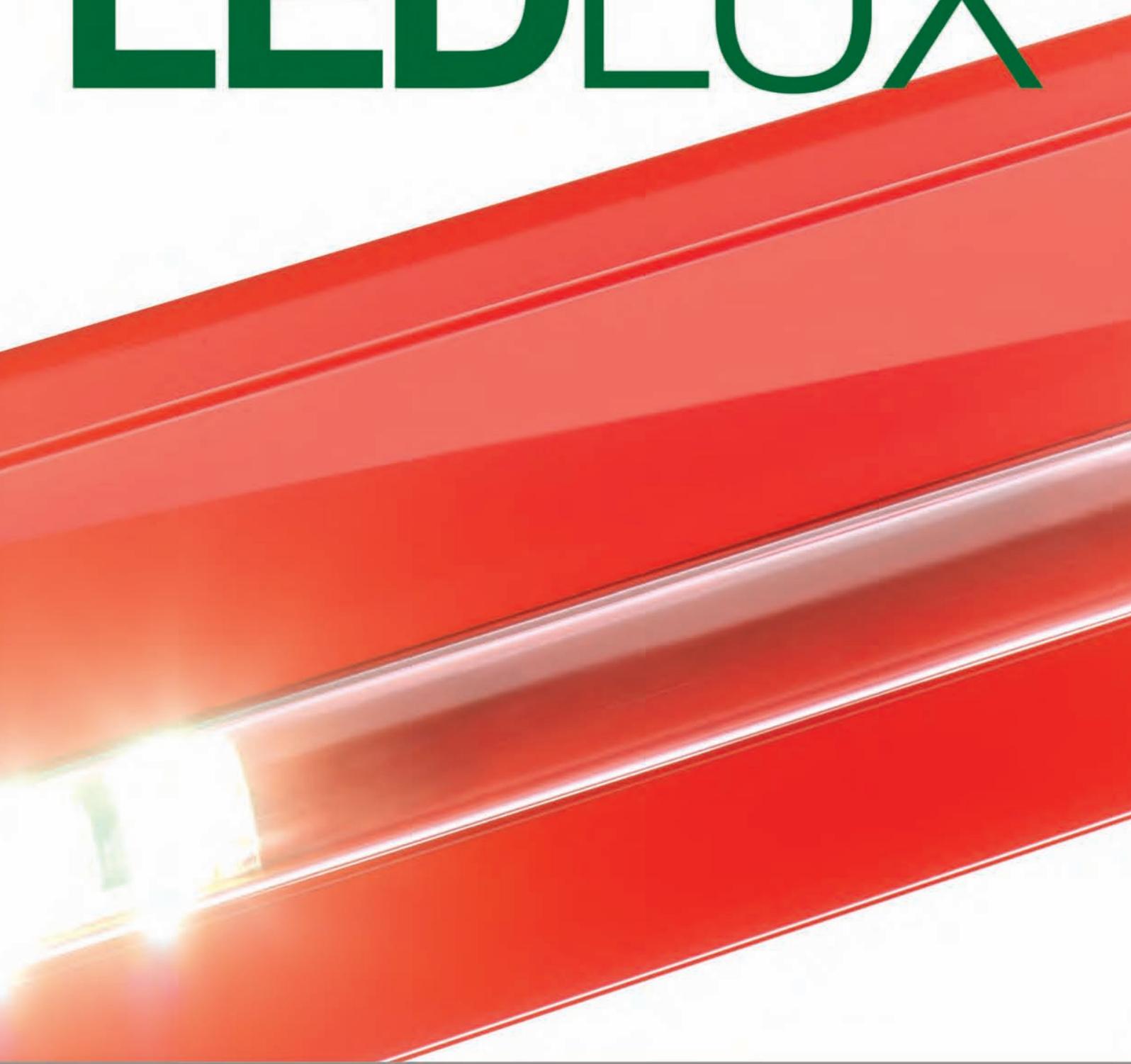
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Spandex announces new inkjet printer and banner displays at open house events

Spandex introduced several new products at a series of open house events held in Bristol, Manchester and Basildon during March and April.

The company used the two-day events to showcase its extensive range of wide-format inkjet printing solutions from leading industry manufacturers and new products from the company's sign systems and materials portfolio. Hardware on show included Mutoh's high-performance, variable drop, mild-solvent Blizzard and its cost-effective, user-friendly, ValueJet series.

One of the highlights was news about Gerber's new Solara ion wide format inkjet printer, due to be available from the end of April 2008.

The Solara ion is a result of extensive customer research and years of technological development. Designed to provide enviable speed, versatility, accuracy and consistency, Gerber is announcing the new inkjet as "the most affordable, fully-functional

outdoor durable wide-format printer in the world". It features an innovative printing system, further enhanced by an entirely new Cationic UV ink set which, says Gerber, yields features and benefits unmatched by any other printer.

With flatbed and roll-to-roll printer functionality the Solara ion supports a particularly broad range of applications and materials. It prints on rigid materials up to 25.4mm (1") thick and 1.6m (64" wide) on a vacuum table providing exceptional stability. Eight print modes range from high speed at 639 sq.ft. per hour to crisp and clear 6pt text to satisfy different printing applications.

The Gerber Solar ion is not only created to give the ultimate in production speed, it's also designed to offer ease of use and consistent dependability. All crucial system commands are on dedicated buttons on the control panel for instant access.

Other new product highlights introduced at the open house events and further adding to Spandex's value as a one-stop shop, were banner display systems.

Spandex's new Electronic Rolling Display (400 Series) has a display height up to 1750mm with a total media length up to 3500mm. Quick to assemble, this system provides a perfect solution for point of sale, retail and exhibition use. Suitable as a free-standing display, it can also be wall mounted, or ceiling mounted to provide a double sided effect.

The new Roll Up Display is available in two models (300 and 301 Series). These are lightweight for easy transportation with easy changing of graphics. Both models are 2m high and 850mm wide.

Spandex's new cost effective Stand Up Displays (200 Series) are 2m high and available in three widths (600mm, 800mm, 1m) with a choice of single or double sided display areas for added versatility.

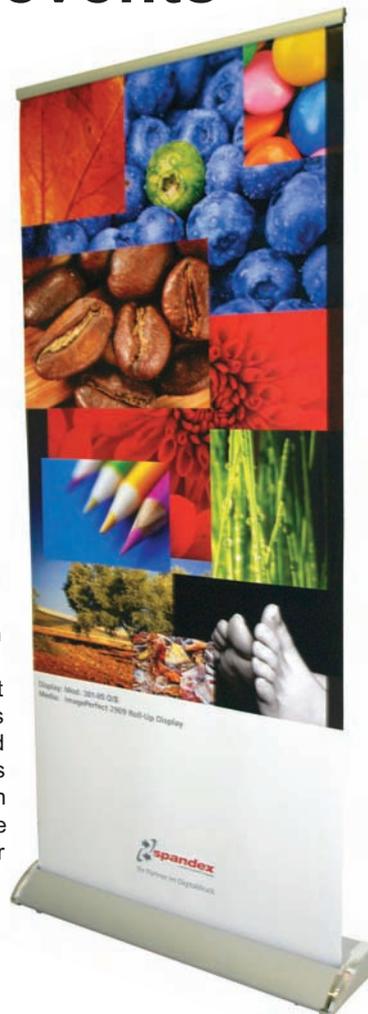
All three new display systems come complete with quality foam padded carry case.

Attendees at the open house events were able to benefit from seminars offering practical advice for improving business performance and adding value. Seminar topics included Advanced Colour Management and Profiling, The Advantages of UV Printing, Onyx Workflow Management, and Get set for marketing success.

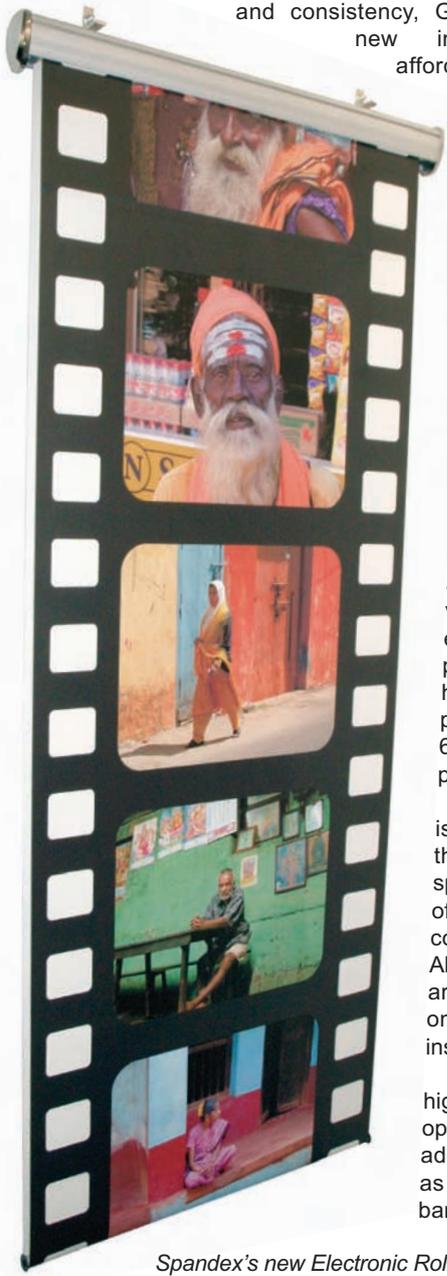
In addition, there was plenty of opportunity to consult with many of Spandex's material suppliers and take part in interactive workshops focussing on print and banner finishing, textile printing, new techniques in modular sign systems, vehicle wrapping, and Photoshop and image manipulation.

"As a total solutions supplier, Spandex offers a huge array of hardware and materials to the sign and digital industries," says Phil McMullin, Country Manager, Spandex UK. "Our open house events offer the perfect opportunity for Spandex to interact with the signmaking and digital printing community and showcase our latest products. These events are invaluable for any sign maker or digital printer looking to enhance their capability and boost profit."

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Free upgrade for Roland Soljet Pro III XC-540s

Roland DG Corporation, a leading worldwide provider of wide-format inkjet printers and printer/cutters, has announced the launch of a powerful upgrade to its SolJet PRO III XC-540 54-inch printer/cutter, which is available to current users at no cost. The software upgrade will boost productivity and print quality of all XC-540s in service, and is part of the wider Value-Up initiative by Roland DG to ensure that equipment in the field is supported by the very latest software.

The XC-540, Roland's fastest and most advanced printer/cutter, is used by top professionals to produce high-quality signs, banners, vehicle and fleet graphics and wraps, labels, decals, point of purchase (POP) displays and more. The Value-Up initiative gives existing XC-540 customers the opportunity to download powerful new performance upgrades, as featured in the new 2008 XC-540 line.

The upgrade means that Roland's revolutionary new Intelligent Pass Control technology is now available for all XC-540s. Intelligent Pass Control is a combination of RIP and printer software that doubles the XC-540's productivity in standard print mode on vinyl.

Roland DG's Intelligent Pass Control precisely layers dots on top of each other to enhance print quality in every print mode by creating even smoother gradations, flawless solid colours and reducing banding. Newly upgraded XC-540 media flanges are also included in the initiative as well, and ensure precise, secure media tracking through long unattended production runs.

Roland DG UK managing director, Jerry Davies, said: "This upgrade to the XC-540, and wider Value-Up initiative to make the latest software available to customers without charge, demonstrates our commitment to provide advanced support services that add real value. Today's wide format user wants to know that they have partnered with a manufacturer that has a support infrastructure in place to help them develop a competitive advantage."

XC-540 customers can visit www.rolanddg.com/2008xc540DL.html to download a free upgrade kit. Media flanges are available from authorised Roland dealers and distributors worldwide. All new XC-540 printer/cutters for 2008 include the enhancements.



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Portland launches first affordable LED trough lighting

Portland Lighting, a leading manufacturer and supplier of innovative products, has just launched LEDlux, the first LED trough lighting system for the UK sign industry.

The market is hungry for LED technology with all its eco-friendly, energy saving and low maintenance advantages. But until now, the difficulty in achieving sufficient light spread evenly over an entire surface without the spotting normally associated with LEDs, has prevented development of successful LED trough lighting at a financially viable cost.

Portland drew on its extensive research and development expertise to overcome these problems and create the exciting and stylish LEDlux at a price affordable to the sign trade.

LEDlux uses high power 3.6 watt LED modules in 'chip on board' technology combined with broad 140 degree light distribution and a specialist magnifying extruded lens to achieve bright, uniform lighting. Illumination is comparable to conventional fluorescent trough lighting but operating costs are reduced by more than 50 per cent.

Sealed to IP64, together with IP67 power converters and protective coated LEDs which have an integrated current source to stabilise luminous flux and outstanding lamp life, LEDlux offers enviable reliability of service and maintenance-free costs. A projected LED life of more than 50,000 hours could mean that fascia signs only half illuminated because fluorescents have not been replaced are a thing of the past. In addition, LEDlux has clear added value in the protection of valuable natural resources.

Portland designed the attractive casing to also house fluorescent lamps. The unique clip-in cover enables easy retro fitting into the signlux system, giving flexibility and the option of utilising a traditional light source or the new LED technology in relighting programmes.

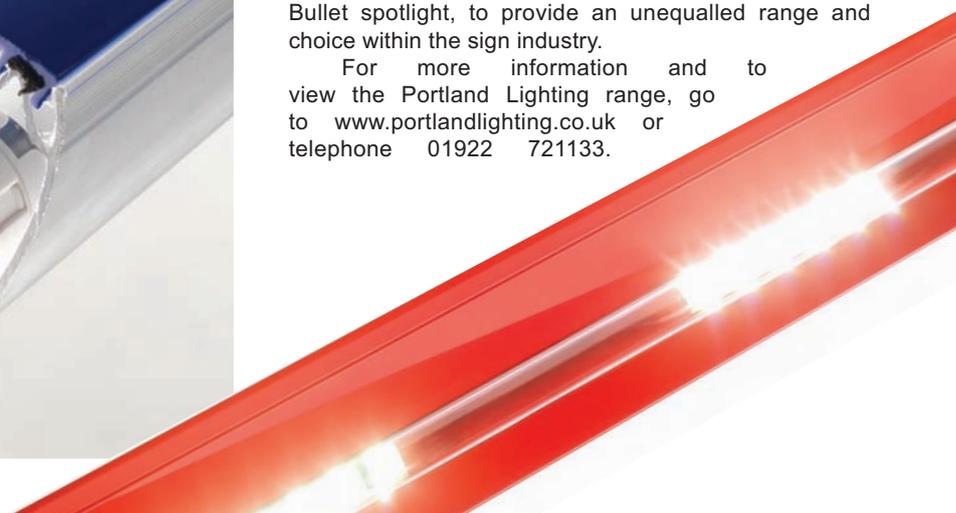


LEDlux is polyester powder coated to a black or white finish in Portland's manufacturing facility and can be supplied to customer specified lengths from stock within 24 hours. Other RAL and BS colours are available upon request.

An all new sleek and quick-fit bracket system not only pivots but is fully three-way adjustable to cater for uneven surfaces, obstacles and angles of illumination. LEDlux's extrusion enables the fitter to hang the unit prior to locating fixings without having to support its weight, contributing to vastly reduced installation time and costs.

LEDlux joins the Portland family of Microlux, Adlux, the original and ever-popular signlux, and the Bullet spotlight, to provide an unequalled range and choice within the sign industry.

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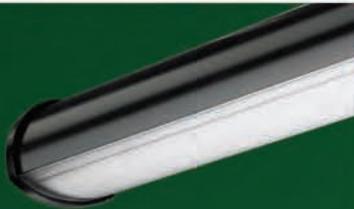
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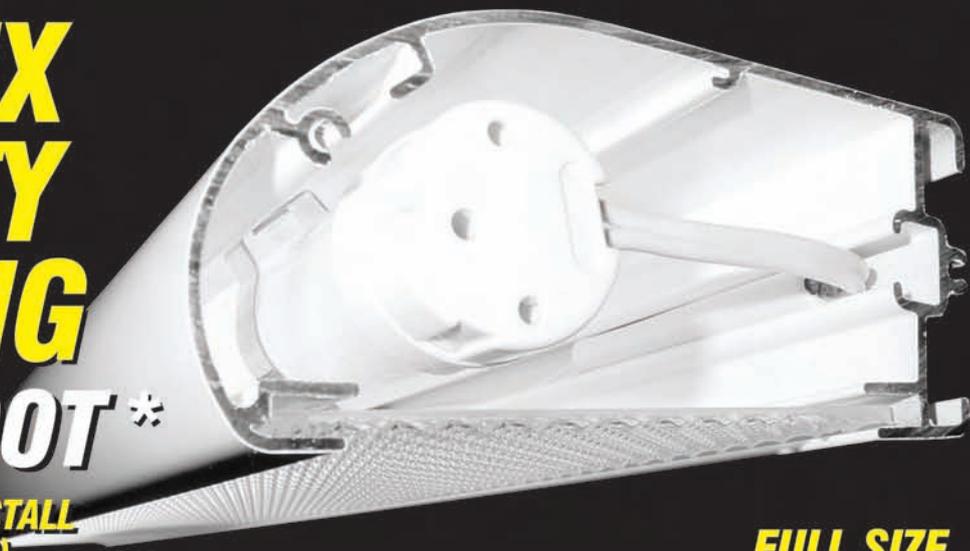


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SP Group Heralds its Inca Onset

SP Group, a UK leading point-of-sale and retail solutions print service provider and part of St Ives plc, has been utilising the Inca Onset digital press to produce personalised wide-format print. SP is printing on the Onset at speeds of up to 500 square metres per hour and according to SP, at significantly comparable quality to traditional screen print.

"The new Inca Onset press undeniably takes large format digital print to another level," comments Simon Ward, managing director, UK Sales, St Ives plc. "The quality, speed, and most importantly for our customers the personalisation ability of the Onset, makes it, in our eyes, the worlds first 'digital screen press'."

The personalisation capabilities open new opportunities in the wide format POS market – print can be cost effectively customised to reflect regional dialects and marketing can be localised to each store without compromising on turnaround times. For SP Group, which has been offering small format, localised digital POS and ticketing to the retail market for several years, this is groundbreaking technology that genuinely enhances the offering to our customers.

"Our market is driven by the need for short-run, quick turnaround POS, that enables retailers to regularly change displays and promotions," comments Jeremy Jones, group operations director, SP Group. "By installing the Inca Onset we can respond to market demands as the press's unique features help our customers keep one step ahead of competition."

Amongst other benefits that the press offers is its ability to print onto almost any substrate up to 10mm thick and a maximum size of 3.2m x 1.5m. Thanks to the drying process, a wider colour gamut makes images look brighter and more vivid, which enables brand managers to obtain a closer colour match across multiple print processes.

"SP Group's Inca Onset can achieve an impressive litho quality print but with all the speed and turnaround benefits of digital. Key advantages include the wide variety of substrates the press can image, its quality and its colour gamut, all of which contribute to our ability to supply high impact solutions to our customers," comments Lee Harris, senior project manager, Arno GB.

"One job we recently produced for a high street retailer involved printing onto foamex. The substrate was too thick to run through a litho press, but we were able to put it on the Onset and print direct.



SP Group's new Inca Onset digital press in operation.

Another benefit is that SP is now able to isolate individual areas within a file and change the colour gamut without it affecting the entire print – this is a significant breakthrough that customers can benefit from."

The press, which was installed at SP Group's Redditch headquarters in June 2007, was operational after only 10 weeks of testing and training. The company is putting the new technology through its paces running three shifts, seven days a week.

"Due to our high volume of print we are really pushing the Onset technology that Inca has developed," continues Jeremy. "There is no doubt that the Onset is a very exciting large format digital press; and we are working with Inca to maximise its output capacity and fully explore the benefits of this technology."

SP Group, which now includes digital large format specialists Service Graphics, has 1200 employees based at thirteen sites across the UK. In addition to its Inca Onset, it runs amongst others, two Inca Columbia Turbo presses and two Inca Spyder presses. With turnover exceeding £130 million, it is among the UK's largest and most innovative point-of-sale printers.

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Seal Graphics introduces two all-new film laminators

Printers and finishing houses seeking to introduce, update or enhance their laminating equipment would do well to look at the all-new models 44 Ultra Plus and 62 Ultra Plus from SEAL Graphics.

Due to their ease-of-use, both are described as entry-level machines suitable for first-time users but the level of specification and sophistication means they will be equally at home in more volume-oriented environments.

The SEAL 44 Ultra Plus is capable of mounting, laminating and encapsulating digitally and photographically produced graphics up to 1115mm (44ins) wide; while the 62 Ultra Plus will take widths up to 1550mm (61ins). The inclusion of a powered rewind station means the Ultra Plus machines also handle pressure sensitive materials with ease.

Both are capable of handling substrates up to 12.5mm thick at speeds of 2.13m/minute. Each incorporates top and bottom heated rollers (switchable to top-heat only if required) with three temperature settings to suit different films and adhesives.

These new models incorporate a foot control for hands-free operation and precise media/substrate feed and - due to its ability to handle wider, heavier materials - the 62 Ultra Plus also has a roll capture mechanism for ease of consumables handling.

With their compact design, these laminators will find favour in even the most restricted spaces and provide a solution to an almost infinite range of finished applications.

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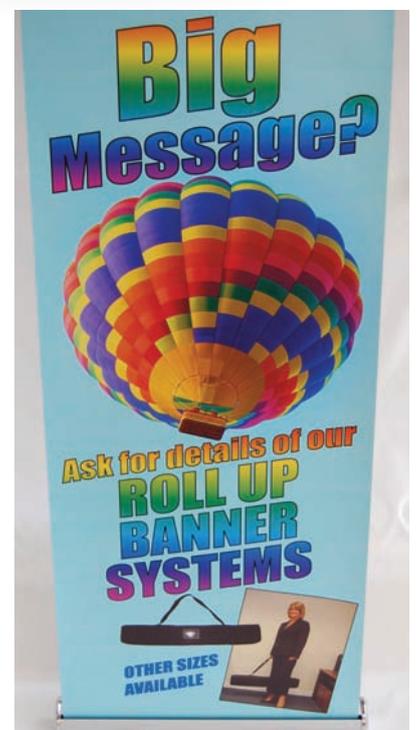
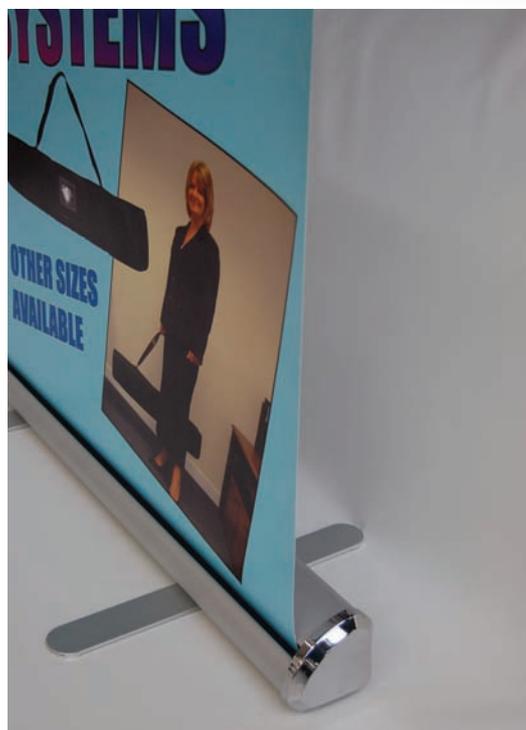


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Businesswoman Launches Local Sign Shop

Lorraine Sullivan, who has lived in Reading for over 30 years, has decided to step out on her own by opening FASTSIGNS® Reading, a provider of signs and graphics solutions including exhibition displays and corporate and retail signage to local businesses and organisations.

Lorraine researched the many options for owning a business and franchising seemed like a winning solution for a first time business owner. Thanks to its proven business concept, FASTSIGNS was the franchise of choice as it provides extensive training and a strong global support network.

Joining Lorraine at the centre on Richfield Avenue are sign designer Dean Costello and customer service representative, Tiffanie White. Lorraine's husband Gary is the centre's co-owner.

"I'm really excited about opening my own business in such a thriving community as Reading," said Lorraine. "It is really important to me that we don't just provide high-quality signage solutions, but that we also deliver exceptional customer service. It's also great to have more time in the evenings to spend with my four-year-old daughter instead of being on the road."

Garth Allison, managing director of FASTSIGNS UK, added: "Lorraine is a passionate and enthusiastic businesswoman, who has extremely high standards. She will, I am sure, make a fantastic success of running her FASTSIGNS centre."

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Applelec launches solar panels for use with LEDs

Applelec Sign Components has announced that its long awaited solar panels for use with LED modules are now available. In addition, the company has been appointed exclusive distributor for three ranges from two overseas companies.

Applelec's new solar panels for use with LED modules, Solar-LED, meet the needs of customers requiring power to a remote sign location, without having to dig up the street or a car park. They are also especially liked by architects and designers striving for 'Greener' lighting solutions for their customers.

Running costs of Solar-LEDs are minimal and a variety of fixing brackets are available for easy fitting.

The range can be seen on Applelec's stand at Sign UK 2008.

Co. Sign has appointed Applelec Sign Components as exclusive UK distributor for both its Display and Sign System ranges. Co. Sign is a Belgium based company specialising in Modular Sign & Display systems.

Ian Drinkwater, Applelec's Sales Director commented, "For some time now we have been looking to add a Display range of fixings and supports to our product range, we feel we have found that with Co. Sign, their solid stainless steel fixings look most impressive."

He added that Co. Sign's Modular Sign system contrasts and complements Applelec's existing fabricated products and offers outstanding versatility.

Co. Sign's Wall Mounted Panel Supports, with rod and cable components, are now available for immediate sampling and production orders from Applelec Sign Components (UK) Ltd.

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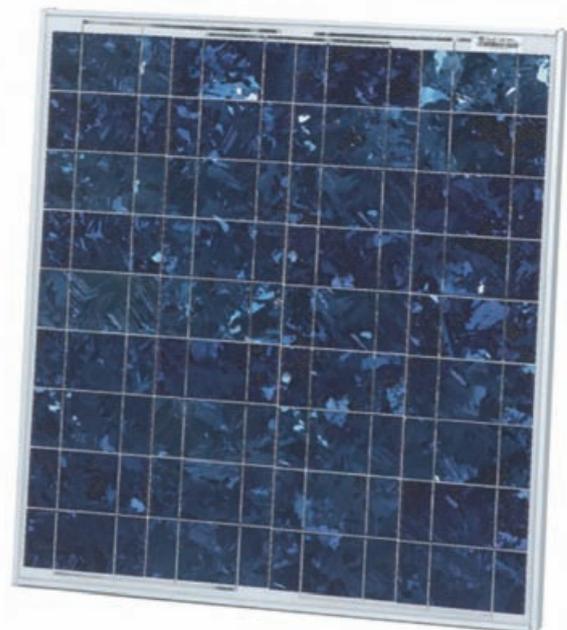
Shay Cohen, Signal's MD said, "The reasoning behind the decision to appoint Applelec was simple, they, above all others, proved to us their commitment and ability to promote and support our signage systems."

Applelec is now offering Signal Sign System's way-finding sign units and frames with directories, either curved or flat faced, incorporating wall mounted, projecting, and totem signs. Poster display frames with a snap side profile to allow for easy interchange of inserts are also available, as well as an exterior light box series.

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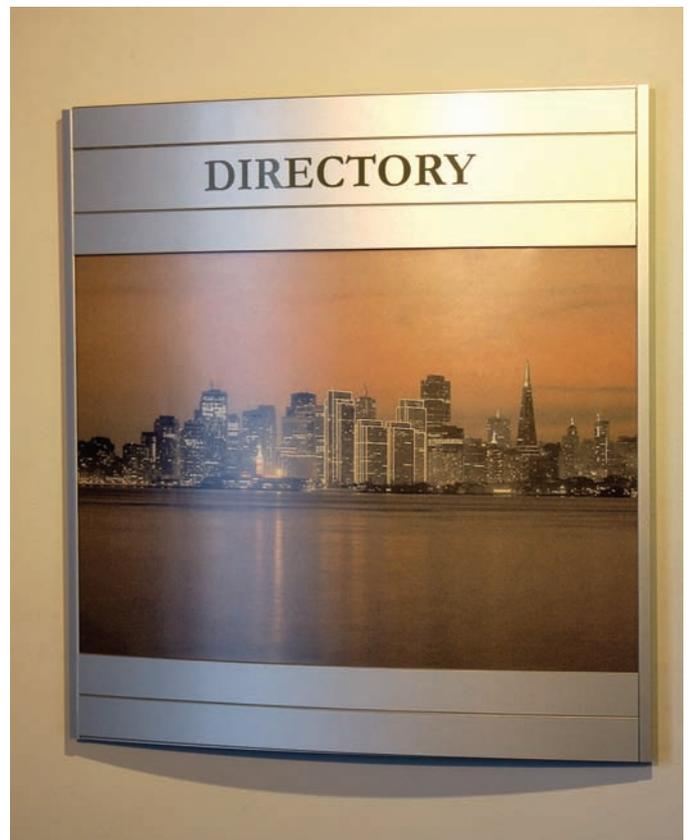
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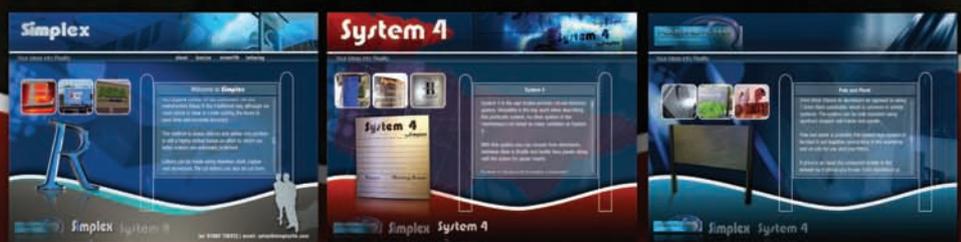


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Océ Arizona 250 GT aids Kokoon expansion

Kokoon, a Bradford-based large format graphics and sign company has installed an Océ Arizona 250 GT, which will help the company improve turnover and efficiency as well as to open doors to new clients and business.

Kokoon, established in 2005, undertakes primarily large-format digital printing for businesses in the exhibition and retail sectors. It has been working with the digital printer manufacturer since March 2007 when Océ invited it out to Océ OpenHouse to view its various display graphics printing systems.

This new investment is part of the company's expansion and follows on from the purchase of an Océ Colourspan CS7100 earlier in the year.

David Taylor, Managing Director, Kokoon, said: "Although it's too early to quantify fully the benefits of having such a machine, we are confident that it will open a lot of doors to new clients and thus increase our turnover."

The Océ Arizona 250 GT is ideal for producing a wide variety of display graphics such as point-of-purchase displays, limited-term signage, banners, event graphics, backlit and reflective rigid displays, transit advertising, and directional signage. It uses UV curable inks and Océ VariaDot imaging technology and the next evolution of piezo inkjet technology that enables a print head to produce dots of variable size, delivering near-photographic image quality.

Mr Taylor continued: "We chose the Océ Arizona 250 GT because of the excellent quality of its output and the fact that has enabled us to print things that we would never have been able to do before in particular for new business pitching. For example, for one marketing company, the Arizona enabled us to print on ping-pong balls!

"The machine's reliability is excellent, which is vital in our industry, and it is incredibly user-friendly. More importantly, the quality is second to none and our customers have been very impressed with the high standard of the samples they have seen. We are confident the Océ Arizona 250 GT will have a positive impact on our business."

Duncan Smith, business unit director of Wide Format Printing Systems at Océ UK, said: "The huge benefits of having an Océ Arizona 250 GT will soon become apparent to both Kokoon and its growing client base. It will enable Kokoon to deliver top quality materials, productivity and flexible across a wide range of projects and thus stand out from all its competitors. We are very much looking forward to a long and fruitful partnership with Kokoon."

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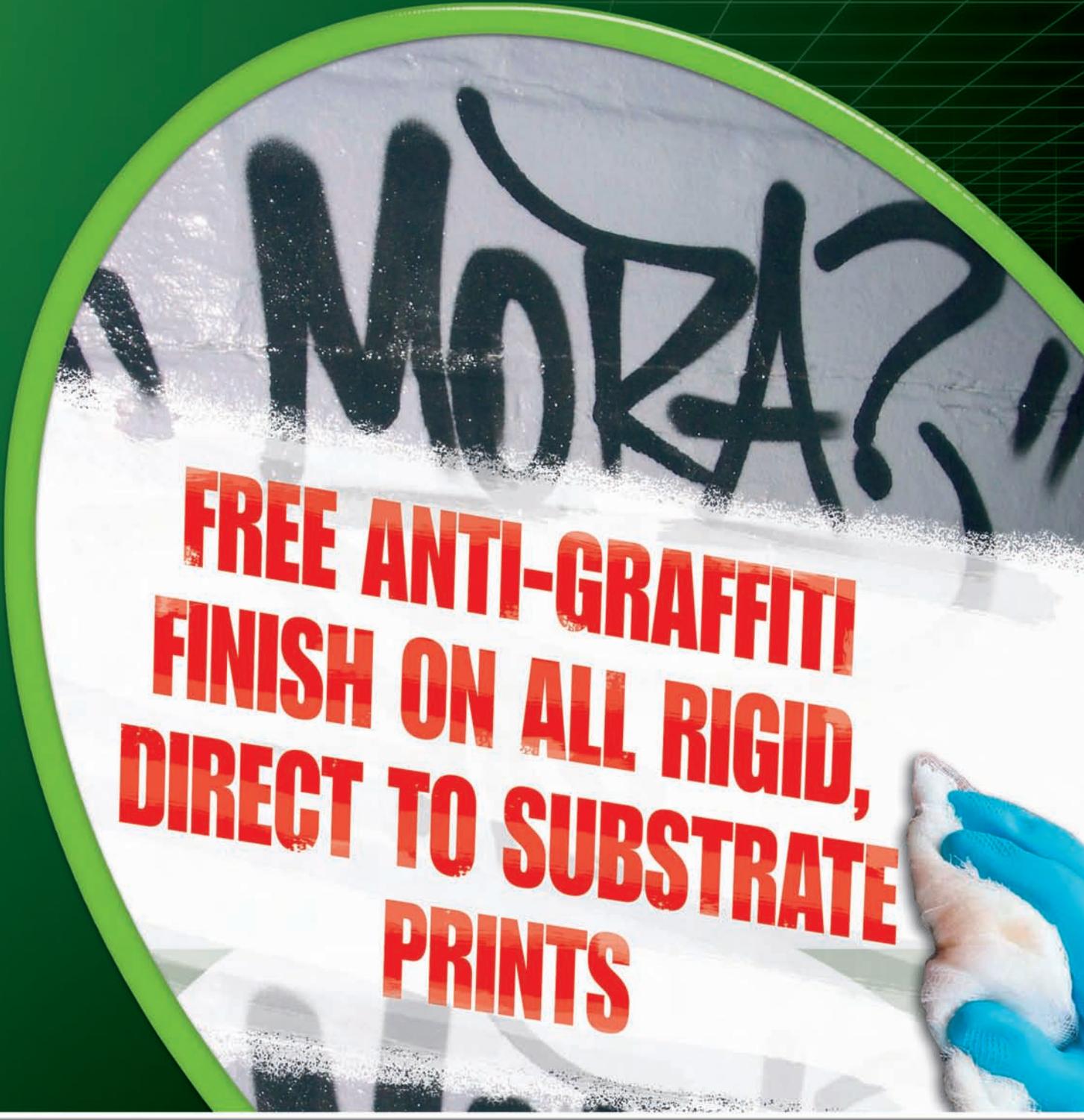
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Branding specialist ESP extends its UV-curable wide-format print options

The recent investment in a UV-curable flat-bed and roll-fed printer by ESP Technologies Group sees the company move forward as a branding specialist positioned to produce wide and superwide-format solutions of all sizes and run lengths for its rapidly expanding customer base. The EFI VUTEk QS3200 was installed in the run-up to Christmas, and now enables the Kent based graphic display specialist to offer quality output direct to wider rigid materials as a complement to its existing screen-printing and roll-fed digital capabilities.

Founded in 1993 primarily producing screen-printed displays and point-of-purchase applications, ESP Technologies Group was an early adopter of digital superwide-format print. The company purchased a VUTEk 5300 5 m wide solvent-based machine in 2000, along with a liquid laminator of the same width which is the only one of this size in the UK.

Two years later, ESP Technologies Group was the first print specialist world-wide to invest in an EFI VUTEk PressVu flat-bed system. As production sizes increased, a 5 m welder was added to enable continuous welding for larger output and to move all finishing processes in-house.

Specialising in the production of a wide range of branding projects, ESP Technologies now offers a broad portfolio of services which includes back-lit graphics, banners, exhibition displays, digital wall-coverings, floor and window graphics, vehicle liveries and hoardings. The company's extensive experience is demonstrated in the types of materials it uses, including rigid, flexible faced and all self-adhesive media, plus specialist substrates including its own ESP Colourtrans back-illuminated film which offers strong rich colours at vibrant levels not normally associated with digital print production.

The mix of applications on offer to brands seeking quality and consistency, combined with increasing demand for UV-curable print, led ESP Technologies Group to increase its production capacity in this market area. An existing EFI VUTEk customer and partner in the development of flat-bed UV-curable printing, the QS3200 was chosen because of its high standards of print quality and production speeds. The printer is designed to output direct to rigid materials up to 3.2 m wide and 5.08 cm thick, with quick change-over to flexible media taking less than a minute.

Featuring a maximum output resolution of 1080 dpi, the EFI VUTEK QS3200 prints in six colours and has the option for white ink. The machine has been designed to give productivity advantages such as its feed-side control module for near-continuous output and, as a hybrid unit, it is suitable both for roll-fed and rigid materials.



Managing director of ESP Technologies Group, Stephen Hood, comments: "Our client list comprises many brand specialists who expect us to supply far more than typical print provider services; the result is that we produce challenging high quality jobs which meet a wide range of different requirements. The addition of the EFI VUTEk QS3200 enables us to extend the solutions we already offer by further broadening our mix of technologies which are essential when offering a comprehensive and diverse service for all of our clients.

"The increasing use of UV-curable ink technologies throughout the display segment has taken place at a time when ESP Technologies Group was ready to extend its print capabilities," Hood continues. "As long-standing customers of EFI VUTEK, it made sense for us to opt for the QS3200; its output capabilities and quality complement the other services we provide."

ESP Technologies Group has built up a strong reputation for producing high standards of work, on time, and Hood believes that much of this success is a direct result of the solid relationships built with its growing client base. The combination of trust and confidentiality, with the ability "to apply correctly human skill and technology", means that the company is happy to work on new and challenging projects which might appear too daunting for many print providers to tackle.

"A client's brand is his most important and valuable asset," concludes Hood. "We have the people, the project management expertise and the associated technologies to bring practical and cost-effective solutions for national and international customers. This applies across all aspects of screen and digital wide- and superwide-format production, from one-offs and short-runs through to high volume applications."

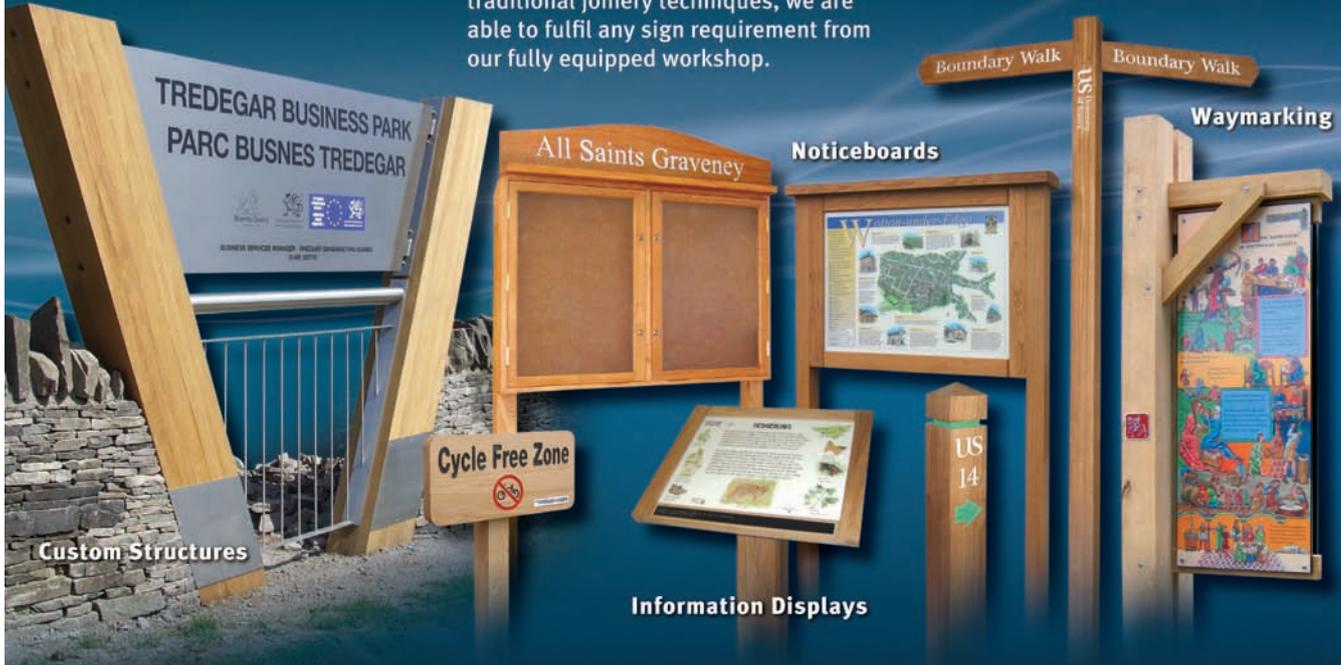
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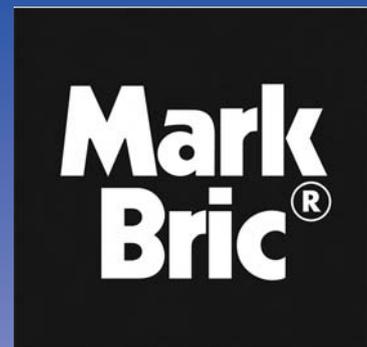


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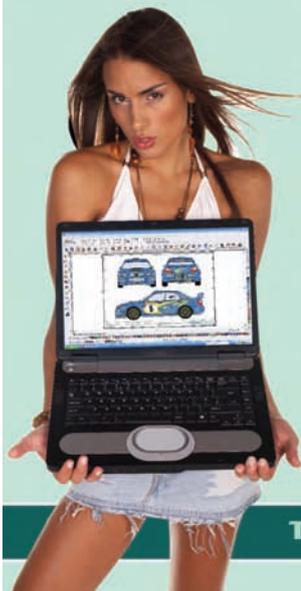
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WXYZ at the cutting edge

Appropriately named, Dublin-based Cutting Edge provides a much sought after trade support facility for Ireland's blossoming sign industry. Following a six-month period of initial planning, assessment of the potential market, the most appropriate location and the likely equipment requirements, the company commenced business at the Greenogue Business Park in Rathcoole, County Dublin in March 2006. Starting with just the two principal partners, Martin Kennedy and Keith Byrne, Cutting Edge now employs a staff of six with plans to expand the workforce further and has doubled its manufacturing capacity to cope with demand.

The company has forged strong links with Ireland's leading sign manufacturers and end users and has built something of a niche market in the production of high-quality finished (sprayed) raised letters and logos that are supplied to the trade with discretion and strict confidentiality. Central to the success of this core element of Cutting Edge business has been the installation of routing solutions provided by WXYZ Automation.

The company started with an WXYZ 6010 machine but has now added a second WXYZ 4008 router featuring an Automatic Tool Changer (ATC) to provide necessary back up for the larger machine which had been working for up to 16 hours a day. The 6010 router has a processing area of 3,048 (length) by 2,095mm (width) and is described as the 'ultimate solution' for the cutting of large sheets of material commonly used in sign production. The smaller 4008 machine has a processing area of 2,440 (length) by 1,466mm (width) and is designed for continuous use in high-volume production, with a particular capability for the machining of eight by four-metre sheets in a thickness of up to 150mm. The ATC facility on this machine has, according to Keith Byrne, 'dramatically increased the speed of production' due to the elimination

of manual tool selection and setting to accommodate different cutting requirements on each job.



To provide the necessary level of reliability when working with high-volume continuous production machinery like routers, Cutting Edge has entered into a long-term maintenance contract with WXYZ Automation. As Keith Byrne explained: 'This seemed expensive at the outset but it has provided the peace of mind we desire in the event of any machine failure. It means we have access to regular service for both machines to ensure that they continue performing to standard and to avoid any unwanted downtime.'

In conclusion, Keith Byrne added: 'Apart from minor "niggles" and the usual consumables that sometimes need replacing, both machines have provided an excellent and reliable service and have proved vital to the growth of our business. As to further machine upgrades, Keith Byrne added: 'Future upgrades from WXYZ are likely to include a misting device and an optical eye for the 4008. The latter enhancement would have proved very useful on a couple of jobs recently undertaken. Certainly, we would not hesitate either in installing further WXYZ technology or recommending the company to other potential users.'

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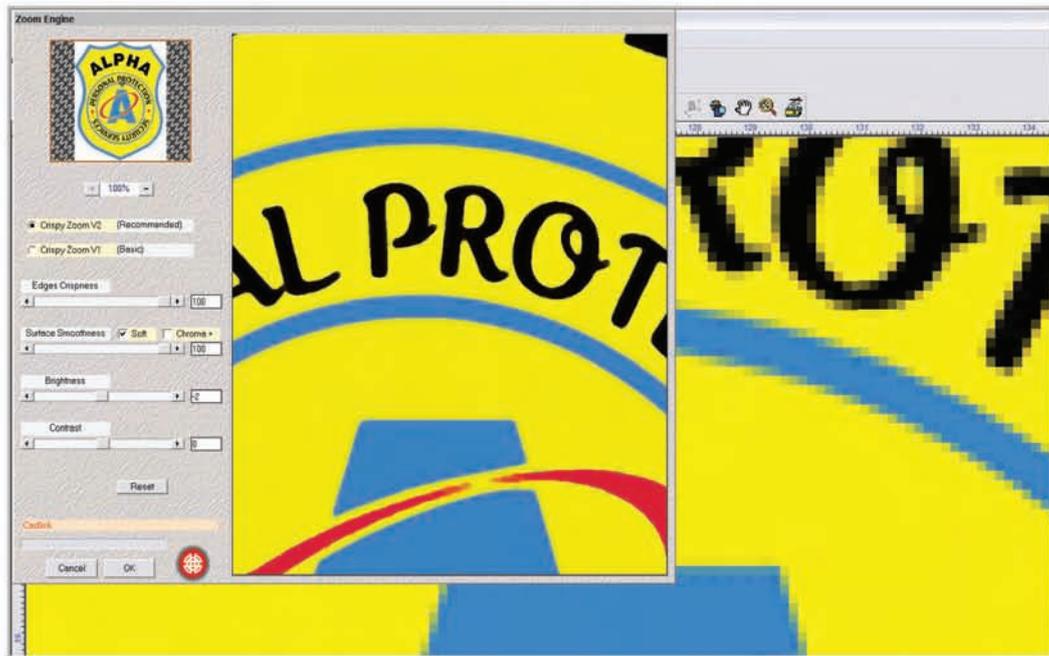
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DESIGN *Tutorial*

Prepare To Vectorize Wizard

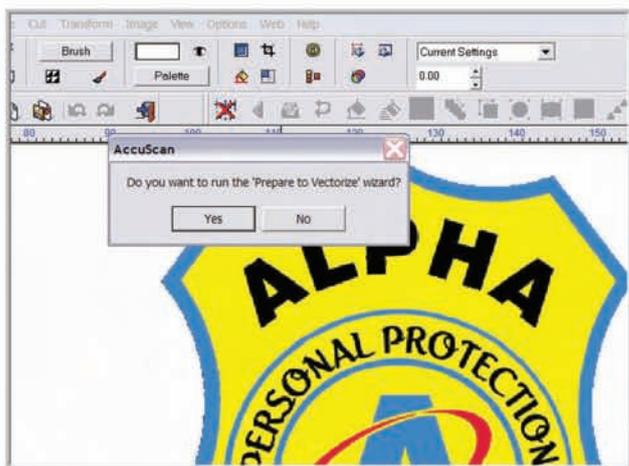
In so many cases the artwork supplied by the customer is not of a good enough quality for vectorization. The new "Prepare to Vectorize" tool in Signlab 8 will transform these low resolution images in to better quality files that will make digitizing a breeze, find out how it's done, in this step by step guide.



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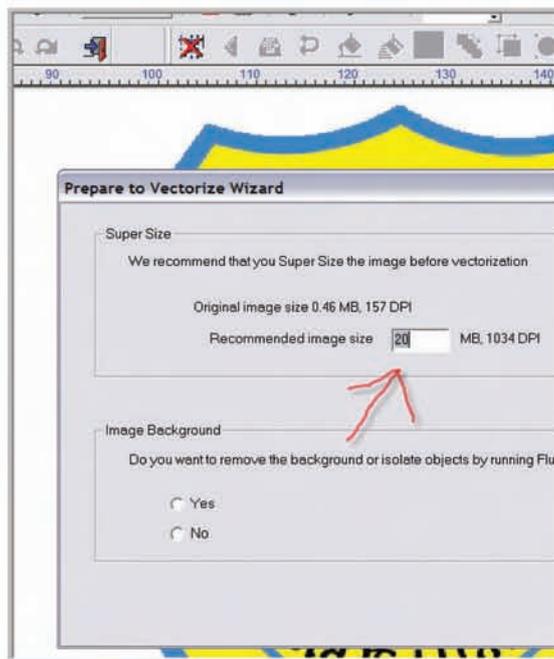


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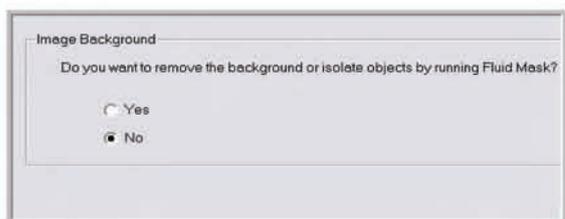
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The first task of digitising any colour logo is Postorisation and this is the process of identifying how many colours make up the design. When I click on Signlab's Posterisation tools tab, a message appears and asks if I would like to run the "prepare to vectorize wizard" so I am going to click "yes"



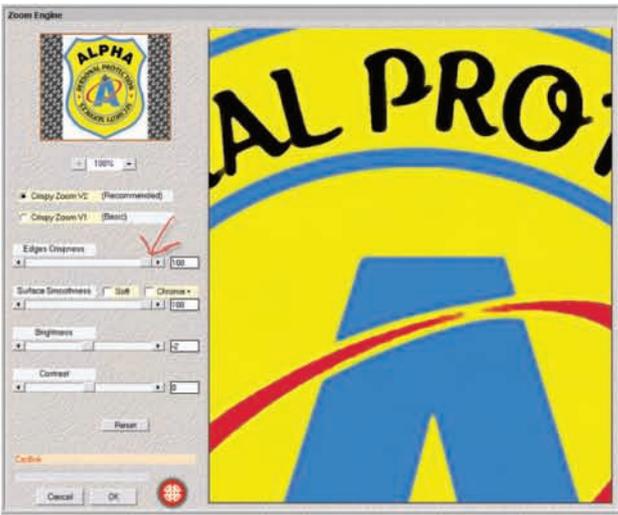
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The first stage of this new feature is "Supersize" a greater sampling feature that will dramatically improve the quality of our start image. The wizard will display the current image resolution and suggest a new image size; this can be changed if needed however I have found the default setting to work fine.



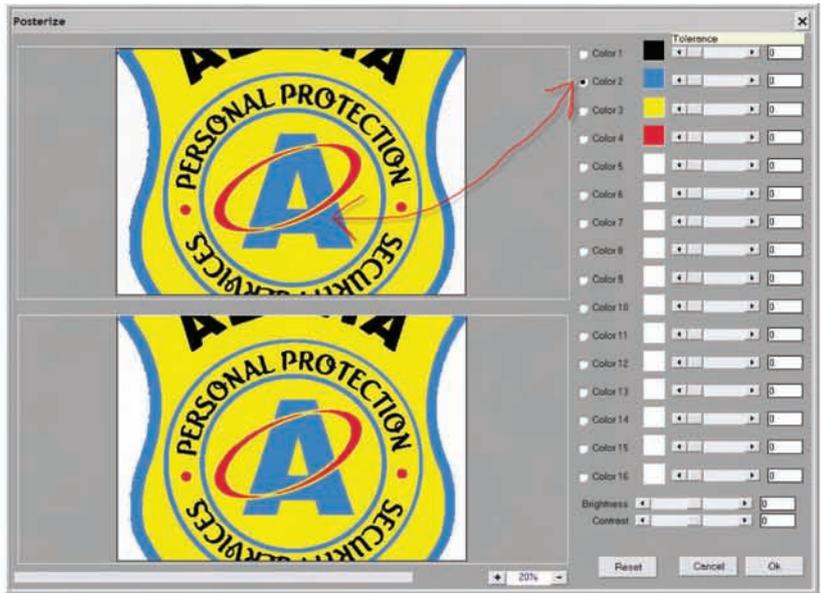
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Next I am asked if I would like to run "Fluid Mask" Fluid Mask is another new plug-in that makes up part of this wizard and it's used for removing unwanted backgrounds from bitmap images. Its not needed for this example so I am going to select "no" but if you would like to know more information on Fluid Mask then check out the CADlink website or have a look at our tutorial on this topic in the March issue of Sign Update.



04

Next the image is displayed in the “Super Size Window” you will see the re-sampling take place in this image preview, and straight away it’s clear to see just what a great job this new tool does. Most of the anti aliased pixels have been nicely cleaned up and to improve on these results further, I can make adjustments to the settings on the left. Different images will benefit from different settings but when using Super size for this kind of work, I recommend pushing the edge crispness up to its maximum, this will better define these edges and further reduce anti aliasing within the image, I am going to leave the rest of the settings as they are and click “ok”

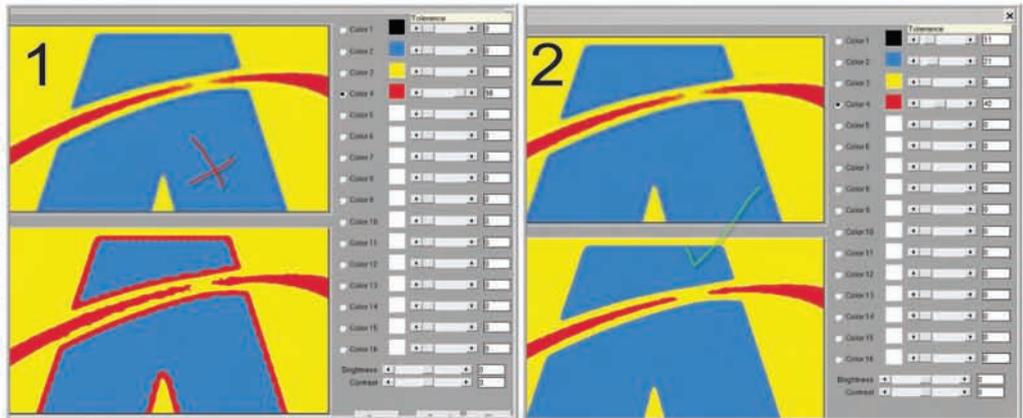


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The image has now been moved to the new “Posterisation” interface. Posterisation is the process of identifying how many colors make up your image, in this example we have four. Colors are identified by simply clicking on them in the preview area. This process is repeated until all the colors in the design are identified. Look in the area down the right of the image where it says “Tolerance” each new Colour has a small white circle to the left of it, the blue Colour in this image is selected and this is noticeable because of the black dot within the small white circle. You must select this area before you identify a new Colour within the preview.

06

The final step is to adjust the tolerance of each Colour. The trick here is to adjust each colour so that all the details of the image are picked out but at the same time I don’t want to increase any one colour too much so that it floods over in to another. In the first window you can see I have pushed the tolerance of the red too high and parts of the blue now have red on them. In the second window I have the tolerance set just right so that all the red detail is picked out without affecting any other colour.



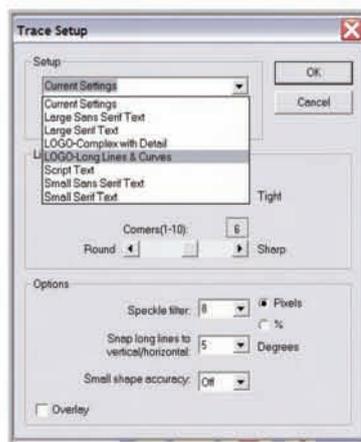
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The image is now ready for vectorization in the regular way, in the smart bar at the top of the screen you will see the tools and options needed to do this, click on the “trace setup” tab to adjust the vectorization settings.



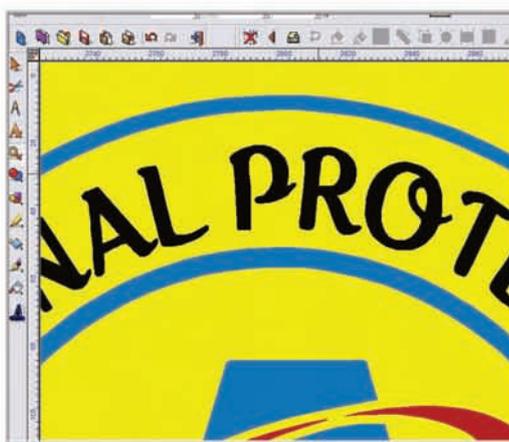
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Once you have finished altering these settings, it’s simply a case of clicking the Vectorize tab and Signlab will trace your bitmap.



08

The settings chosen here will ultimately affect the resulting vectored objects and they will need to be altered to suit the image you have. To start with you could select a pre set from the list and then make alterations to the other properties, as you use this tool set you will become familiar with how the settings you make, effect your results.



With the exception of a few nodes that needed correction, we were able to send this file to our vinyl cutter for production. The “Prepare to Vector Wizard” will save Signlab users time and money. Look out for the next issue of Sign Update in which we will be showing some great tips and tricks on using our powerful node editing tools.

Safety marking tape keeps Amey's highway maintenance vehicles clearly seen

William Smith has been helping leading infrastructure support services provider Amey to ensure that all its vehicles are clearly visible by day or night.

Amey is using 3M™ High Visibility Vehicle Safety Marking Tape in red and fluorescent yellow/green for both rear and side markings on all its highway maintenance and construction vehicles throughout the UK, to ensure compliance with UNECE Regulation 104 Chapter 8. This regulation sets out requirements for the implementation of high visibility markings on long and heavy vehicles.

"We have been using the Vehicle Marking Tape extensively since Chapter 8 came into force in April 2007 as it helps us adhere to the safety regulations, although we did also use it previously," says Amey's Graham Northop, Service Director. He continues "the 3M™ material is simple to apply, easier to weed and cut and gives us no problems. Our working relationship with William Smith has been very good and they are our natural choice of supplier."

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Albany Graphics switches to Sun Chemical Streamline inks

Manchester-based Albany Graphics is benefiting from significant cost savings as a result of switching to Sun Chemical's Streamline PFSC pre-filled cartridges for its two Seiko ColorPainter 64S wide-format printers.

Tom Thistleton, owner of Albany Graphics, said: "Six months after making the change to Streamline inks, we are able to offer the same high-quality products while achieving cost savings of up to 50%, which are being reinvested into other areas of the business, such as flatbed digital printing and lithographic films for silk screen printers. It was vital for us that Sun Chemical's Streamline inks delivered the same level of quality, performance and colour integrity as the OEM products. We decided to trial Streamline on the first of our Seiko ColorPainter 64S printers, and we were so impressed with the whole package, we switched the second to Streamline within a month.

"It would be fair to say we had some reservations about using third-party inks, but Sun Chemical alleviated these very quickly. The change-over was very quick and straightforward and all the existing settings, such as the colour profiles, were transferred very easily. We fulfil a number of repeat orders for our customers, so it is vital that Streamline offers the same colour integrity as the OEM products, which we are delighted to say, it does. The customer support we have received from Sun Chemical and its distributor, Pyramid Display Materials, since the switch has also been superb – I can't fault it."

The Streamline PFSC series of inks from Sun Chemical are designed for use with Seiko ColorPainter 64S and 100S printers. The cartridges are filled with the high quality 0439 range of inks, which have been formulated to meet the stringent demands of the latest wide format printing equipment and combine high quality, strong bright colours and excellent reliability and adhesion. They are suitable for a wide range of media, including back-lit and front-lit vinyl, banners, blue back and wet strength papers and mesh.

Tony Cox, Sun Chemical's business manager for Streamline inks, said: "Albany Graphics is a great example of how printers can use third-party products, such as Streamline, to benefit their business. In this case, Albany Graphics is gaining from Sun Chemical's extensive expertise in ink technology to make significant cost savings whilst maintaining OEM quality and output. The company also benefits from our high level of customer support and has the security of dealing with a trusted, long-term supplier to the global graphic arts industry."

Albany Graphics was formed 22 years ago and now offers a range of digital and litho printing services for various markets. Its wide format printing offering includes signs, banners, posters and POS.

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Anapurna M sets Abstract up for the future

For Lee Hayden and Mark McDonagh of Abstract Display & Graphics, the decision to invest in a UV-curable printer was based on a need to enhance existing production capabilities and to keep abreast of the growing demand for more environmentally-friendly printed output. After considerable research, the company opted for an Agfa Anapurna M which was supplied by sole UK distributor, B&P Graphic Systems, to complement its existing aqueous and solvent-based machines.

Hayden first looked at UV-curable flat-bed machines at Sign UK back in 2006 but none of the printers available at that time met the criteria he was seeking. "Unless you had a lot of money to spend, there was a huge compromise on quality and speed, and I didn't feel the time was right for me to invest." Having waited a further twelve months, he visited the same show last year and opted without further hesitation for the Agfa Anapurna M which he believed matched his production needs perfectly.

"There were several lower cost, entry-level products on offer and I investigated the advantages and disadvantages of all of them," says Hayden. "Although my initial requirement was for a flat-bed printer, the attraction of having the capability to output roll-fed graphics was also important. The Agfa Anapurna M was demonstrated in production on B&P's stand at the show, and that was enough to convince me I was making the right decision."

Abstract Display & Graphics is based in King's Norton, Birmingham and is a relatively new company although Hayden has more than 18 years of experience in the industry. His business started in 2006 with a Uniform Grenadier print-and-cut solvent-based system, an HP Designjet 5000 aqueous-based printer and a Uniform Guardsman laminator, all of which were supplied and installed by B&P Graphic Systems.

The decision to invest in a wide-format UV-curable printer was a logical step for Hayden, and he thoroughly investigated all the options on the market before making his choice. The Agfa Anapurna M gave him all the facilities he needed, with its 1440 dpi resolution, high quality results across all materials, plus excellent reliability.

The work produced by Abstract Display & Graphics covers a broad range of applications across a growing client base, and the company has made a name for itself by producing high standards to tight deadlines and at competitive prices. The Agfa Anapurna M is now used for the production of pop-ups, exhibition stands and graphics, banners and signs. Additionally, it is proving its worth for producing hoardings and complements the existing jobs Abstract Display & Graphics outputs on its Uniform Grenadier, such as vehicle liveries.

The high standards of output available on the Agfa Anapurna M also mean that Abstract is able to produce framed canvas prints, and he believes this is a truly versatile printer which excels with small text sizes and solid colours as well as fine, photographic quality. Many of the jobs formerly produced on the Uniform Grenadier and HP Designjet 5000 can now be handled by the Anapurna which is added proof of its flexibility across coated and uncoated materials, complemented by the excellent durability of its inks.

The Agfa Anapurna M, driven by the Uniform Troop! RIP, was installed at Abstract Display & Graphics last autumn and its arrival was timed perfectly to coincide with a major order received by the company. Because of its ease of use and minimal learning curve, the printer was able to be put into production immediately. Hayden has also been impressed by its low maintenance and cheap running costs and, with the market and end customers increasingly moving across to UV-curable production, he's pleased that performance is complemented by environmental benefits.

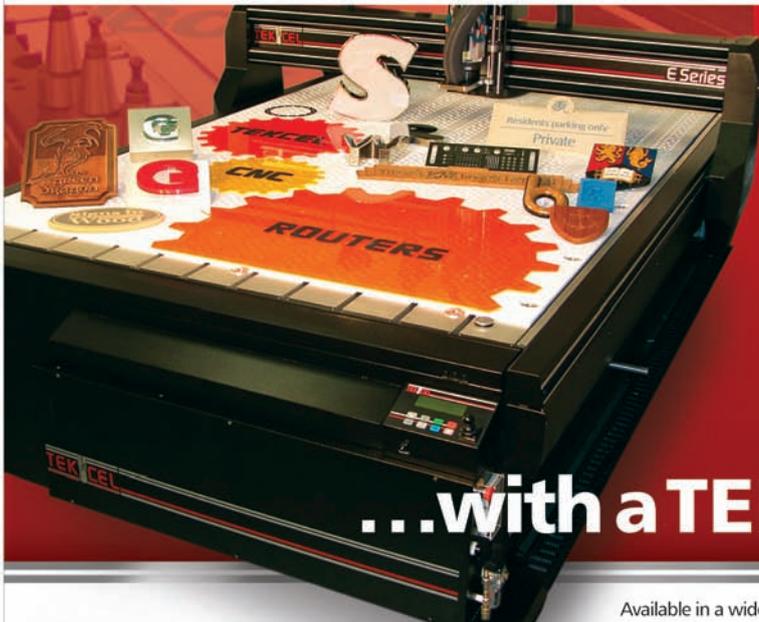
The very keenly priced Agfa Anapurna M was introduced during 2007 and is an industrial-strength 1.6 m wide ink-jet printer whose dedicated six-colour UV-curable inks are formulated to produce high quality results on coated and uncoated rigid and roll-fed materials. Borderless printing saves on both time and materials, and its 14 picolitre piezo drop-on-demand print-heads enable the machine to produce sharp text, even in very small sizes, as well as fine detail and strong, vivid solid colours.

Service levels and maintenance are kept low with user-changeable UV lamps enhancing the Anapurna M's robust design. Not normally found on lower cost flat-bed printers but featured in this machine include an automatic print-head height detector, level detection with visible and audible warnings when inks are running low and full-and half-power UV curing lamps.

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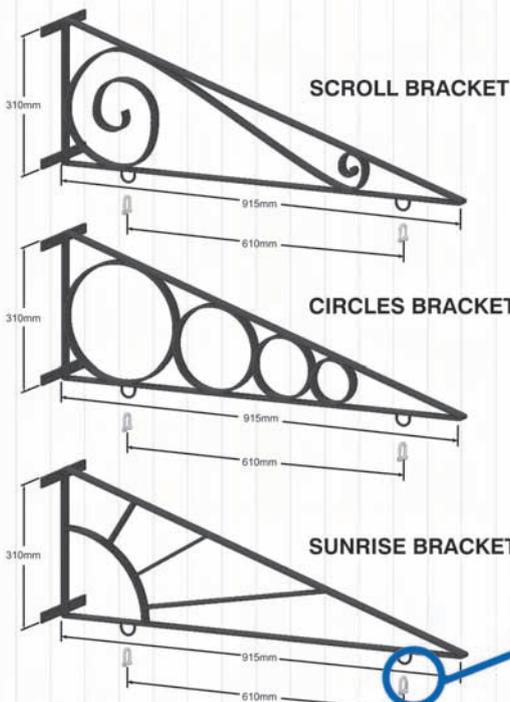


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acrylic (including gold and silver - 10mm available in black, white and clear only)

no minimum order

height	50mm	75mm	100mm	125mm	150mm	175mm	200mm	225mm	250mm	275mm	300mm	375mm	425mm	500mm	600mm	1200mm
3mm	£0.56	£0.74	£0.90	£1.13	£1.36	£1.70	£2.26	£2.83	£3.06	£3.51	£4.30	£6.40	£7.81	£9.62	£11.66	£45.28
5mm	£0.85	£1.08	£1.36	£1.70	£2.15	£2.61	£3.29	£4.18	£5.38	£5.89	£7.36	£9.06	£10.19	£13.01	£15.85	£62.26
10mm	£1.71	£2.17	£2.71	£3.40	£4.30	£5.20	£6.79	£8.38	£10.76	£11.77	£14.72	£18.11	£20.37	£26.04	£31.69	£124.51

3mm aluminium composite (Dibond, Alupanel, Reynobond)

no minimum order

height	50mm	75mm	100mm	125mm	150mm	175mm	200mm	225mm	250mm	275mm	300mm	375mm	425mm	500mm	600mm	1200mm
standard colours	£1.02	£1.42	£1.86	£2.38	£2.71	£3.17	£4.53	£5.32	£6.22	£6.79	£7.69	£9.06	£10.53	£14.72	£18.11	£54.33
chrome finish	£1.87	£2.38	£2.71	£4.00	£5.43	£6.55	£7.64	£8.83	£10.53	£12.87	£14.48	£16.39	£19.53	£24.04	£30.51	£91.70
brushed finish	£1.24	£1.59	£2.16	£2.67	£3.63	£4.36	£5.10	£5.89	£7.02	£8.60	£9.62	£10.92	£13.01	£16.02	£20.37	£61.12

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height	50mm	75mm	100mm	125mm	150mm	175mm	200mm	225mm	250mm	275mm	300mm	375mm	425mm	500mm	600mm	1200mm
6mm	£0.34	£0.79	£1.14	£1.52	£2.26	£2.43	£2.83	£3.56	£4.08	£4.87	£6.22	£8.82	£10.19	£11.54	£13.58	£40.75
12mm	£0.85	£1.47	£1.81	£2.66	£3.63	£4.35	£5.10	£5.89	£7.02	£8.60	£9.62	£10.92	£13.01	£16.01	£18.11	£54.33
18mm	£1.47	£2.26	£2.76	£3.79	£4.69	£5.77	£7.13	£8.04	£10.19	£11.59	£13.93	£15.96	£18.68	£21.51	£26.04	£73.58

2mm stainless steel

£85 minimum order

height	50mm	75mm	100mm	125mm	150mm	175mm	200mm	225mm	250mm	275mm	300mm	375mm	425mm	500mm	600mm
satin brushed	£4.28	£4.61	£5.60	£6.42	£6.92	£9.72	£12.31	£14.48	£15.56	£17.20	£19.75	£28.15	£31.48	£39.50	£47.73
polished	£4.60	£4.94	£6.75	£7.24	£8.06	£11.03	£14.16	£15.48	£16.63	£19.75	£21.65	£30.37	£36.38	£42.96	£54.31

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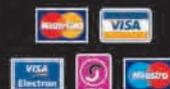
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On the road with Tennants

Tennants UK Ltd was founded in 1967 and commenced business supplying number plate components to the local motor trade. Over the years Tennants expanded and became one of the market leaders supplying plate systems and components nationally. Tennants continued to develop and in 1998, diversified into the Road Sign/Vehicle Graphics markets with distribution of self adhesive reflective vinyl.

With the combined purchasing power to cover both the Number Plate and Sign & Graphics market, Tennants claim to have established themselves as the largest stock holder of Reflective Vinyl in the UK. It is this stock level that aided Tennants in setting up Road Signs Ltd in 2004 – a Division within the company dedicated to manufacturing Temporary Road Signs and Traffic Management equipment in-house.

Road Signs Ltd, according to Tennants, is now recognised as the UK's fastest growing road sign manufacturer in the country, working on a delivery service that continues to lead the market.

Tennants continue to benefit from their central location in Nottingham where it first started over 40 years ago and all three divisions run under the Tennants umbrella respond to today's ever demanding market.

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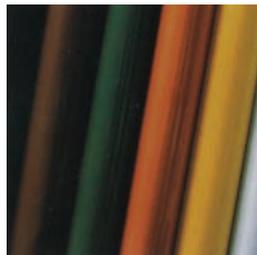


Tennants claim that they are founders of the UK's leading Full Colour Number Plate System. The LG Number Plate Printer is also a 'Business in a Box', and comes complete with software to allow the user to print everything from a Standard Legal Number Plate - to what is known as a 'Showplate' allowing for fancy side badges and font styles to be added at the click of a button! This Multi-Function printer will also allow the user to print full colour Health & Safety Signs direct onto self-adhesive vinyl, Business Cards, Banners, Coasters and Key Fobs! For a free no obligation demo, please contact Sarah on 0115 973 8080.



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Tennants are now the UK's Master Stockist of Oralite Reflective Vinyl. Over the last 14 years, Tennants have established a supply chain throughout the country that means no sign shop is more than a short drive away from one of its authorised distributors offering a wide range of self-adhesive reflective vinyl at the most competitive prices.

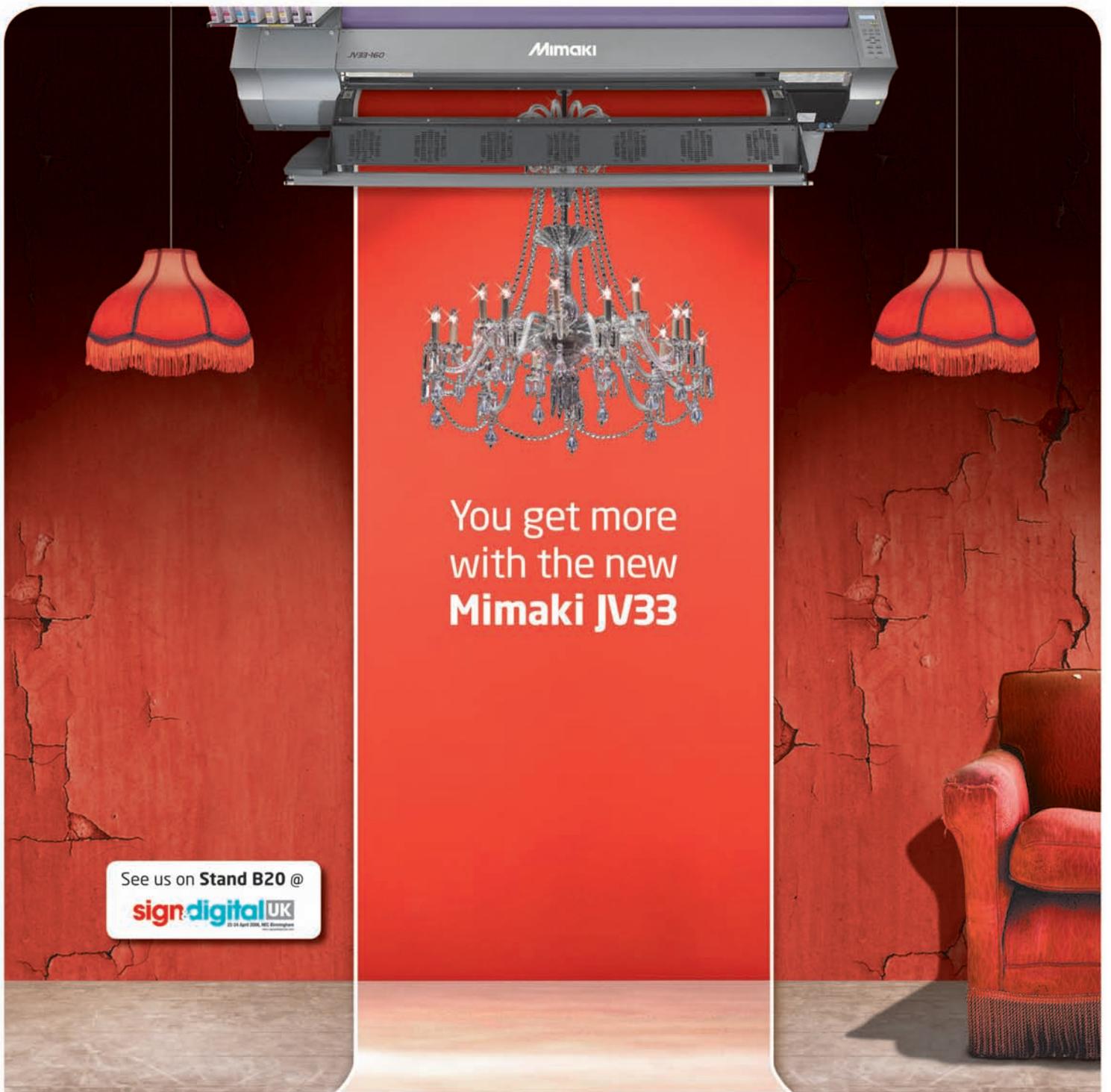


The Oralite product range includes the now highly commended 6300 Series which is a durable 5 Year Economy Grade Reflective ideal for plotting Vehicle Graphics and Commercial/Road Signage. Contact 0115 973 8080 for samples and your nearest stockist.

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DPLenticular unveils new company name and corporate branding

DPLenticular, a leader in the supply of Lenstar lenticular plastic sheets and rolls for the graphic arts industry, recently announced a new name and brand identity that dynamically expresses its role as the European vendor of a unique range of lenticular products.

Formerly known as LPC-Europe (The Lenticular Plastic Company of Europe), DPLenticular has acquired more than ten years experience in the lenticular market and has earned its reputation as a trusted and leading provider of lenticular products in Europe.

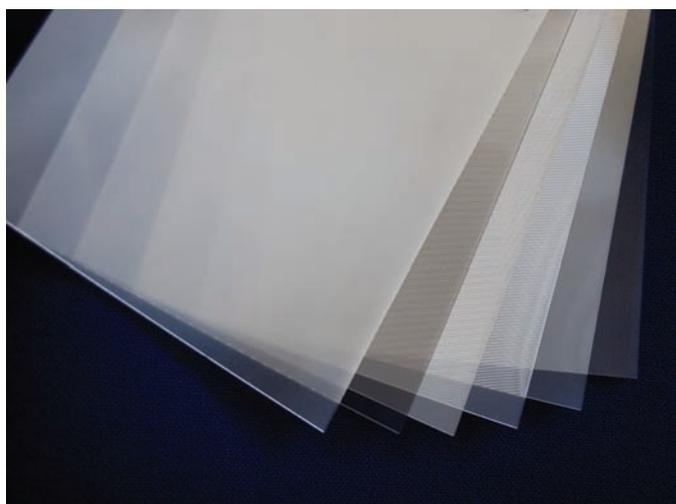
Lenstar, designed by Pacur Lenticular in Oshkosh, Wisconsin (US) and distributed in Europe by DPLenticular, represents a polymer technology that fits a niche market requested by creative agencies as well as commercial offset and digital printers. DPLenticular's product range excels at boosting the corporate image and business profitability and is appropriate for use in a large number of applications such as POP designs, packaging, direct mail, promotional and various card formats.

Lenticular technology is a high resolution imaging process developed for the purpose of creating visual effects such as 3D, multiple changing graphics or animation. The Lenstar lenticular sheet is reverse printed with interlaced images using conventional or UV inks and can accept various types of laminations. DPLenticular offers a range of different types and thicknesses guaranteeing a stable and quality print. This is of vital importance as the slightest deviation distorts the image and completely destroys the effects of lenticular printing.

Daniel Pierret, Managing Director and founder of DPLenticular comments: "Behind the new branding is our core message that DPLenticular is the best provider of lenticular products to support our customers' creative work. Lenticular printing offers new business opportunities to printers and provides exciting applications to brand owners who have to make sure their products stand out from the large offering of consumer brands in the market today."

DPLenticular users can rely on the company to support their need for innovative solutions and their growth objectives with its unique range of products and customized on-site training programme and technical support.

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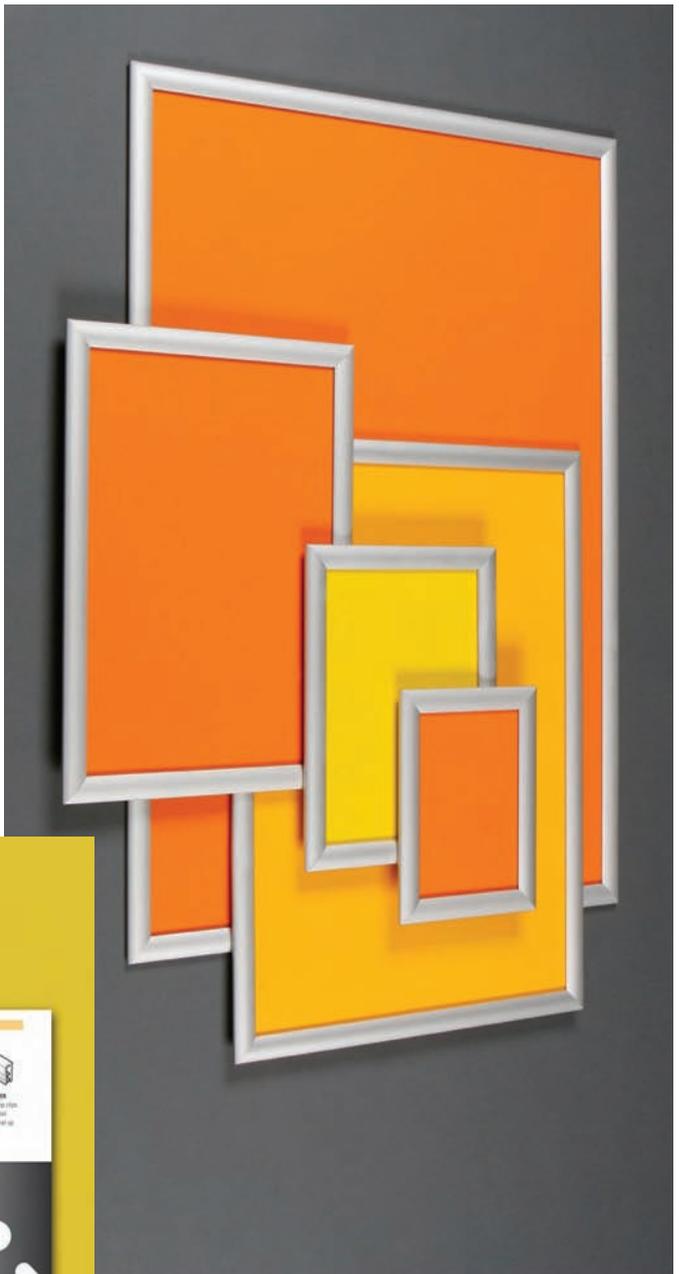
Alplas builds worldwide reputation as POS problem solvers

Alplas manufactures and distributes Point of Sale (POS) Accessories. The company was incorporated in 1965 and is, they believe, the oldest specialist POS accessory company in the UK. The company operates from purpose built premises at London Southend Airport and has on-site staff of 20. Over the last 43 years the company has built a worldwide reputation within the POS industry for innovative design and customer service

Alplas has established a reputation for finding solutions to POS display problems and providing the right product to the job. Display problems are presented to Alplas on a daily basis and when a solution is adopted by a customer great attention is given to delivering, right first time, on time.

Connection and relationship with the world's major POS accessory companies enables customers to access even hard to find and unusual solutions – if the display product is out there Alplas will usually already know about it or will find it. Graphics of suggested solutions are produced for customers so that information is available for rapid decision making and implementation.

Faced also with the growing importance of protecting the environment, Alplas recycles 90% of its plastic waste, all waste cardboard packing and all delivery pallets. Alplas is also committed to producing and controlling manufacture and major investments (a total in the region of £1,000,000) have been made over time in laying down tools and investing in manufacture is supported with its own automated cutting and padding machinery.



Tooling is all laid down in the UK and the company is committed to UK production as this best serves the very rapid turnover of production lines required by the display industry.

Alplas is always looking to lead in the POS display industry and an example of this is the recently marketed new Silver PVC Poster Gripper which is one of its many new products that will be included in their new Display Guide to be published in the Summer. Early in 2008 the Alplas website will be updated to further improve product finding, including moving images.

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Saltwell Signs in safe hands under new ownership

One of the North East's leading signage businesses has undergone a change of ownership. Saltwell Signs of Gateshead has announced Jason Hathaway as the successor to the current Proprietor and Managing Director Michael Timmins.

The business, which is almost forty years old, was acquired by Michael in 1997 and has grown into one of the most successful independent sign companies in the UK.

Saltwell thrived under Michael and Jason, who joined the firm in 2003 and played an important role in the firm's success by adding major national accounts to an already impressive customer base.

In 2007 Jason was appointed Sales Director with a view to ultimately taking over the stewardship from Michael who wished to spend more time with his wife Susan (Co-Director) and family.

Jason, 38, is no stranger to signage, having worked in the industry for over twenty years. Speaking of the acquisition he said "It was very important for Michael to sell the company to a buyer who would continue to drive the business onwards and upwards. Having worked hard to grow the business for the past four and half years I believe I have demonstrated that level of commitment and am excited about the future of Saltwell Signs."

Saltwell claim they were the first sign company in the country to achieve BS5750 (now ISO 9001:2000) and is famed for its pioneering range of tactile signs for the blind and visually impaired, which meets the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995.

The firm operates nationally, specialising in signage and digital graphics for the retail, leisure and service sectors. It also provides confidential partnership services to other signage manufacturers including sub-contract manufacture.

For further information please contact Jason Hathaway on Tel: 0191 482 5555, Mobile 07739 647 164, Fax: 0191 491 0246 or email: jhathaway@saltwellsigns.co.uk or sales@saltwellsigns.co.uk





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ITC Tooling lights up at Graffiti Design

Market leading manufacturer of 'special effect' signage, Graffiti Design Ltd has won a string of major awards for projects manufactured with the help of tooling from ITC Cutting Tools of Tamworth. The Sussex based company was awarded the 'Overall Winner for Best Sign for a Company under £2m Turnover' at the 2006 Sign Industry Awards for its 'De La Warr Pavilion' sign design in Bexhill-on-Sea.

The award for the East Sussex manufacturer continues on from its success in 2005 when Graffiti Design won a Sign Industry Award for its 'Bar 242' sign design. Both signs were manufactured with tooling provided by ITC, as Graffiti Design Production Manager Mr John Larkin comments: "We use ITC tools on just about every project we manufacture. The relationship started over nine years ago and we haven't looked back since then. The ITC tooling has exceptional tool life and is capable of cutting di-bond, aluminium, perspex and just about any other type of material we machine."

It is this capability that has noted the use of ITC tooling on some of Graffiti Design's most prestigious projects. "The ITC representative has been a great help to us with advice, support and most importantly solutions and rapid response when we have a new material to cut or if we encounter a particular problem. It was ITC that helped us to cut di-bond and introduced us to better tooling. Since directing us on cutting tools we have worked with ITC to improve our productivity and surface finishes with impressive results," continues Mr Larkin.



Graffiti Design uses ITC tooling as a multi-purpose product for all materials and sign designs and despite trialling competitor products, the company is yet to find anything close to the quality of the ITC cutters. On the 'Gangees' project that was a restaurant sign, the company used an ITC V-Spiral cutter to machine the Logo into the face of the sign at a 45 degree angle to illuminate. Combining this with lighting via LED's the sign created a special effect that reflected the light at an angle.

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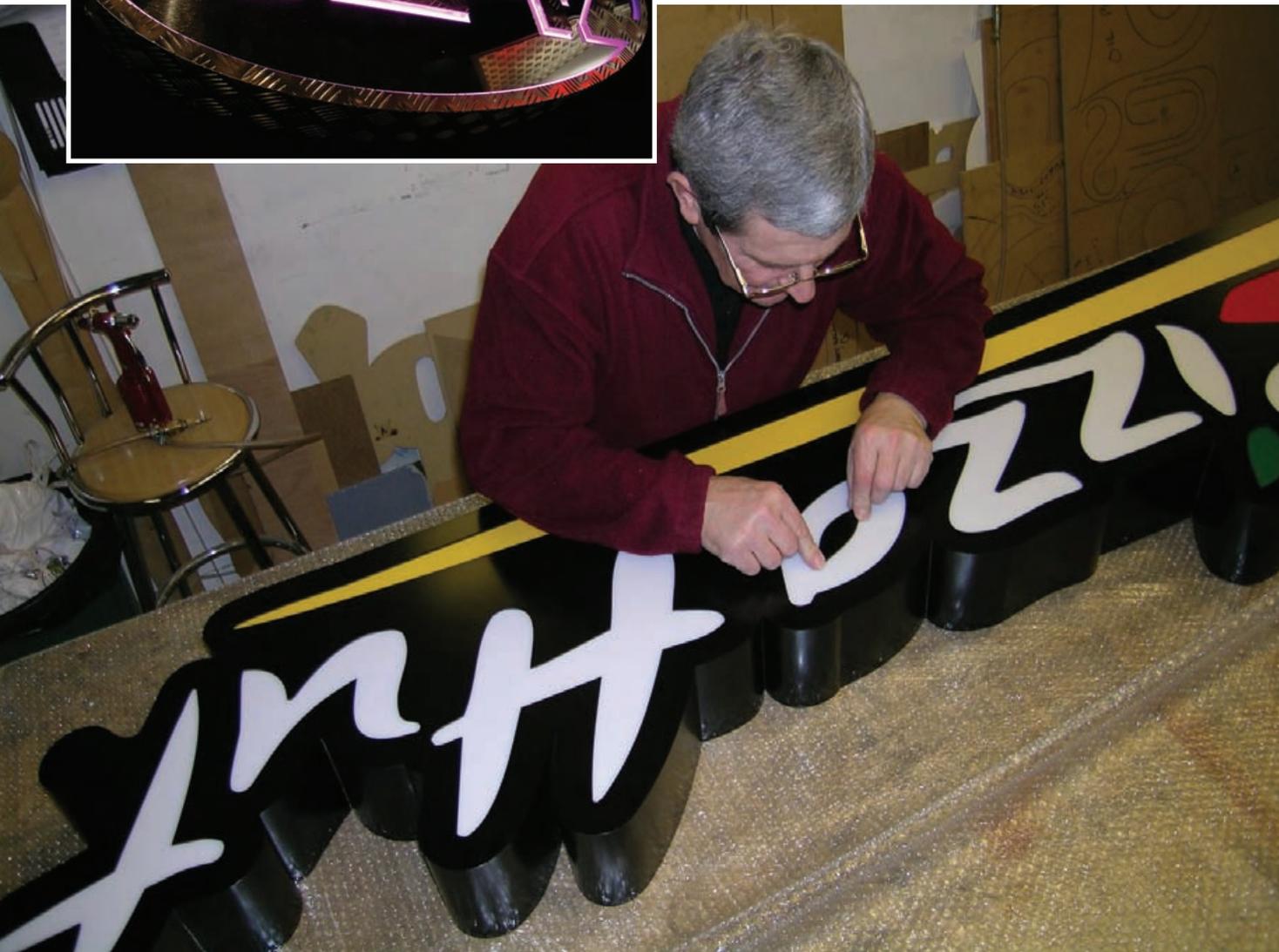
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On the De La Warr project, Graffiti Design used a 5mm diameter cutter on a 6mm shank to machine the aluminium and poly-carbonate components within the project. The single flute, high helix cutter was also introduced to the 'Bar 242' project that won an award in 2005.

"The majority of tooling supplied by ITC is in the 2 to 6mm diameter range and the performance is exceptional on all materials. It is the capability of the cutters to machine just about anything we throw at them that serves us so well. Mainly we use the 4mm diameter cutters and they work as multi-purpose tools that are always delivered on an extremely fast turnaround, which gives us confidence in the products," concludes Mr Larkin.

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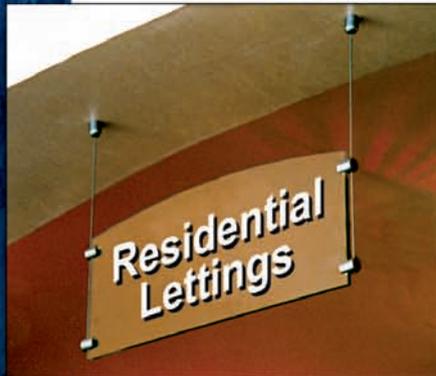
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Service Graphics Invests over £1 Million in New Equipment to Drive Expansion



The HP Scitex XL 1500 – Installed as part of Services Graphics £1 million investment programme

Service Graphics (a division of St Ives plc) has embarked on a significant expansion programme to increase its production facilities and better service emerging markets. The expansion is underpinned by a drive to recruit new industry talent, as a result of the success it is having in key industries such as sports and events, and to enhance its relationships with high profile FTSE 100 companies and Olympic sponsors.

As a result of continued investment from St Ives plc, which purchased Service Graphics for £18 million just over a year ago, Service Graphics installed over £1 million of new equipment last year. This has included two NUR Expedito 5000s, a VUTEK QS 3200 and a HP Scitex XL1500, as well as a welder for finishing and pre-press and digital imaging workstations.

"We are always looking to invest in the best technology available to help us supply market leading products and services to our customers," says Ben Moss, director, Service Graphics. "With our new superwide format printers we have increased speed and turnaround, and thanks to advances in technology we can obtain a wider colour gamut and closer dot, ensuring the quality of our output is the best in the marketplace. We are well placed to set trends and predict the market, and can provide added value services to our customers that include innovative products, applications and in-depth consultancy."

Its increased capacity has allowed Service Graphics to take on more inter-group work and service customers from other divisions, via the St Ives Group Sales arm that was established 18 months ago. Services Graphics also recently transferred its London-based Jupiter Display workforce to St Ives' London headquarters in Lavington Street. The move is part of an overall initiative to bring the divisions within St Ives closer together and maximise the group product offering across its client base.

"As our client portfolio expands and we are successful in new markets, the need for increased production capacity becomes ever more apparent, as does our requirement for highly talented, industry literate account managers and sales staff," continues Ben.



Ben Moss – Service Graphics

"These developments will help us to manage growth effectively, while continuing to meet client needs and improve the overall Service Graphics experience for both our customers, and others within the St Ives Group. Service Graphics is looking forward to an exciting 2008 and will be actively recruiting throughout the UK, with a main focus on London, the Midlands and the North West."

Service Graphics recently announced its appointment as an Official Signage and Venue Dressing supplier for Wembley Stadium. Managing the entire fulfilment process for a variety of events held at the stadium, including all FA related football matches and England international games, Service Graphics anticipates its expansion plans will lay the foundations for servicing other similarly prestigious clients in the future.

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ArtSystems gets bigger in graphics

ArtSystems has reorganised and increased the size of its Graphics team in the run up to Sign & Digital UK as part of its plans to boost support to its resellers. The new team now has a separate management structure and boasts four dedicated sales people, double the original number. With a dedicated graphics applications engineer to support resellers in the pre sales phase of their business as well as an extended post sales technical support team the full team now has eight personnel allocated to it.

Andrew Edwards the new Graphics Sales Division Manager says "We knew that with major new products coming from HP and Mutoh in the coming months, we needed to be able to provide increased levels of support to resellers to enable them to make the best of the opportunities that the new printers would create.

With eco-solvent, low solvent, UV, bio and classic aqueous ink technologies all now being available, selecting and selling a successful solution has become much more complicated; we aim to make that process less problematic for our resellers."

ArtSystems has also just completed upgrading its reseller demonstration suites and now has two dedicated suites with over £400,000 of hardware dedicated for reseller use.

Andrew adds: "We believe we have a unique range of offerings for our resellers with service and support levels that lead the market. We are putting particular emphasis on channel development with the aim of supporting our resellers to enable them to stay ahead of their competitors."

ArtSystems will be leading the public showcasing of new printers at Sign & Digital UK from both HP and Mutoh.

The new range from Mutoh will be prominent on the Mutoh stand with the new ValueJets and the Blizzard taking lead positions. The HP Stand will see the new UV ColorSpan range of Designjets as well as the full range of Low Solvent and Aqueous based Designjets.

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Further growth at XYZ Automation



The parent company of XYZ Automation (UK), Burlington, Canada-based XYZ Automation International has merged with Calgary-based Cam Tech International. XYZ Automation International is a global leader in the development of CNC routing solutions, while Cam Tech has been involved in the manufacture of utility routers since 1990.

The fusion of the two company's synergetic technologies, innovation and marketing expertise will give existing and future customers worldwide an even stronger and more expansive source of supply. In addition to the XYZ and Pacer Systems (now part of XYZ Automation in the UK) range of CNC routing and engraving systems, the enlarged organisation will now be able to offer the Cam Tech Z10 and Spacemaker machines as well as the Cam Tech range of LaserMaster laser etching and cutting systems.

Collectively, there are now over 9,500 machines installed worldwide, making the XYZ Automation group of companies the most foremost in the manufacture and distribution of CNC routing and laser-cutting solutions. The XYZ, Cam Tech and Pacer power brands now integrate with an increasingly more versatile customer base, including those in the sign, woodworking, furniture production, boat building, plastics and metal fabrication, building (cladding) and HVAC industries.

Drytac launches new training schools

Following the opening of the new dedicated training facility back in October 2007, Drytac are pleased to announce the launch of a series of free of charge training schools for customers, that will be held regularly throughout the year at the Bristol headquarters.

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The training schools will encompass everything you need to know about cold mounting & laminating on the JetMounter range of laminators including the new JM63, through to troubleshooting techniques and the opportunity to tour the factory and actually see the adhesives and laminates being manufactured.

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The facility in which the training will take place houses a range of equipment covering everything from print through to print finishing including the JetMounter range of laminators, the famous Heated Glass-top Vacuum Press and the new HP 'Z' Series printer courtesy of Fuji Film Ltd, the Gemini Pro and FSC Cutters, as well as the brand new range of Inglet Cutters.

Commitment to Training

Drytac's commitment to training is already well known within the industry with their recent series of Open Days and specialist training events, in addition to the regular Hot Press Training schools that have already trained many thousands of picture framers on the art of mounting, heatsealing and canvas bonding.



Dates to choose from include:

- 29th April
- 13th May
- 12th June (advanced)
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- 12th November

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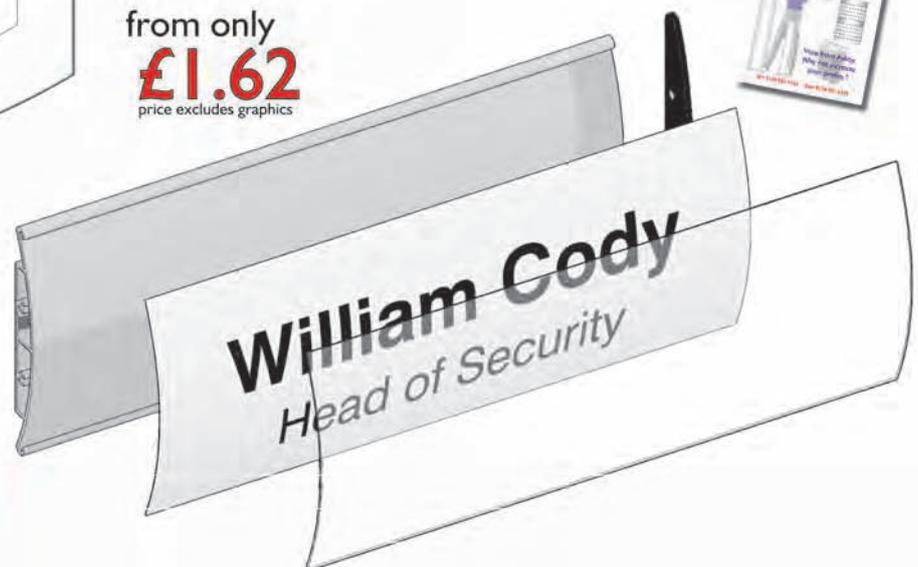


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Robert Horne Sign & Display directs customers to greener signage

The new service, led by Steve Lister, Business Development Director, will work closely with companies in selecting the correct environmental products for their customers and offer new business services, such as waste management to assist with recycling and waste reduction and form working partnerships with The Carbon Neutral Company and SME businesses to reduce their carbon footprint through sound environmental consultancy advice.

RHSD has launched the new service after growing interest from customers in environmental issues. The company has already worked with many sign and digital customers, including Omega Signs in Leeds, where it helped the company to calculate its carbon footprint through an environmental audit process. Once the carbon impact has been calculated, RHSD helps develop and implement an action plan to reduce the signmakers' environmental impact. While this action plan includes the choice of sign and display materials, the audit also covers the office environment and energy use.

As part of the launch, RHSD has also enhanced its environmental product range to provide the widest possible choice. The new products cover signage and display and include Avery Greenline a non PVC self adhesive product, fibre based digital wallpapers, FSC accredited display boards produced with 100 percent consumer waste, Dufaylite Ultraboards, which are lightweight fibre composite boards made from recycled honeycomb paper and innovative alternatives to traditional display materials, such as Forex Smart, which is a 100 percent recyclable polystyrene board and Foamalux Xtra, which is a rigid closed cell composite foam board that contains 80-90 percent recycled content. In the general banner and soft signage area RHSD is working closely to find new polyethylene recyclable products and innovative banners, made from polypropylene and poly olefins, which will be 100 percent recyclable.

Further to this range, RHSD has announced that its DTec Aqueous Inkjet Media Range has been given the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) accreditation. The PEFC provides an assurance mechanism to purchasers that the fibre content is from sustainable and managed forests.

Steve Lister, Divisional Business Development Director of RHSD commented; "The growing importance of the environment has led to changing customer demand in the sign and display sectors. Customers are starting to ask more about environmental performance, both of materials and the suppliers themselves. AtRHSD we have always offered our customers the



best advice as well as the best of breed products, so the environmental consultancy service was the next logical step, in the current climate."

Lister continues; "To support the consultancy, we compiled a range of products that have either always had good environmental credentials, or are the latest innovations that offer greener alternatives to traditional choices. Our intention is to ensure that RHSD will lead the market and offer a complete range of products and services, from the traditional, to the latest technology and now including the best for environmental performance."

In related news, Steve Lister was invited by FESPA to sit on the panel of its Green Debate at this year's Digital Printing Europe 2008 exhibition. Further to this, RHSD has also been invited to talk on green and environmental issues at Sign & Digital UK at the NEC in April.

For further information visit: www.roberthorne.co.uk or contact Amy Le Corney at Robert Horne Sign & Display on Tel: 01604 495333, e-mail: amy.lecorney@roberthorne.co.uk

 **Robert Horne Sign & Display**

New UK distributor for the Avery Graphics films range

Avery Dennison Graphics and Reflective Products has appointed ThyssenKrupp Materials (UK) Plastics Division fully-accredited UK distributors of the Avery Graphics range of self-adhesive films and ancillary products for the signage, screen process, and digital print markets.

With two strategically-located outlets in the Bristol and Birmingham areas, ThyssenKrupp Materials (UK) Plastics Division is well-placed to serve Avery Graphics customers with a team of around 35 experienced personnel, headed up by Divisional Director Jamie Manifold who, with over 24 years in signage and display print, is already a well-known and respected industry personality.

ThyssenKrupp Materials (UK) Plastics Division represents a 'one-stop-shop' supply source for all signage and display advertising components, and is equipped to slit and sheet Avery Graphics films to customers' individual requirements.

Avery Graphics customers can contact ThyssenKrupp Materials (UK) Plastics Division's Midlands sales unit by calling 01384 563144; and the southern sales unit on 0117 953 2400, www.thyssen.co.uk/plastics Full details of the Avery Graphics product range are available via the Avery Dennison Graphics and Reflective Products website at www.europe.averygraphics.com

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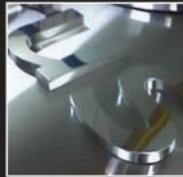


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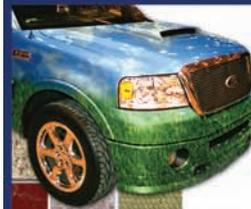
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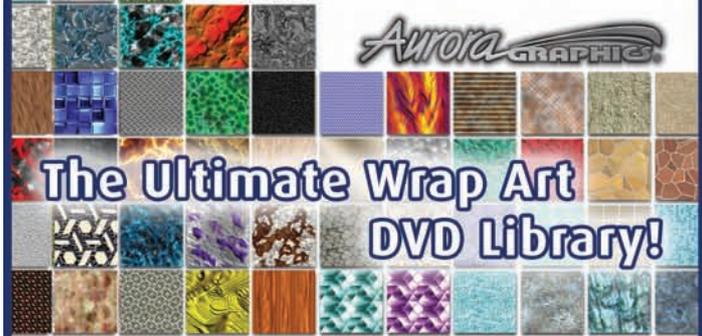
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APPOINTMENTS

Jelle Kroes appointed General Manager by Avery Dennison

Avery Dennison has appointed Jelle Kroes as General Manager of Avery Graphics and Reflective Products Europe, based in Hazerswoude, The Netherlands, and reporting directly to global Vice President and General Manager, Helen M Saunders.

Mr Kroes will be responsible for this successful and expanding European business, which is centred on the extensive Avery Graphics-brand portfolio of substrates for large-format digital print, computer signcutting, and screen printing, and the Fasson - and Crack-Back Plus-brand self-adhesive products for sheet-fed litho printing.

For further information call Tel: +44 1442 875 552.

Signarama Franchise's has a new President

Jim Tatem has been appointed president of SIGNARAMA part of the United Franchise Group (UFG), specialist in franchise development and services.

Tatem has been with the company since 1986, most recently in the position of vice president of training and global director, where he has played a significant role in the development of United Franchise Group brands internationally. The franchise's co-founder and previous president, Ray Titus, will now serve as chief executive officer for United Franchise Group and its brands.

For further information visit www.unitedfranchisegroup.com or www.signarama.com



Thompson Plastics boosts sign and display capability

Multi-process plastics technology group Thompson Plastics has appointed Peter Lloyd as business development manager to support its customers in the sign and display industry.

Peter Lloyd joins Thompson Plastics, a BSGA member, from R&D Tool & Engineering and has previously held business development roles for Rosti, Linpac and TRW.

He will be based at Thompson Plastics' Manchester operation where its large area vacuum forming capability (up to 3 metres x 2 metres) is used to supply sign manufacturer customers.

For further information on Thompson Plastics visit www.thompson-plastics.co.uk



DSPA appoints John Keith as Business Manager

The Digital and Screen Printing Association (DSPA) has appointed John Keith to the newly formed position of Business Manager. John's duties will include boosting association membership figures and introducing new member benefits; designed to address and support businesses that trade in this competitive and ever-changing market.

The DSPA is one of the 28 European national associations that are FESPA members. FESPA's objective is the overall promotion of screen-printing and digital imaging and it does this through planning and promoting exhibitions and conferences, as well as fully supporting national association projects and activities.

For further information, please contact: John Keith, DSPA, Tel: 01737 240792.



New staff join the City & West End Solutions team

Award winning (HP) large format reseller City & West End Solutions has expanded their team to include a new reception and administration member and increased their internal and external sales team as they expand into new regions. The addition of new staff is in direct response to the growth of the company throughout 2007 and reflects the busy year they've had.

Keith Mawson heads up the new consumables sales force covering the north of England, and will be responsible for growing sales of specialist large format media's and inks.

Hugh Treseder is the latest member of the Internal Sales Team and new office-member Abby Rogers will be looking after the City & West End reception and supporting duties.

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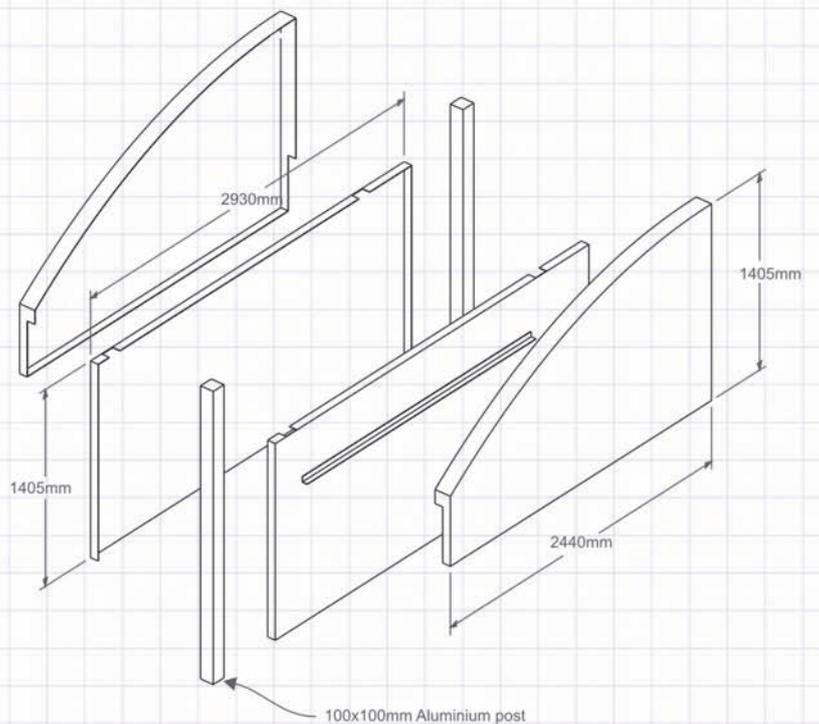
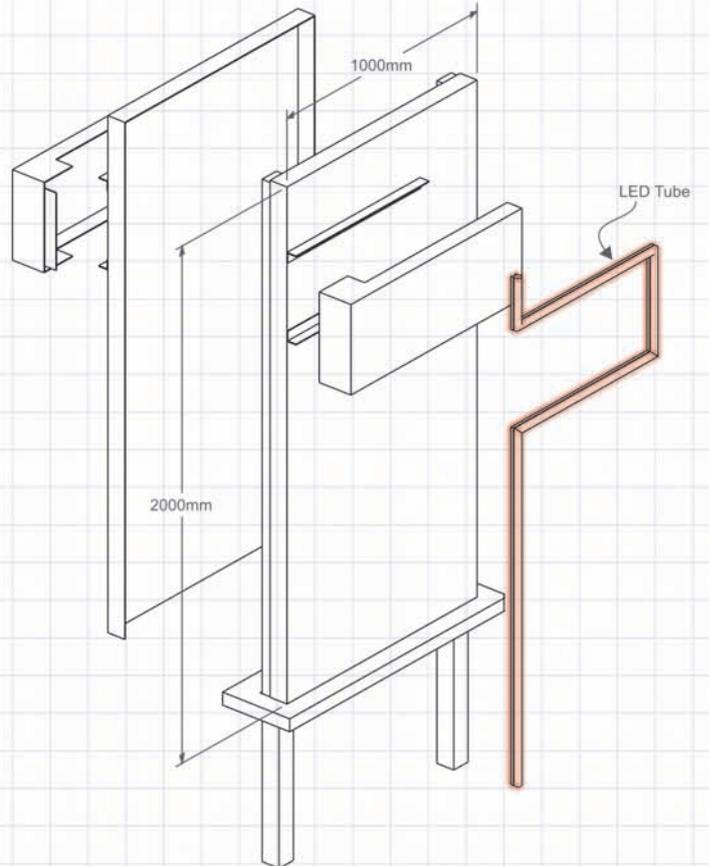
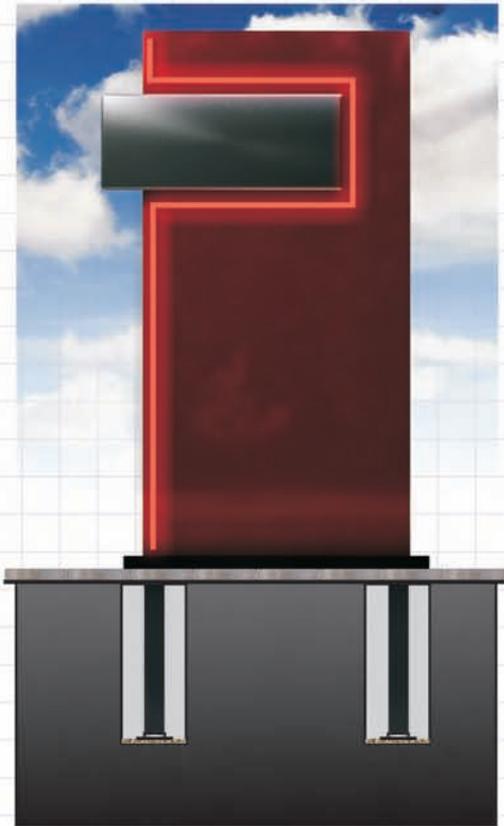
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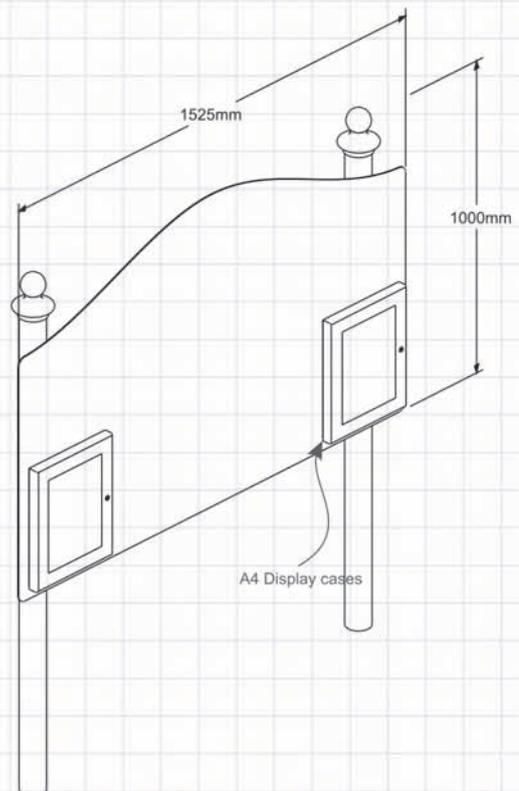
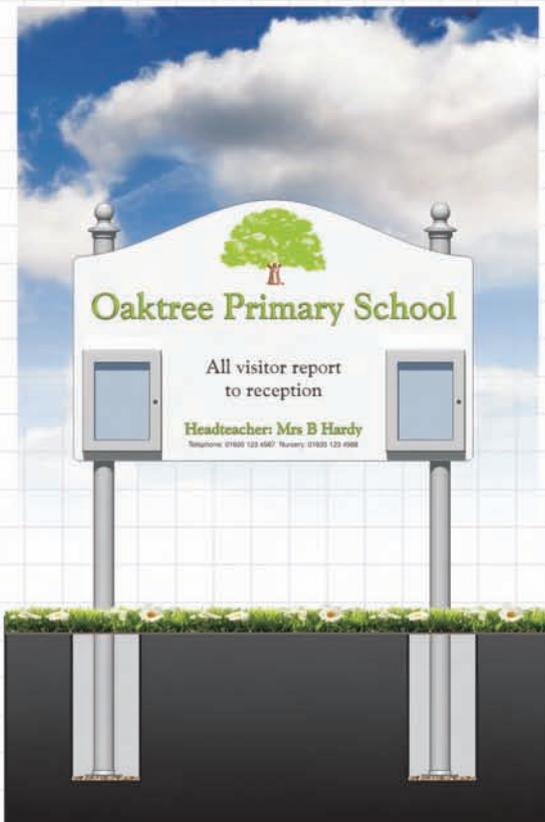
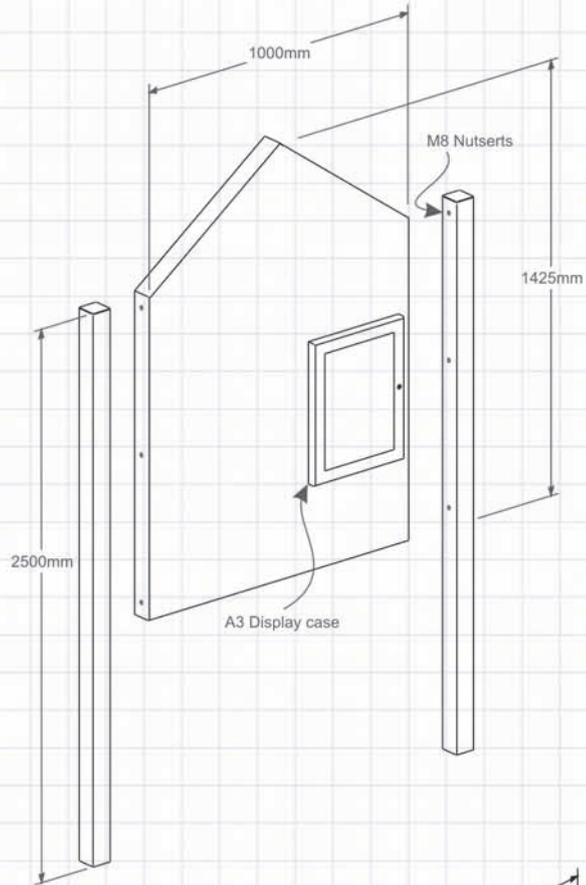
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Sign & Digital show set to draw the crowds



Seminar programme adds value

The seminar programme at Sign & Digital UK 2008 covers a wide range of topics. Whatever a visitor's professional needs this programme offers opportunities to help improve efficiency, develop creativity and save money. Working with some of the most exciting applications in the industry, these seminars are likely to be popular with visitors from across the industry and it's recommended attendees arrive early in order to get a seat.

Sign & Digital UK 2008 returns to the Birmingham NEC on 22-24 April 2008 with a host of seminars, workshops and theatres. The show runs from 10am-5pm each day.

Two companies are conducting seminars looking at different aspects and benefits of 'going green'. Steve Lister, business development manager at Robert Horne Sign & Display will be looking at the issues surrounding greener products, while Steve Wicks of Greenprint Consultancy will examine how businesses are best able to market their environmentally responsible activities, to both new and existing customers.

Visitors will also be able to hear from two American companies that have travelled to the UK especially to talk at the show. Sawgrass Technologies is hosting an introduction to the benefits of dye sublimation, which will be led by John Barker, program manager on the Project Sublimation educational series. Mel Meibers from Great Garment Graphics, a specialist personalisation company, is holding a series of seminars looking at growing a business with heat printing, through to advanced user techniques when heat printing.

Another exciting announcement at the Sign & Digital UK theatre, will be the re-launch of the DSPA, the trade association for the UK's print specialists and manufacturers. DSPA president, Peter Kiddell, and newly appointed business manager, John Keith, will be on hand to answer questions and communicate their vision for the future of this essential resource.

To show its support for the industry, the association will also be hosting two seminars at Sign & Digital UK; these free seminars are open to members and non-members alike.

On the 23rd April, John Keith explains how printers can increase profit margins by implementing simple yet effective processes and incorporating value-added services.

On the 24th April, industry expert, Sophie Matthews-Paul will host the second DSPA seminar at the show. During this seminar, Sophie will unravel what lies within the different wide format inkjet technologies on the market, and how the DSPA's growing involvement in the inkjet sector is vital to the growth of this market in the UK.



She will also provide an overview of where wide format inkjet production stands today, some of the concerns affecting the industry and what we can expect in the future. Sign & Digital UK and the Digital Signage Showcase brings the industry together and attracts high quality visitors from the sign and digital, end user and visual communications sectors. The event provides a unique opportunity to discover the latest products and services and keep pace with most recent signage solutions for 2008.

Reasons to come and visit this year's event include:

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- Opportunities to try out and compare the latest systems,
- Expert, impartial advice on how to get the best results from existing and new systems,
- Networking with peers and customers.

Sign & Digital UK Theatre

The seminar programme in the Sign & Digital UK Theatre tackles key issues facing the industry head on; subjects range from the increasing importance of being green to the influx of foreign imports within the market.

Tuesday 22nd April 2008

10.15-11.00	Re launch of the DSPA
11.15-11.45	Marketing on a shoestring
12.00-12.45	Growing a decorated apparel business with heat printing
13.00-13.30	Getting the best from China
13.45-14.30	Dye sublimation and full-colour, photo quality and interior signs
14.45-15.15	Heading in the right direction? The challenges of wayfinding for the blind and partially sighted people.
15.30-16.00	The environmental issues - Z to A

Wednesday 23rd April 2008

10.30-11.00	Making profit & being brave
11.15-12.00	Dye sublimation and full-colour, photo quality and interior signs
12.15-13.00	Growing a decorated apparel business with heat printing
13.15-13.45	Changing attitudes towards environmental issues
14.00-14.30	Marketing on a shoestring
14.45-15.15	Getting the best from China
15.30-16.00	Getting started in Digital Signage: For the small sign maker
16.15-16.45	The environmental issues - Z to A

Thursday 24th April 2008

10.30-11.00	Digital by association
11.15-11.45	Marketing on a shoestring
12.00-12.45	Growing a decorated apparel business with heat printing
13.00-13.30	Getting the best from China
13.45-14.15	Meet the challenges of environmental regulations and pressures with HP's new Industrial Inkjet solutions.
14.30-15.00	The environmental issues - Z to A
15.15-15.45	Heading in the right direction? The challenges of wayfinding for the blind and partially sighted people.

Walsall College Theatre

The Walsall College Theatre returns with a series of master classes encompassing a broad selection of topics, from vehicle wrapping to the benefits of white ink. Run in conjunction with Roland DG, these educational master classes are designed to demonstrate key techniques and skills needed by both young trainees and those looking to expand their skill base. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn about the latest applications, cutting edge technologies and practical tips and tricks to optimise equipment and boost their business.

Tuesday 22nd April to Thursday 24th April

11:00	20 Steps to a perfect wrap
12:00	Colour management made easy
13:00	Grow your business with engraving
14:00	20 steps to a perfect wrap
15:00	Unleash your creativity with white ink

Adobe and Corel Workshops

Following the success of previous shows, Adobe and Corel will again be running workshops sharing hints, tips and expert advice on the use of their applications.

In the Adobe theatre, Terry Steeley of Iridius will be conducting workshops on subjects including Adobe Illustrator CS3, Adobe Photoshop CS3, and Adobe Acrobat 8.0 Professional. Richard West from Apple will look at the benefits and features of running OS X Leopard, the brand new operating system from Apple, and Aperture 1.5, where RAW power meets raw power.

Adobe - Tuesday 22nd April to Thursday 24th April

10.30-11.00	Adobe Bridge CS3
11.00 -11.45	Adobe Illustrator CS3
11.45-12.30	Adobe Photoshop CS3 – New features
12.30 -13.15	Mac OS X Leopard – The guided tour
13.15-13.45	Acrobat 8.0 Professional
13.45 -14.30	Aperture 1.5
14.30-15.15	Adobe InDesign
15.15 -16.00	Creative Suite colour management
16.00-16.45	Ask Adobe – Tricks of the trade

Suzanne Smith of Corel UK will be leading visitors through a series of seminars looking at the practical capabilities of the new software packages from Corel, including CorelDraw Graphics Suite X4 and Corel Photo-Paint X4.



Lots to see and do at a busy Sign & Digital UK 2007 – and this year's event looks set to be just as busy.

The Corel Workshops will explain how to deliver high quality, innovative signage using the powerful yet easy to use CorelDRAW Graphics Suite. Workshops will be applicable to a wide range of sign making techniques and formats, from traditional vinyl cutting to designing content for next-generation digital displays.

Attendees will be able to learn more about how to use CorelDraw Graphics Suite to streamline their workflow, through techniques such as accurately turning freehand drawings and bitmap images into high quality vector designs and managing specialised fonts.

Corel - Tuesday 22nd April to Thursday 24th April

10:30-11:15	CorelDRAW Graphics Suite X4 – Transform ideas into professional results-fast
11:30-12:15	Labelling Vehicles - A Step By Step Guide
12:30-13:15	Digital Imaging with Corel Photo-Paint X4
14:45-15:30	CorelDRAW X4 and Ulead VideoStudio 11.5 Plus: Combine Images and Video Clips to Create Impressive Films for Digital Advertising
15:45-16:30	Foundations for the Optimising of Print and Publications

The above timetables are correct at time of going to print. To confirm timings, find out more, or to register for your free ticket visit www.signanddigitaluk.com or tel. 020 8651 7140.

Marketing on a shoestring seminar

The organisers of Sign & Digital UK 2008, have recently announced their Seminar Theatre and claims to provide “Advice, Solutions and Inspiration” to visitors of the show - and the series entitled ‘Marketing on a Shoestring’ aims to do exactly that.

Berni Dack, founder and MD of marketing communication specialist, JB Marketing & Consultancy Ltd, will be providing a thought provoking master class on getting the best return on your marketing investment.

Featured on all three days of Sign & UK Digital, this seminar takes you through the basics of marketing communications; Berni will outline the issues facing every small company and entrepreneur, how to deal with some of these issues on a shoestring budget and how to think “co-operatively” in order to get the best return on investment for you, your suppliers and your customers.

At the end of each session JBMC invites you to bring some examples of your marketing material for professional comment.

Berni says, “After years of attending the show as both an exhibitor and a visitor I am delighted to be able to give something back to the industry by sharing my knowledge of the marketing communication process at these seminars.”

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Berni Dack, founder and MD of marketing communication specialist, JB Marketing & Consultancy Ltd.

Turn to the following pages for a list of exhibiting companies and details of what will be on many stands.

EXHIBITION *Preview*

Alphabetical list of exhibitors

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Albion Design & Fabrication Ltd	F50	Gandinnovations	E20	Remote Media	J73
Alcan Composites UK	E52	Global Erecting Sign		Renz UK Limited	K40
All Formats	AA70	Services Ltd	AA10	Revolution Transfers	AC48
AllSee Technologies Limited	J70	Grafityp UK Ltd	K20	Reymatex SA – Technopres	AC14
Andersons A subsidiary of		Granthams	AA22	Right Stuff	B69
Litho Supplies (UK) Ltd	H20	Gravograph Limited	H60	Robert Horne Group	D20 & D25
Applelec Sign		GroundPlug (UK) Ltd	K44	Roland DG (UK) Ltd	C40
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Applied Cutting Systems Ltd	E82	Hewlett-Packard	G40	Roto Signs	K38
Applied Image Technology Ltd	F10	Hexis Uk Ltd	G10	RW Machines Ltd	AC70
Arete Corp	E72	Hilliard And Winn	B52	Sachsen Fahnen GmbH & Co KG	C60
Arnold Magnetic Technologies Ltd	AB22	Hybrid	B20	Sarhad Text and Garments	AB40
Atwell Eyelets & Pressings	B70	Identify Permanent		Screen (UK) Ltd	C22
AV Magazine	L72	Imaging Solutions	AB10	Screen Process & Digital	
Award Crafters Ltd	L32	Image Reports Magazine	E71	Imaging Magazine	AA42
Awltech	C83	Impact Graphic Solutions	H74	Search And Find	
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Alcan Composites

E52

Alcan Composites will present more innovative new sheet materials, providing exciting opportunities for designers and production specialists and maintaining a strong emphasis on quality, sustainability and corporate social responsibility.

The company will be showing new Forexprint for the first time in the UK. New Forexprint has been dubbed a 'Super-Substrate', due to its super-bright white surfaces and other print-friendly features, coupled with a competitive, mid-range price.



New Dibonddecor offers a sustainable, high quality and easy-to-fabricate alternative to hardwoods

Samples of the new 5mm thick Forexsmart, Alcan Composites' unique, 100% recyclable, ultra-lightweight rigid foam sheet will also be available. The extreme rigidity and lightness of Forexsmart makes it particularly useful where the substrate is not supported by a framework, as it isn't prone to sagging under its own weight.

New to the famous Dibond range of aluminium composite panels, Dibonddecor is a range of realistic wood effect finishes with printed textured surfaces. Also on display, new Dibondstucco provides the appearance of a traditional stucco plaster finish.

Yet another innovative new product can be seen at the show for the first time: Foam-Xnew is a new take on an old favourite – now with polyurethane core for increased stiffness and recycled liners.

In addition new products, the company will be presenting its complete product range, including the market-leading Kapa and GatorFoam foamboards. Visitors will also be able to register for Alcan Composites' 'Test the Best' large format sample packs.

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Albion Design and Fabrication

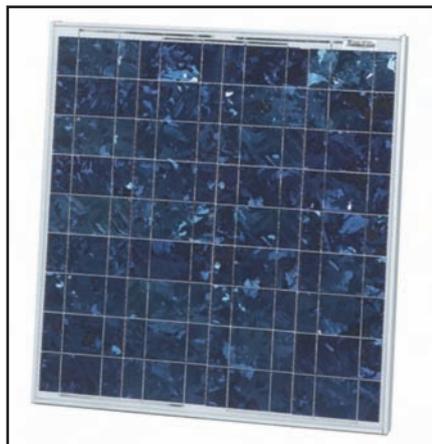
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Albion will be demonstrating its fast growing Pathfinder barrier and queue management systems. The brand includes product ranges in flexi barriers, fixed beam and rope stands.

Albion has extended the range to include merchandising stands, versatile and practical for the retail sector, as well as Nexus Cordon Barriers that incorporate secure and stylish mobile fixing poles with infill banners for advertising and logo space – perfect for outside seating and queuing, as well as internal floor space partitions and divides. The new display systems catalogue, launched in February this year, will also be available on the stand.

Applelec Sign Components

L1, K48, K52



Solar-LED from Applelec Sign Components.

Applelec Sign Components is introducing Solar-LED, solar panels for use with LED modules, at this year's event. Solar-LED is designed to meet customer requirements for power to a remote sign location without having to dig up the surrounding area. They have been especially welcomed by architects and designers who want to offer their customers 'Greener' lighting solutions.

Also on show will be samples from Co. Sign's Sign System and Display series, two ranges for which Applelec Sign Components has just been appointed exclusive UK distributor. Applelec will be showing Wall Mounted Panel Supports, with rod and cable components, which are now available. The Module Plus Post & Panel Outdoor range exclusively distributed and manufactured by Applelec Sign Components (UK) Ltd, will also be on the stand.

Applelec Sign Components has also been appointed exclusive UK & Irish distributor for the Signal Sign System range and will be showing way-finding sign units and frames with directories, either curved or flat faced, incorporating wall mounted, projecting, and totem signs. Poster display frames that have a snap side profile to allow for easy interchange of inserts will be available, as well as an exterior light box series.

In addition, Applelec Sign Components will be showing a selection of flat cut and built up letter, LED illumination for signage, LED display cases, way finding systems and modular signs systems.

www.applelecsign.co.uk

ArtSystems



The new Mutoh ValueJet, supported by ArtSystems.

ArtSystems will be exhibiting on two key manufacturer stands at Sign & Digital UK. ArtSystems will be lead distributor on the HP stand (G40) providing technical and sales support for HP Designjet Low Solvent, UV Flatbed and HP Designjet Z6100 series printers.

Andrew Edwards, the new Graphics Sales Division Manager said, "We have been partners with HP at Sign UK for the last four years because, our depth of knowledge means we are able to support the full range of HP Designjets in all their markets; and our resellers are able to take advantage of our knowledge to ensure that they present the best solution for their customers."

ArtSystems will also be managing the Mutoh stand providing key support and helping with the launch of the new Mutoh ValueJets.

Andrew Edwards adds "It's really an acknowledgement of our breadth of coverage that manufacturers like Mutoh see us as their partner of choice to support them. Our relationship with Mutoh goes back over 15 years so we are uniquely placed to help them launch their new ValueJet models. We anticipate a high demand for the new printers."

The company will also be supporting several resellers with loan equipment and technical support for the show.

www.artsystems.co.uk

XYZ and Pacer

B60



ICS facility installed on an XYZ router.

Leading suppliers of both standard and bespoke routing and engraving solutions, XYZ Automation (UK) and Pacer Systems will for the first time exhibit as a joint enterprise. The machines being shown demonstrate the capability of both companies to meet widely contrasting routing and engraving requirements, in particular the processing of more complex signage concepts.

XYZ Automation will demonstrate both a large-format twin-head 5014 routing system and a smaller machine incorporating the company's innovative Intelligent Cutting System (ICS). The large-format solution, which has a process length of 4.2 metres and incorporates the versatile Automatic Tool Change (ATC) facility, has been designed to speed up and simplify the fabrication of large sign fascias and panels, billboards and large-format graphics. The ICS feature to be shown resolves problems associated with linear and non-linear material distortion that hitherto resulted in work having to be scrapped.

Similarly, Pacer Systems will exhibit its multi-purpose Cadet and also the latest 2512K series CNC router. The Cadet has all of the production features associated with the higher-end Pacer machine range but also has the built in floating head system for fine-depth engraving as standard. The supporting XMC-E machine control software adds to the versatility of the machine and in particular the capacity for two and three-dimensional productions. Key enhancements on the latest model include a twin ball screw system with dual X-axis motors and a heavier bed and frame to ensure more rigidity and to provide optimum accuracy and smoother cutting under all conditions.

www.xyz.co.uk
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Color-Dec Italy

B51

Color-Dec Italy will bring the famous 'domes system' to Sign & Digital UK 2008. The system uses PU resins to give a shining 3D effect to standard labels. Meanwhile the patented 'ecodomies' system, allows for the production of several effects on emblems, such as a chrome effect, using only plastic foils.

Denis Rawlins

L6

Denis Rawlins will be showing its range of high quality, rubber backed mats at this year's event. The mats can be printed with a company logo, message or both, and require only an electronic image or design instructions in order for a proof to be provided. Once approved, mats can be manufactured and delivered in as little as seven days.

Drytac

H63

Drytac, one of the world's most highly regarded manufacturers of products for graphics finishing and display will be introducing the Inglet Cutter at the show. The new range of vertical cutters, available in four sizes exclusively from Drytac, are capable of cutting vertically any substrate up to 22mm thick including MDF, acrylic, rigid PVCs, foamboard and many others.

Emach

C51

First time exhibitors include Emach on Stand C51, which will be promoting a range of products including engravers, CNC machines, routers and lasers, as well as the company's UK team of technical service engineers that support the machine and software ranges. Emach will be offering visitors the chance to win £1,000 worth of hand and power tools, simply by visiting the company's stand.

EskoArtwork

H30

EskoArtwork will present Innovative cutting and workflow solutions for sign and display including demonstrations of the Kongsberg i-XL24 samplemaking table with i-cut 6.2 at this year's event. The company will showcase its i-cut vision control system and i-script workflow integrated with the Kongsberg i-XL24 on stand H30.

The adoption of flatbed digital printing in the sign, display and POP sectors has dynamically expanded creative design possibilities and placed a greater emphasis on digital finishing solutions. The Kongsberg i-XL series complements digital printing of signs and displays by delivering a finishing solution for the widest range of materials, providing automation, high productivity and outstanding precision. The Kongsberg i-XL finishing tables are loaded with unique features that save time and boost quality. Targeted materials include plywood, acrylics, polycarbonates, Dibond, rigid PVC, wood, corrugated cardboard and high pressure laminates.



Visit EskoArtwork on Stand H30.

EskoArtwork will demonstrate the i-cut 6.2 Vision control system and i-script workflow that generates exact registration and direct control for die-less cutting contours to perfectly match printed images and compensate for any dimensional changes, distortions or material variations like shrinkage or stretching.

In the UK, EskoArtwork is supported in this market by Mill Pond Graphics, Litho Supplies and Raster Print selling the Kongsberg i-XL series to Signage, POS and POD printers. Raster Print will also demonstrate an Kongsberg i-XL20 samplemaking table at the show on stand D50. www.esko.com

Eurobond Adhesives

L5

Eurobond Adhesives (L5), suppliers of a wide range of high and medium technology adhesive products will be introducing Penloc 1-1R Non-Odour structural adhesive. Penloc 1-1R is designed for small workshops, confined spaces and businesses with poor ventilation. The range of adhesives can be used to bond most metals, plastics, Dibond, composites, GRP, glass and wood in any combination. Cure times are typically around five minutes with a full cure in just one hour.

www.eurobond-adhesives.co.uk

EXHIBITION *Preview*

Figra

D71

A new product available to see at the show will be the Visual Panexpo range of double-sided aluminium frames, from Figra on Stand D71. Ideal for hanging posters or for creating stand-alone totems, screens and partitions, the frames can be supplied complete with central board, anti-reflective sheets, as well as hanging hooks. Alternatively, the profile can be bought in lengths of three metres for those wishing to cut and frame their own panels. Accessories available from Figra include a variety of aluminium feet and hinges.

Global Erecting Sign Services

AA10

First time exhibitor at Sign & Digital UK is Global Erecting Sign Services (GESS). A highly competent sign installation company, GESS is able to install all types of signage from street level through to extreme high-level work, including complete building wraps. GESS will be at the show displaying images from a selection of installations previously undertaken. GESS will also be showing some of the bespoke fixing methods used, including different types of brackets that have been developed for purpose.

Grafityp UK Ltd

K20

Grafityp will endeavour to fit as much as possible on stand K20, with the latest edition of Express Sign Products price list/catalogue available and helpful friendly staff on hand for further information.

A colourful cross section Grafitack and Graficast self-adhesive vinyl and the Grafiprint media range will be on show.

A selection of digital printers from Roland will be churning out samples on Grafiprint media for the duration of the show.

Visitors to the Grafityp stand will see vehicle wrapping demonstrations using the GrafiWrap vehicle wrap system and be given an insight into how the material performs, as well as being able to handle and even try an application if they wish.

New cutting plotters from GCC including the Jaguar IV with a new alignment system and Puma III with LCD and AAS, will be launched at this year's event. Grafityp will also have several machines from the GCC range of Laser Engravers on show, performing demos and making samples.



See Grafityp's range on Stand K20.

Heat applied garment films from Grafityp offer many and varied styles, colours and types and a garment display and many samples and colour charts will be available to visitors to the stand.

Lots of tools and accessories such as felt squeegees, weeding tools, cotton gloves as well as software options will also have a presence.

www.grafityp.co.uk

Granthams

AA22

Specialising in colour systems for the signs, graphics, fine art and Photography industries, Granthams are using Sign UK to promote its latest solutions for wide format digital output.

Granthams supply a wide range of large format indoor & outdoor solvent and pigment based systems from HP, Canon, Mimaki & Roland including Print and Cut, as well as large format UV flatbed options. RIP options are also available from Onyx and ColorGate. In addition we also supply a wide range of cutting solutions for general signmaking, as well as contour cut and die cut solutions from Graphtec and Mimaki including signmaking software for Macintosh and PC.

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Gravograph

H60

Gravograph on Stand H60, a leading manufacturer of innovative solutions for engraving and marking will be launching the brand new XL range of CO2 lasers and demonstrating a range of new engraving machines together with 3D software. In addition, the company will also be offering solutions for retail, commercial, institutional and industrial applications, from personalisation to architectural signage and industrial part marking.

Hewlett Packard

G40



The first UK showing of the HP Designjet 4500 Hybrid UV printer is on Stand G40. This year's Sign and Digital UK will see an exciting range of Large Format print solutions on display from HP, which has a broad portfolio of products available to meet a diverse range of signage needs.

The HP stand will include the first UK showing of the HP Designjet 4500 Hybrid UV printer (formerly the ColorSpan 5465uv) since HP's acquisition of MacDermid ColorSpan. The new HP Designjet H35000/H45000 Printer series, formerly the ColorSpan 5400uv series, enables effective printing of a range of durable indoor and outdoor signage, banners, point-of-purchase (POP) displays and posters with vivid colours on both flexible and rigid media.

Also new is HP's latex ink technology – an exciting new ink technology that is friendly to the environment while producing superb quality output.

Sign and Digital UK will also see HP displaying the award winning HP Designjet Z6100 and the HP Designjet 8000s.

The HP Designjet Z6100 is capable of delivering exceptional print speeds with outstanding image quality and durability and also has an embedded spectrophotometer with Original HP Vivera inks for accurate, fade resistant colour with each print. The HP Designjet 8000s is a low solvent machine, capable of producing small signs to large banners - at 1626mm, this printer is the perfect tool for any print or sign shop.

www.hp.com

Hexis

G10

Hexis has expanded the range of HexPress vinyl, and will demonstrate its main feature 'ease of application', live on the stand, throughout the show. New for the 2008 show is the HX10000 Cast film; the first range of 50 micron coloured cast vinyl, available with HexPress technology. In addition, simplifying the creation of projector transparencies and screen positives is POP190CG, a 190 micron clear polyester film suitable for printing with solvent inkjets. Hexis will also be launching a new 'Ready 2 Print' banner material, complete with patented grommets system that allows finished and pre-grommets material to be printed.

Another new innovation from Hexis Digital, that visitors to the show will be able to see, is the Ferrari Stamoid Decolitt 252. This revolutionary banner stand media is suitable for solvent inkjet printing, and features a bright white printing surface, and black back, for total opaqueness and therefore a brighter, more vibrant image. This new product is perfect for roll-up or static banner stands, as no lamination is required, and is 100% recyclable through the Taxyloop system. Visit the stand at Sign & Digital UK 2008 to take advantage of a special offer exclusive to the show: 1 roll of Decolitt 252 (900mm x 25m), plus a box of six Hextra85 banner stands delivered for only £200 plus VAT.

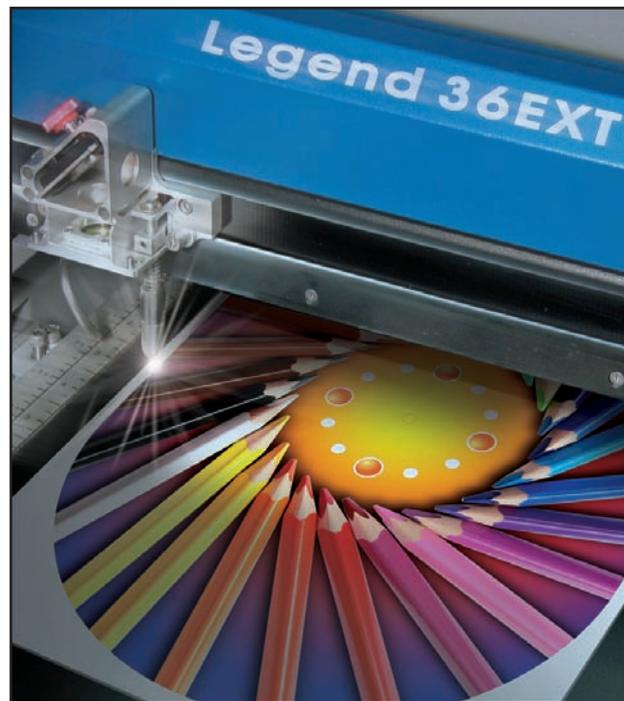
Hybrid

B20

Hybrid will be showing the cream of Mimaki's sign and graphics range at Sign & Digital UK 2008, including the introduction of three new products. The Mimaki JV33 solvent printer with bright white ink, Mimaki JV5-320 grand format solvent printer and the Mimaki CF3 flatbed cutting and routing table will all be on display at the show.

Identify Permanent Imaging Systems

AB10



Epilog laser systems is just one of the attractions on Stand AB10.

Identify is a specialist distributor of marking systems. The systems range from engraving by either mechanical or laser methods or printing using the very latest in all-surface inks delivered by well engineered flat-bed printers.

Sign UK 2008 will see Identify promoting its own brand of Print & Cut.

Identify will be demonstrating the advanced technology and superlative quality that is today's Epilog laser system.

In conjunction with the superb finishing abilities of the Epilog laser systems, Identify will be showing the DirectJet 1320 flat bed ink-jet printer. This printer is exceptional in its class, offering resolution in excess of 5000 dpi and having the ability to lay down a clear coat of UV curable ink. With the ability to print up to 500mm x 300mm and a thickness of 150mm this printer is finding work in many arenas from signage to POS and badges to branding.

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Innova Solutions

L31

Innova Solutions on Stand L31, a specialist in self-adhesive tapes, adhesives and photo luminescent products, will be launching the latest additions to the company's already extensive range. NovaGlass uses state-of-the-art nano-molecular, sol-gel technology that maintains glass in liquid form. When applied to a sign or nameplate, it builds an incredibly thin, invisible layer of glass that repels dirt, grime and creates an anti-graffiti coating.

In addition, Innova Solutions will also be introducing NovaLite, a revolutionary, single-part, and invisible adhesive that bonds clear acrylics and glass to virtually any service in seconds and NovaSol, a range of clear, two-part structural adhesives for plastic lamination and edge bonding, available in interior and exterior versions.

ITC Tooling Ltd

D70



ITC Tooling will be showing a wide selection of cutters on Stand D70.

Leading manufacturer of cutting tool solutions for the sign and aerospace industry ITC Tooling is proud to announce it will have a vast array of cutters available for all types of routing and engraving operations on stand D70. The company continually demonstrates its problem solving ability with its market leading LG Series tooling.

On show at Sign UK, the success of the LG series of single fluted end mills is evident as the series has developed to meet the changing market requirements of the sign industry.

The cutters now comprise of a short, standard, long series, reinforced shank for enhanced rigidity and tool life where required with the most recent additions being the extra long series for machining 25mm acrylic.

The ability of ITC to produce tooling to specific needs will be demonstrated at Sign UK. To be exhibited at Sign UK, the ENG 2D engraving series, the 155 standard, 162 long series and 163 extra long series are all available in ball nose or square end with diameter ranges to meet the needs of the user.

www.itc-ltd.co.uk

Neschen UK

H40

Neschen is introducing a number of new inkjet media to an already extensive range. Included within these are four new solvent printable wallpapers, with varying textures that are made of non-woven substrate for greater strength and reliability.

New display systems will also be shown on the stand, including the new 'air tower' together with the recommended print media and enhancement laminates where required, plus many more in conjunction with Expolinc of Sweden.

Océ (UK)

C20

Océ will be using Sign and Digital UK as the platform to showcase its award-winning technologies and products in the display graphics market.

For the first time at the show Océ, a world leader in digital printer hardware and software systems, will also be teaming up with Zünd UK Ltd, the UK distributor of Zünd flatbed cutters.

Océ will also be partnering with self-adhesive and specialty media specialist Avery Graphics in a key collaboration on Stand C20.

Océ, Zünd and Avery Graphics will demonstrate the latest labour-saving innovations, designed to reduce waste and increase productivity. On its stand, Océ will also provide on-line access to the popular Océ Media Guide (www.mediaguide.oce.com), which provides detailed advice and guidance that helps printing professionals select the best media for their printers and applications.

Océ will again be sponsoring the registration area and will host daily competitions in partnership with Avery Graphics, with prizes awarded to visitors.

Derek Joys, Programme Manager, Display Graphics Systems, Océ UK, said: "Once again, we'll have some surprises in store that will ensure that our stand is a must-see part of the show experience for all our customers and prospects, as well as other visitors."

www.oce.com/uk

Planet Digital Ltd

B24



Apollo 26, 2600mm wide direct to media UV curable printer. Edge to edge printing on both roll to roll and rigid sheet.

Following the withdrawal of Zünd from the Printer market, Planet Digital Ltd in the UK has led development of a whole new range of UV Print solutions. Now in co-operation with European partners, Planet Digital is launching the first of a new range of UV printers and print finishing solutions into Europe and Russia. Sign UK is the first of a series of exhibitions and launches planned for the Apollo range.

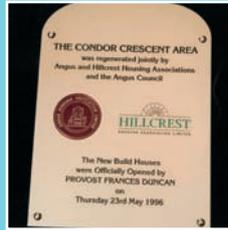
Apollo is a whole range of printers from the entry level Apollo 16, (1600mm wide, industrial print heads, roll to roll and rigid sheet printer with white), through sizes 2600 and 3200 to the 2.5 x 1.5 dedicated flatbed, the Apollo Storm.

Using the latest generation industrial Ricoh printheads using grey scale attributes, the printer offers a number of unique advantages. Stronger firing jets allow for higher head height adjustment whilst producing pin sharp edge definition. Good production speeds with resolutions of 1200 dpi apparent. White as standard (can be changed to colour if white not required).

At Sign UK, three versions of the Apollo UV printers will be shown. Two Apollo1600's using alternative 4 or 6 colour ink configurations and the Apollo 2500.

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Plex Display

F30

Plex Display (F30), a UK leading manufacturer of high quality, affordable modular display, presentation and exhibition systems is returning to Sign & Digital UK to exhibit its new range of display solutions.

Alpha – Roller Banner Stand, an innovative new 80cm wide single sided roller banner stand with a sleek minimalist styling, includes magnetically attached black chrome end trims. Featuring a unique storage system for the bungeed pole set and a mechanical top hanger that is supplied pre-tensioned. The Alpha offers the facility to change graphics and has a visual area of 2.1m x 80cm.

In addition, Plex Display will also be introducing the company's new Fusion – Modular graphic Display System, Vision – Outdoor Display Stand, and Cobra – Static Banner Stand.

printMAX

C50



PrintMAX's new site includes a demonstration area for the company's range of large format print and finishing equipment

'New owner, New ethos' is the message that printMAX's new owner Michael Bolton wants to shout out at Sign & Digital UK this year. Since the management buy-out in January 2008, the company remains true to its passion for providing customers with the absolute best solution for their business needs yet have adopted a fresh, more focused approach including the recruitment of new staff and acquisition of new offices and demonstration facilities in Hampshire.

Bolton explains the theory behind the fresh new approach at printMAX, "PrintMAX has been delivering large format print solutions since the mid '80s and currently is well established as the industry specialist in financing large format printer capital purchases and what we are putting in place now is the foundation for the next stages of growth – and we want our customers to grow with us."

As if that wasn't enough, Ronan Walshe has recently been appointed Sales Manager and is responsible for overall sales growth across the whole range of the printMAX's product and service portfolio.

To meet the 'men' of the moment, talk to them about their current range of large format print and imaging products and the various finance packages available, visit Stand C50.

www.printmax.co.uk

Remote Media

J73

At Sign & Digital UK 2008, Remote Media will be promoting the new range of large format four & six sheet digital posters,

along with the award winning digital signage software, 'signagelive'.

In addition, throughout the course of the show, Remote Media will be running frequent, live demonstrations of signage live over a GPRS/3G network to prove just how easily a digital signage network can be managed from anywhere in the world using a standard internet browser.

Roland DG (UK) Ltd

C40

Roland DG (UK) will be showcasing innovative applications and wide format technologies at Sign & Digital UK.

New products featuring on stand C40 include new SolJet PRO III XC-540W printer/cutter featuring Roland's revolutionary Intelligent Pass Control technology - a combination of Roland's VersaWorks RIP and printer firmware that doubles the XC-540's productivity in standard print mode on vinyl, and new Eco-Sol Max white ink.

At the show Roland DG (UK) Ltd will be happy to discuss the company's full range of inkjet devices, the world's most popular vinyl cutter, the latest high speed, high quality engravers (EGX-350) and photo impact printer (Metaza MPX-80), the Roland Academy (the UK's largest professional industry accredited training facility) and RolandCare on Stand C40.

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Sign Update

L21

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Sinology Enterprises

J74

Sinology Enterprises return to Sign & Digital under their own brand, with a new range of LED light boxes, and a new digital media system.

The LED light boxes are specifically designed for outdoor advertising, and as such are fully resistant to all weather types. The new digital media system, complete with LCD monitor allows customers program their own page, with a background, allowing for the simple and effective playback of video, slide-show pictures, rolling banners and much more.

Target Transfers

F5

Target Transfers, a one-stop-shop for all heat applied graphics, equipment and supplies, will be launching their Solutions range at Sign & Digital UK. New and exclusive to Target Transfers, the Subli-Block and Metallic Products will be seen for the very first time at the show. Solutions Metallic gives designs a truly eye-catching and unique finish. Available to purchase on the roll, they are ideal for use on a Versacamm or similar printer.

In addition, Target Transfers will be displaying and demonstrating their extensive range of cutters and presses, as well as their Originals range and Custom Transfer Printing Processes.

Techno Inc

B42

Techno Ice, a leading USA based CNC router manufacturer will be launching its new Techno Vision Digital Image Verification System.

Equipped with a digital camera that automatically locates reference markers on a print file, verifies the image and adjusts it for linear and rotational distortion. The Vision Software, in operation with Techno's GCODE CNC Interface,

transfers this information to the CNC router allowing customers to route digital prints effortlessly. This new system seamlessly integrates with traditional graphics programmes and quickly mounts on all Techno CNC routers.

Tecna UK

G41



The latest Tecna systems will be on Stand G41.

This year the Tecna UK stand at Sign & Digital UK will be showcasing the latest member of the revolutionary Tecna family; TBeam. TBeam allows you to create small plinths, pods and light boxes. Stronger, more durable and probably easier to transport than anything else on the market, the TBeam is readily available off-the-shelf and comes with all the items you need 'in a bag' - just apply graphics.

The T3 and TBeam core product stems from a bayonet and a connector that provides an almost limitless number of design options and a longer life expectancy of many other modular displays. Combined with the technological advancements in large format printing T3 creates a stunning, custom-look stand at a fraction of the cost and, with no tools required it, can be built in a fraction of the time.

The company behind the design, Tecna Display, has recently appointed Tecna UK as sole distributor for the UK to cope with the growing demand for the innovative T3 Systems. This enables a stronger support base for the UK and allows Tecna Display to focus on manufacturing, product development and worldwide distribution network.

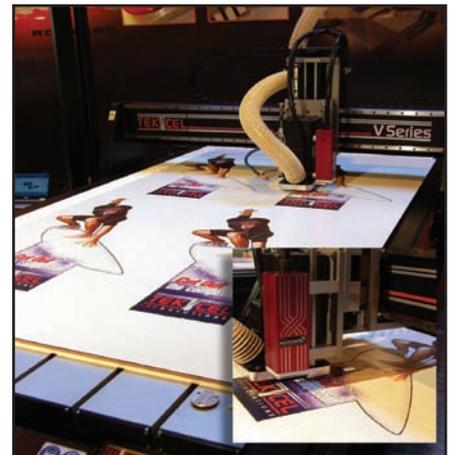
As well as stand structures, the T3 framework can be used to build doors, light-boxes or light-walls, illuminated flooring and recessed Plasma/LCD screen mounts. simeon@tecnadisplay.com

Tekcel CNC Solutions

E15

Tekcel Routers have appeared at every Sign UK for the past six years and Tekcel CNC Solutions celebrates this year with an exciting display of award winning CNC routers, CAD/CAM software and an extensive range of high quality cutters and tooling.

Tekcel routers have earned industry-wide recognition for their technical innovation and rock solid reliability. This was underlined with a Highly Commended award at the last BSGA Sign Industry Awards. Available in a comprehensive range of industry standard bed sizes, all Tekcel routers harbour a wealth of class leading features, including powerful routing heads, digitally-controlled,



CNC machining techniques across a broad range of applications and materials can be seen on Stand E15.

servo motors and ball leadscrew drive systems on every axis, 'cut-to-film' vacuum bed systems and automatic tool length sensing as standard. There are also a wide range of 'must have' options on offer, including Automatic Tool Changing, Cut to Print camera and pin registration systems.

Visitors to the Tekcel stand will have the opportunity to get up close and personal to the company's popular E Series and V Series routers through live demonstrations of various CNC machining techniques across a broad range of signmaking applications and materials.

Tekcel CNC Solutions can be found on Stand E15, close to the Sign UK entrance. www.tekcelcnc.com

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TheMagicTouch

AA46



Full colour imaging onto almost any fabric or textiles will be demonstrated on Stand AA46.

TheMagicTouch is offering more innovation, maintaining its position as a global pioneer of the image transfer business. Since 1989, manufacturing and marketing a comprehensive range of transfer papers for use with toner based colour laser printers and copiers.

This year sees the introduction of new A4/A3 toner based printers with enhanced firmware and drivers for full compatibility with all TMT papers and equally excellent performance on normal plain paper.

The award winning WoW transfer process for full colour imaging onto almost any fabric or textiles regardless of colour or composition will be demonstrated throughout the exhibition. Advantages are no weeding, no cutting, no inks, soft feel, superb washing durability, and all printed on a normal laser printer. The intellectual property of WoW is protected by the European and United States Patents.

The company offers a comprehensive range of image transfer solutions including all aspects of toner transfer, sublimation, consumables, heat press equipment, plotters/cutters with the relevant stocks of flex, flock, glitter films etc.

With the changing market, clients want less more often, and quicker than ever before and TheMagicTouch is the perfection addition to an existing sign business.

TheMagicTouch offers sales and marketing support for existing clients. This year's focus is on database management and target marketing. All courses are held at the newly expanded training facility in Dunstable, Bedfordshire.
www.themagictouch.co.uk

Universal Aluminium Systems

K36

Leading extruder of aluminium, Universal Aluminium Systems will be demonstrating a range of sign systems that combines design innovation, durability, quality and aesthetic appearance.

Key products on Stand K36 include Slimline (a flexible solution for wherever a narrower and lighter sign system is required), Dualcase (for single-or double-sided illuminated signs), Tranicase (a sign case system for displaying transparencies and posters), Panatrim (for non-illuminated panel signs), Unicase (a hinged sign case system for rapid access) and Flexcase (for single-or double-sided flexible face signs). Universal will also be introducing its Wedgeflex system for flexible face applications.

Other products to be shown include the Unilight trough light system, the Locate post & panel system and the Direx reversible information and wayfinding system.

Universal can fabricate in-house as well as supply bar length extrusions from its 65,000 square feet facility in Bristol. This includes what the company believes is a sign industry 'first', an automated 'robotic' warehouse that monitors stock levels,



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G80

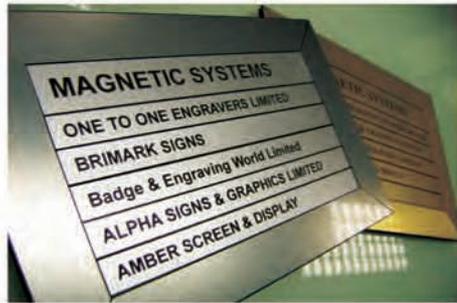
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Our Show Special Offer this year is a reduced price package of an eyelet machine, punch and bag of 19mm brass eyelets, for £105 (+ carriage & VAT). This offer is limited to the first 150 orders, so make your way to Stand G80 early to see and test the items and to take advantage of this special deal.

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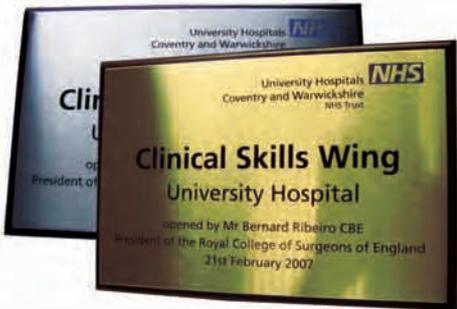
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EXHIBITION *Preview*

William Smith

J40

William Smith's stand at Sign & Digital UK 2008 will be packed with a whole range of interactive goodies to grab the attention of visitors. From demonstrations to visual displays, materials and technical information, there will be plenty to see, touch, feel and talk about.

Regular vehicle wrapping demonstrations, using the recently introduced 3M™ wrapping film IJ380 and 3M's 5year durable ink jet printing film IJ40C will show the ease with which these materials can be applied.

Fully interactive demonstrations of the now well-renowned RollsRoller Flatbed Applicator 540 and 280 models, presented throughout the show, will include application

of graphics onto large banners and other substrates, cut graphics and sign faces onto rigid panels and how application tape can be applied very quickly.

A turntable featuring miniature vehicles in a tunnel will enable visitors to see clearly at first hand the benefits of using 3M™ High Visibility Vehicle Safety Marking Tape.

A further showcase will feature a cross-section of signage products, including the well-respected Stylos Fingerpost system and the Flexfast and Luminedge back-lit box systems.

Also on show will be the latest 3M materials and members of William Smith's Technical Sales Team will be on hand to provide full details of the company's Material Distribution Service, together with product samples.

www.williamsmith.co.uk

Your Embroidery Services Ltd

AC30

Your Embroidery Services Ltd will be showing part of the extended range of ink jet printing machines from world-renowned manufacturer DTG. This fantastic collection of machines demonstrates breakthrough technology in both machinery and inks.

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Zund Plotting Systems (UK)

D40

Zund UK will be exhibiting the latest additions to its product portfolio. This year sees one of Zund's large format XL range machines brought onto the stand. This will be configured to show the machines capabilities in cutting, routing, kiss cutting and much more for all areas of the industry.

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Stand J40 will feature a myriad of interactive demonstrations and visual displays throughout the show.

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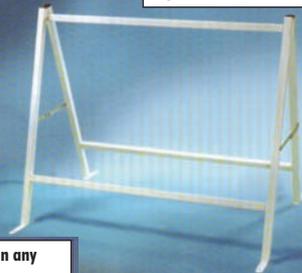
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Signs Express (Plymouth) staff being presented with their certificates by Clive Mitchell (far left)

NVQ success all round at Signs Express

Leading signs and graphics manufacturer Signs Express (Plymouth) are pleased to announce all their staff have successfully completed the industry standard NVQ course for Sign Manufacturing and Installation. Established for over 10 years, this accreditation is the latest accomplishment for Signs Express (Plymouth), reaffirming their skills and expertise within the industry.

After months of hard work and studying by centre owner Chris Reilly and his staff at Signs Express (Plymouth), they are pleased to inform their customers that they have met and exceeded the requirements for the NVQ in Sign Manufacturing and Installation – a qualification which, in today's manufacturing world, is vitally important as it will entitle the holder for registration onto the Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS) card, which is run by the CITB. By having the CSCS card Signs Express (Plymouth) are able to take on larger site based jobs within the area, as well as giving them a distinct advantage over their local competitors.

Supported by the Train to Gain scheme, the vocational training was carried out 'on the job' by key members of staff at the Signs Express centre. The NVQ course is designed to equip and qualify workers for their roles in modern sign making techniques and is an assessed distance learning course, run in conjunction with Walsall College and the British Sign & Graphics Association (BSGA), of which Signs Express is a full member. As part of the qualification Signs Express (Plymouth) staff were required to submit course material and show knowledge and understanding for assessing site situations over a twenty week period.

The course was completed by Chirs Reilly Signs Express (Plymouth) centre owner; Julian Kitt, Production Manager; Richard Brady, Trainee; Perry Thomas, Fitter and Simon Joyce, Sign Maker.

Staff were presented with their certificates by Clive Mitchell, NVQ Lecture at Walsall College.

Signs Express (Plymouth) are based in Wolseley Business Park, Plymouth and work with a variety of companies in the area. They provide a complete design, manufacture and fitting service for all forms of signage and offer a complete signage solution from interior and exterior signs to vehicle graphics, banners, window graphics and display products.

For further information please contact 01752 563336 or log onto www.signsexpress.co.uk/plymouth

Piggotts launch brand new website

Piggotts, a UK premier event solution company, has launched its new website www.piggottts.co.uk which individually showcases the three divisions of the company; Marquee, Festive Illumination and Branding.

As well as highlighting the products and services on offer, the site also provides an improved on-line shop for increased customer satisfaction.

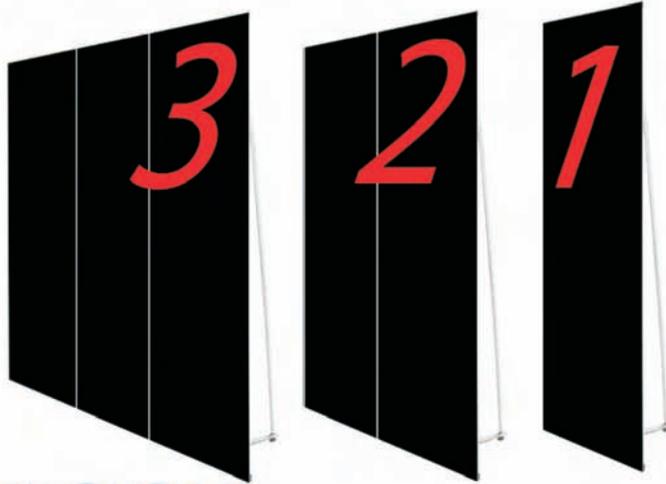
Piggotts Managing Director ,Nick McLaren, said: "We are confident that our new look website will prove to be an asset for the company and provide our customers with valuable product information, as well as on-line shopping facilities."

Piggotts high profile projects last year included Regent and Oxford Street Christmas lights, marquees for the World Scout Jamboree, as well as Cartier Polo, branding for the FA Cup Final and replacement flagstaffs along the Mall.

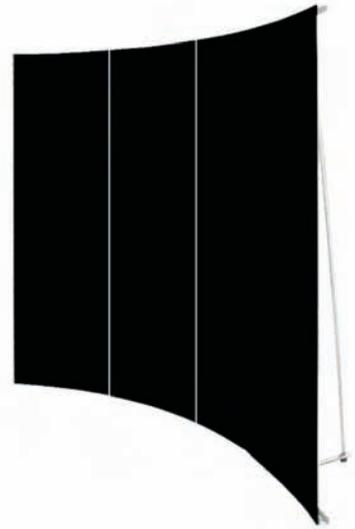
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Firm flies flag for environment with new recyclable banners

One of the country's leading flag firms is pioneering 'green' manufacturing with the introduction of 100% recyclable banners.

The Hampshire Flag Company is amongst one of the first UK manufacturers to offer the new recyclable product made from DuPont™ Tyvek.

Graham Wilkinson, the Waterlooville firm's Managing Director, believes that it is time for manufacturers to become more responsible and future-focused.

"This is just a small step towards changing the way we work but if it benefits the environment, then it has to be positive," said Graham, whose company was recently awarded runner up in the 'Community Contribution' category at The News Business Excellence Awards.

"The new banners offer a win-win situation. Our customers receive a high-quality product at no additional cost and the environment doesn't suffer in the process. We hope that recyclable banners mark the just beginning of a range of environmentally sound products from Hampshire Flag," he added.

The DuPont™ Tyvek banner is very hard-wearing and almost impossible to tear thanks to its construction of a random pattern of polyethylene fibres, making it ideal for external use.

Ian Davis, Senior Consultant at DuPont, who are the manufacturer and supplier of the DuPont™ Tyvek material, says the recyclable banner is a strong competitor for the current PVC banner market. "The recyclable material meets all three 'Rs' recommended by the Government – it is reusable, recyclable and reduces carbon footprint.

"We are delighted that Hampshire Flag have embraced this innovative step and look forward to more companies becoming greener in their manufacturing," added Ian.

The recyclable banner is available in large format sizes up to two metres in height and in widths up to 40 metres. Hampshire Flag offers full colour UV printing, single or double sided, on the 110gsm material.



The 18-strong team at the community conscious firm produces hand-sewn national and international flags and digitally printed banners. It also offers a bespoke flag design service, PVC banners, marine flags, bunting and table flags in addition to the supply and installation an extensive range of flagpoles.

Hampshire Flag is a multi award-winning firm which provides on-going support for various charity challenges and expeditions including the Homeless World Cup, swimmer and environmentalist Lewis Pugh's on-going feats, Portsmouth Festivities and Keith White's expedition to sail solo across the Atlantic with only one hand. Prestigious clients include the BBC, Channel 4, IBM and British Airways and it also has a sales office in Dundee, Scotland.

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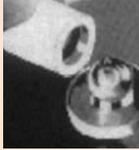
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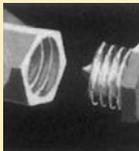
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