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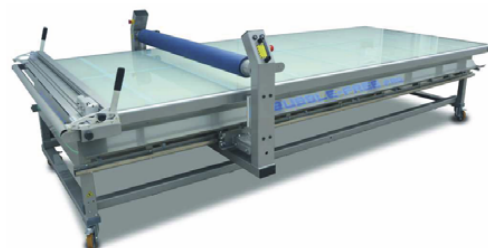
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New year, fresh challenges

As we start another year many of you will have plans for expansion, investing in new equipment and personnel – all with the aim of providing an excellent service to your customers who demand ever more value for their money. There may be uncertainties with regard to the economy but the sign industry, as with all manufacturing, has been there before and will no doubt rise to the challenge. One piece of good news for the sign and display industry came from the Chancellor's budget at the end of October when he announced a cut in business rates for business properties with a rateable value of £51,000 or less.

In this issue we bring you special features on the importance of ink quality to the finished product and developments in software that help improve overall efficiency, improve quality and accuracy or achieve consistency. We have a recent interview with Fastsigns CEO Catherine Monson, while the Toolbox feature tackles digital signage and how to get it right first time.

In addition, we have the latest product and sign industry news, along with a diverse range of projects and equipment applications. The next issue will include special features bringing you the latest developments in Flex Face signage and Fixtures & Fittings.

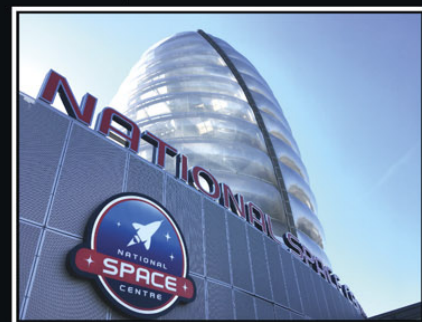
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Self-adhesive metal effect films in classic shades

ASLAN has expanded its portfolio of special effect films with the introduction of the MetallLux ASLAN SE 50 in Champagne and Platinum. These classic shades are said to impress by their elegant appearance, trendy and timeless.

When applied to a smooth, compatible surface, the silky matt shades come into full effect. While Champagne creates a warm ambience, Platinum brings a touch of "cool elegance to every interior space". These self-adhesive films can be used to cover complete surfaces or plotter cut to produce spectacular highlights to any graphic design or logo.

Due to their 50 µm thickness, both Champagne and Platinum are easy to handle and apply. ASLAN recommends a dry application but wet reduces static charges and makes repositioning even easier. It is important to press the water out completely and carefully with the use of a squeegee.

Any slight visible marks that may appear while using a squeegee are easily removed with a microfiber cloth. Both films are perfectly suited for shop fitting, exhibition stand design, visual merchandising and interior design. These self-adhesive metal effect films are



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specifically designed for the decoration of smooth surfaces. This makes them ideal for application to flat areas on furniture, ceilings and walls – whether applied to large areas for a complete surface design or as an individually set highlight. Surfaces should always be cleaned thoroughly to

achieve that trendy and yet timeless classic effect. MetallLux ASLAN SE 50 Champagne and Platinum have an outdoor durability of two years and are available in the dimensions 25 x 1.25 m.

www.ASLAN-Schwarz.com

Rose gold finish for metallised vinyls

Spandex has introduced Rose Gold vinyls in both mirror and brushed finishes to its ImagePerfect 6500 Metallised series,

complementing the existing range of mirror and brushed effects in gold and silver. The Rose Gold vinyl creates a contemporary,

high end design, which makes it ideal for restaurants and other lifestyle business locations, as well as retail spaces and other commercial environments.



The new films offer a three-year outdoor durability for flat or slightly curved surfaces.

Both of the new films are 122 cm wide and offer a three-year outdoor durability for flat or slightly curved surfaces. They are available now from Spandex to purchase by the metre.

General manager Leon Watson comments: "Rose Gold is an extremely attractive colour and a popular option in many markets. By adding mirror and brushed Rose Gold finishes to our ImagePerfect 6500 Metallised Series, we hope to make the colour more accessible to our customers who are looking to create a luxurious finish, without the need to purchase more expensive alternatives."

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Multi-function dye-sublimation printer meets market demand for flexibility

Responding to market demand for production flexibility in the digital textile print sector, Roland DG has launched the multi-function Texart RT-640M digital dye-sublimation printer said to enable direct-to-textile and indirect sublimation printing in a single, powerful device.

The latest addition to Roland's Texart dye-sublimation range, the RT-640M's printing capabilities make it possible to print directly onto polyester-based fabrics and dye-sublimation transfer paper, using the same ink and RIP.

Paul Willems, head of business development and product management, Roland DG EMEA comments: "Digital technology is ideally suited to today's 'print-on-demand' and short-run production models and the RT-640M is the ultimate flexible digital textile print solution, enabling sign makers to deliver agilely across a huge range of applications. Its direct printing capabilities make it ideal for businesses that want to print double-sided items such as flags and banners."

The RT-640M makes it possible to print directly onto polyester fabrics for a range of applications (visual communication, fashion, sports and décor), as well as rigid items such as promotional objects, rigid boards, Chromaluxe, ceramic tiles and stretch fabrics when printing on paper for indirect sublimation. In addition, the RT-640M can be paired with a 3D vacuum oven to create sublimated 3D objects for promotional or industrial use. When printing directly to textile, the RT-640M is compatible with many single and double-



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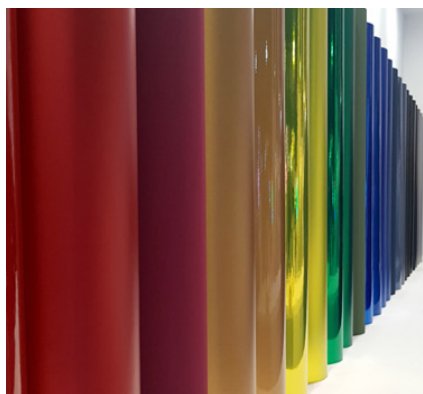
sided polyester fabrics including flag, mesh fabric, backlit, voile, block-out and banners. Enhanced features ensure even tensioning and precise, accurate prints onto the thinnest material.

Specially formulated for Texart sublimation devices, Roland Texart ink offers fast drying times and transfer rates plus a wide colour gamut ranging from dense blacks to high intensity orange and violet, eye-catching fluorescents and soft pastel shades for vivid colours, smooth gradations and super-sharp images. Included with the RT-640M, ErgoSoft Roland Edition 2 RIP software further accelerates productivity.

"The Texart RT-640M multi-function sublimation solution really is the first of its kind on the market and offers exceptional performance at an accessible price point," continues Paul. "There is huge profit potential for savvy print suppliers in the growing digital textile print sector and the RT-640M is the ideal entry point system."

"Everything we do is intended to help our users explore both their creative and business potential and the RT-640M has been designed specifically to meet our users' requirements."

www.rolanddg.co.uk



New colours and finishing have been introduced.

User-friendly adhesive film now with brilliant finishes

APA has unveiled new colours and finishing in the Wrapfilm SuperCandy collection, a high quality material with radiant and brilliant effects, offering versatility and user friendliness.

Innovative interior design films offer fitting solutions for the refurbishment and decoration of all domestic environments. In particular, the new line of ultra-resistant films, "where the OverTop range stands

out as a replacement for materials used in the coating of furniture".

In addition, the updated T-Shirt film collection of thermo-weldable film for fabrics, has been designed by professionals for an easy, creative and imaginative use even in fashion.

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Simple solution for short-term applications

Innotech Digital has launched a new 'essentials' range of self-adhesive vinyls and laminates, which they believe will offer a time-saving solution for signmakers and interiors on short term, economy applications. VistaMAX includes everyday products to provide entry level products that are easy to use and select from, each with clear applications and benefits. Designed for quick and easy application, they can be effectively protected by the lamination films included within the range for optimal colour and performance.

VistaMAX Monomeric Permanent White Air Escape Vinyl 100 (gloss or matt): is a calendared vinyl ideal for indoor and short-term outdoor signage, PoS advertising and window decoration. Suitable for application to flat or slightly curved surfaces, it features Air Escape technology which uses tiny perforations to prevent the formation of bubbles, making it swift and easy to apply. This vinyl has a 140gsm liner with grey acrylic-based permanent adhesive for improved opacity which means it can be successfully applied over other graphics without show-through. Suitable for Solvent, Eco-Solvent, UV-C and Latex inks, it is available in 1370 or 1600mm widths on a 50m roll.

VistaMAX Monomeric Permanent White Greyback Vinyl 100 (gloss or matt): a calendared vinyl for indoor and short-term outdoor signage, PoS advertising and window decoration. It boasts excellent dimensional stability and although it has a permanent adhesive, graphics can be removed in the short term, leaving little residue. This vinyl has a 140gsm liner with



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VistaMAX Monomeric Permanent White Gloss or Matt Vinyl (80 or 100): a calendared vinyl ideal for indoor and short-term outdoor signage, PoS advertising and window decoration. This vinyl has a 140gsm liner with clear acrylic-based pressure sensitive adhesive; graphics can be removed in the short term with minimal residue. Suitable for Solvent, Eco-Solvent, UV-C and Latex inks, and available in 1370 or 1600mm widths on a 50m roll.

VistaMAX Monomeric Removable White Matt Greyback Vinyl 100: this calendared vinyl has an attractive matt finish and is removable, making it ideal for indoor and short-term outdoor signage, PoS advertising and window decoration.

If applied correctly, the vinyl will remove cleanly without leaving any residue. Boasting excellent dimensional stability and flatness, this vinyl has a 140 gsm liner with grey adhesive for superior opacity, allowing it to be applied over other vinyls without show-through. Suitable for Solvent, Eco-Solvent, UV-C and Latex inks and available in 1370 or 1600mm widths on a 50m roll.

VistaMAX Monomeric Lamination Films - gloss and matt options: 60-micron, PVC lamination films designed for application to printed vinyl to enhance the vibrancy and overall appearance while prolonging the life of the graphic. Suitable for use with compatible vinyls from the VistaMAX range they are coated with an 18g clear acrylic pressure-sensitive adhesive for reliable application that keeps vinyl signage looking sharp for longer, both indoors and out and available in 1370 or 1600mm widths on a 50m roll.

Colour change vinyls in vehicle wrap portfolio



New films include Avery Dennison SWF Gloss Pearl White Snow

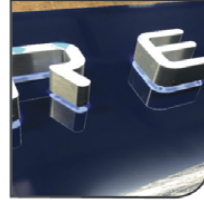
Spandex has introduced six new colours from Avery Dennison's Supreme Wrapping Film (SWF) series of colour change wrapping vinyls including gloss sand sparkle, gloss rock grey, matte olive green, satin dark basalt, gloss pearl white snow and satin safari gold.

All are available now from Spandex at a 152.4cm width. The films include Avery Dennison's Easy Apply RS technology, which means the films can be easily repositioned and moved and can save application time by up to 25%. General manager Leon Watson comments: "Avery Dennison has a huge range of products, comprising different finishes and effects.

The six additions further strengthen its position as a leader of high quality wrap films and increase the Supreme Wrapping Film range to over 100 colours and finishes, offering customers plenty of choice when it comes to decorative vehicle wrap films."

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Single-pass textile printer offers high uptime and reliability

EFI's advanced Reggiani BOLT textile ultra high speed digital single-pass printer has "the potential to revolutionise the textile printing market, providing users with high uptime and reliability, outstanding performance, superior printing uniformity and accuracy, long printhead life and minimal maintenance needs".

"This innovative development comes from Reggiani's speed of innovation in digital textile printing, its 70 years of history and our proprietary knowledge of high volume analogue rotary printing," says vice president and general manager Adele Genoni. "Our proven, worldwide expertise in single-pass technology and serious commitment to listening to and addressing our textile customers' needs have allowed us to achieve incredible results with our newest print technology.

"The EFI Reggiani BOLT rewrites the rules of digital textile single-pass printing, delivering superior throughput and quality with a highly competitive return on investment for customers. We're excited to bring this technology to our customers and see their businesses succeed and grow."

The BOLT offers a low maintenance, fast start-up recirculation printhead that delivers better, more uniform printing with superior uptime. Thanks to its cutting-edge printhead concept and high performance ink delivery system, the BOLT has throughput speeds of up to 90 metres per minute (more than 8,000 square metres per hour) at a 600 x 600 dpi resolution.

It features high end greyscale imaging in drop sizes from 5 to 30 picolitres and

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provides premium quality 600 x 4,800 maximum dpi resolution printing, allowing customers to address the full range of design needs.

This machine meets growing requirements for high quality, ecologically sustainable digital textile imaging in apparel, décor and other markets. Paired with an EFI Fiery digital front end (DFE) print server offering high speed processing capabilities on demand, the BOLT printer is a robust, industrial platform designed for 24/7 operation and continuous productivity that drives high volume throughput while reducing the cost per metre. Additional new features and enhancements on the printer include: the printer's contactless wiping system prolongs printhead life and quality; it comes with an assisted alignment system for its test calibration scan unit and features extractable printing beams for easier maintenance..

Thanks to EFI expertise in colour management and flexible configurations, customers can easily reproduce a wider variety of work including designs featuring plain colours, geometric patterns, fine lines, deep blacks and smooth gradients.

One or more analogue printing stations, which may be easily connected as an optional feature, can be integrated into the digital printer for special effects. A Fiery

Driven printer, it features an EFI Fiery DFE with RIP and colour management technologies running on Fiery XB bladed hardware for maximum performance. Fiery technologies for the printer give textile printing businesses the ability to produce highly challenging jobs with the finest detail, demanding colours, smooth gradients and more.

EFI colour scientists developed special algorithms and custom screening for this Fiery system to deliver vivid print results, including high saturation without losing detail, and superior colour even when using the fastest print mode.

Fiery technologies for the new Reggiani BOLT printer will include a 1-year subscription to EFI Fiery DesignPro, a powerful textile and fashion design suite that runs inside designers' Adobe Creative Cloud applications. It reduces the time needed to create colour books, repeats, colourways and prepare files for production to minutes instead of hours.

Together, the new Reggiani BOLT single-pass printer and Fiery technologies address key market trends as customers face pressure for faster time-to-market, quick fashion cycles, shorter print runs and more customisation.

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Hot air hybrid inkjet printer offers wide substrate capability

Mutoh Europe has introduced a new member to its ValueJet wide format digital printer family. The 1627MH is a 64" (1625 mm) wide hybrid printer featuring a hot air knife media drying system and resin-based inks enabling direct printing on both rigid and roll substrates. Prints are dry when they come off the printer. The ValueJet 1627MH incorporates a high end piezo drop-on-demand print head capable of producing print resolutions up to 720 x 1440 dpi, making it suited for top quality output for short viewing distances.

The ValueJet 1627MH comes with a new CMYK + White resin-based ink set called MP-31; MP stands for multi-purpose, which refers to the versatility of the inks. They allow direct printing on white, transparent and coloured rigid substrates including foam board, cardboard, alu panel; even on acrylic sheets as well as rigid sheets for thermo forming (PVC, PS, PP, APET, PLA). Printing on white, coloured and transparent roll substrates is possible, including heat sensitive media, shrink film and recyclable non-PVC media. Mutoh's MP-31 series inks have a UV durability up to two years outdoors without lamination.

MP-31 inks are extremely stretchable and shrinkable, making them equally suited for high stretch applications including car wrapping as well as thermo/vacuum forming and shrink applications. These inks will preserve the natural texture and look of substrates including for example



The Mutoh ValueJet 1627MH is suitable for sign and display print shops for the production of both indoor and long-term outdoor prints.

matte or glossy look. The Mutoh ValueJet 1627MH is suitable for sign and display print shops for the production of both indoor and long-term outdoor prints, as well as for graphics companies looking for a digital solution for proofing. For rigid printing, the printer can be equipped with foldable rigid print tables. It handles rigid substrates with a thickness of maximum 16 mm and a weight of maximum 15 kg.

An optional media alignment system can be mounted to easily align rigid media at the front side, which allows perfect double-sided printing. The 1627MH can be used with customised jigs for printing on all kinds of pre-cut blanks. For roll prints, the five colour 1627MH can be equipped with

a 30 kg automated take-up system to roll up finished prints. Switching between rigid and roll setup is fast. Compared to its predecessor, the new VJ-1627MH delivers a performance increase of up to 20 %. In CMYK setup, print speeds up to 12 m² per hour at 720 x 720 dpi are possible.

Mutoh has improved the user interface, implementing semi-automated cleaning cycles as well as automated media height measurement, ensuring perfect output thanks to an identical gap between the print head and the substrate, regardless of the substrate thickness.

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Food-safe counter mat solution for POP advertising

Drytac has launched the ArmourPrint Emerytex and ArmourGrab combination counter mat solution. ArmourPrint



Their slip-resistant qualities allow these products to be used for applications including placemats and mouse pads.

Emerytex is a clear, heavy-duty, slip-resistant monomeric 15 mil (381µm) PVC film with a matte pebble textured finish on one side and a smooth printable surface on the other. Approved by the FDA for incidental food contact, it is "ideal for advertising applications in hospitality and retail environments".

ArmourGrab is an 8 mil (203µm) co-extruded white anti-slip film coated with a heavy coat weight, permanent, pressure sensitive clear acrylic adhesive. Used together, the two products create a food-safe counter mat solution ideal for eye-catching POP advertising.

Slip-resistant qualities allow these products to be used for applications

including placemats and mouse pads. UV protection enables outdoor use, while a moisture barrier protects the printed image and aids hygiene.

No white ink is needed to create vivid and eye-catching counter mats as the white ArmourGrab backs the ArmourPrint Emerytex to eliminate the extra cost of printing with white.

"The combination of ArmourPrint Emerytex and ArmourGrab creates a solution that is both safe and effective as counter-top advertising in fast food outlets, convenience stores, bars and more," says global product manager Shaun Holdom."

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3mm	3.20	4.45	5.09	6.25	7.21	8.06	9.01	10.28	11.50	13.25	14.79	18.97	22.68	31.69	44.52	66.00
5mm	3.50	4.88	5.83	7.00	7.84	9.01	10.18	11.87	13.67	15.74	17.76	22.95	26.50	36.84	51.94	71.60

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12mm		1.90	2.23	3.11	4.46	5.15	5.99	6.74	8.03	10.08	11.03	12.81	15.23	18.48	20.74	62.95
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Think about Ink

*Achieving vibrant colours when printing comes down to the quality of ink and the constant development of products over the years. **Kathryn Johnson** learns more about the production of ink and what's the latest on inks from major printers.*

Nearly 100 years of ink expertise

Nazdar offers an extensive range of custom and market-ready ink solutions for print businesses across many sectors, thanks to nearly 100 years of ink development expertise and collaborations with equipment and printhead manufacturers. Here the company tells us more.

Much of the company's success is based on its technical expertise. Nazdar has continued to evolve and has a full range of digital inks for all the leading wide-format printers; such as those manufactured by Agfa, Durst, Epson, Fujifilm, HP, Mimaki, Mutoh and Roland. These inks have been developed as direct replacements for specific original equipment manufacturer (OEM) inks and have been through a thorough and rigorous testing process – both in the laboratory and at carefully selected beta sites – so there is no guesswork.

The biggest challenge a user may face is deciding to switch to alternative inks. Alternative inks have been given a bad 'rap' over the years thanks to the inferior products being produced by some manufacturers. But there are many good alternative inks available, such as those

produced by Nazdar, which offer excellent quality and consistency, backed up by 'rock-solid' service and support. It is crucial that print service providers (PSPs) should choose an ink that comes well-recommended by others within the industry.

With a renowned R&D team and over 100 distributor locations around the globe, Nazdar alternative inks are consistently high quality and accessible



The benefits of alternative inks are numerous. In the wide-format solvent market, alternative inks provide users with a significant cost-savings compared to OEM inks. Crucially, Nazdar inks perform the same, if not better, than their OEM counterparts when it comes to colour gamut, dry time and preventative maintenance. This allows the user to make an easy 'plug & play' transition to alternative inks as there is no need to spend time re-profiling or adjusting print settings. The conversion process should be as simple as pulling the OEM cartridge out and replacing it with the alternative ink cartridge.

In the super-wide format and UV-curable market, the benefits of alternative inks are even more compelling. These benefits include increased colour gamut, shorter dry times, faster print speeds and overall improved performance compared to OEM ink, as well as the price advantage. Since these machines are typically a higher investment when compared to a wide-format machine, the conversion process is more advanced. The conversion to alternative super-wide format ink usually requires an onsite visit by an authorised Nazdar technician, who can ensure that the new print settings allow the user to take full advantage of the inks' benefits.



Nazdar's range of inks go through a thorough and rigorous testing process in their laboratory



Consistency, both in the product and supply chain, is also key. If the ink formulation is not consistent, the users cannot produce saleable products. And if the user cannot obtain the ink due to supply shortages, production is stalled as new ink must be acquired. With a renowned R&D team and over 100 distributor locations around the globe, Nazdar alternative inks are consistently high quality and accessible.

Finally, reliability is crucial. You want to be buying your inks from a proven supplier of high-quality inks, with an excellent

customer service and support team in place, should you need help to ensure you continue to meet the demands of your end-user customers. Services such as Nazdar's innovative InkAnswers (InkAnswers@Nazdar.com) can prove invaluable to PSPs. A team of 30+ ink technicians, scientists, and industry consultants, field questions from multiple print applications – including digital inkjet, graphic screen, narrow web, pad printing and more – and delivers a prompt response, providing information and advice on ink solutions.

To profit from the cost-savings, and in many cases the improved performance offered by alternative inks, you need to ensure you have a reliable supplier with quality products and excellent customer support. When backed up with a comprehensive warranty it is a 'win-win' business case for converting to alternative ink solutions.

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Nazdar has been making inks for nearly 100 years

Roland DG manages colour

It's amazing what you can do with only four colours, says Roland DG. You can take cyan, magenta, yellow and black, and mix them together to achieve almost any colour you like.

Almost.

Although print service providers everywhere will be familiar with this system of colour management, they'll also know about the limitations all too well. While some colours are easy to hit, there are certain shades that can present problems. Bright greens, oranges and reds have historically been tough colours to match. And with corporate brands harder to impress than ever, this can mean the difference between securing a contract and losing business.

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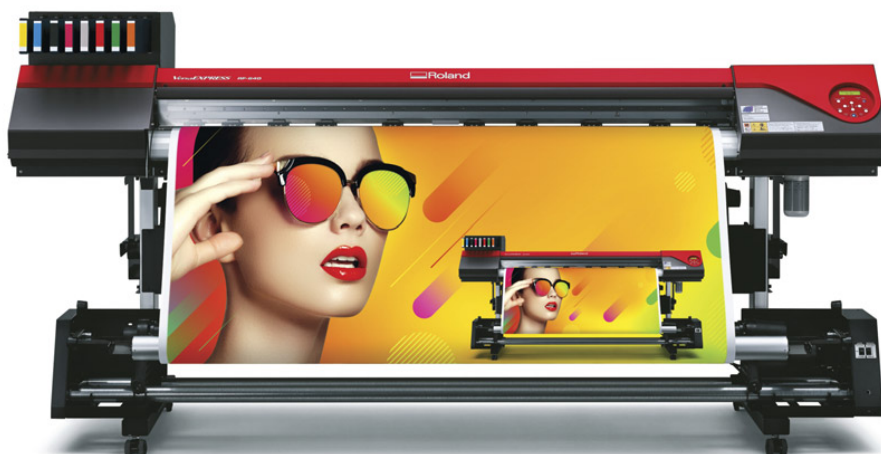


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Because of the rising need for brand-matched colours, Roland DG has risen to the challenge and developed a solution capable of hitting up to 99% Pantone®+ Solid Coated colours, to satisfy the demands of large corporate clients.

The new VersaEXPRESS RF-640 8 Colour has been adapted from the technology of the successful RF-640 dual



Roland DG has risen to the challenge of matching their inks to brand colours

To deliver the best combination of all eight colours, Roland have developed a RIP solution specifically for this specialist machine

CMYK printer, a wide-format printing solution used by print professionals to create everything from signage to vehicle graphics. With the 8-colour version, Roland have created a solution designed to perfectly match brand colours. The standard configuration of CMYK is complemented by four additional channels for Light Black, Red, Green and Orange eco-solvent ink and the results need to be seen to be believed.

In its first advance preview at FESPA 2018, the 'jaw-dropping' output spoke for itself. Paul Willems, Business Development and Product Management Roland DG EMEA, said: "The impact of the prints coming off the RF-640 8 Colour literally stopped visitors in their tracks at FESPA. The incredible buzz around the vibrancy of colour, detail and overall print quality affirms that the RF-640 8 Colour really offers something unique to print service providers and we are excited to bring this solution to market today."

Aside from having the widest gamut in its class, prints from the RF-640 8 Colour provide up to three-years outdoor durability for all colours. For businesses that specialise in vehicle wraps and outdoor graphics, this is an ideal solution. It's particularly useful in industries like motorsport where vibrant graphics, multiple sponsors and gruelling conditions are important considerations.

When you have high-quality ink and innovative hardware, you need the best RIP package to complete the equation. To deliver the best combination of all eight colours, Roland have developed a RIP solution specifically for this specialist machine. ErgoSoft Roland Edition 2 SPECIAL PLUS RIP is designed to boost productivity; job and colour management; and deliver outstanding overall performance. It is included in the package price.

This goes to show that premium inks on their own don't ensure perfect output, but with intensive development in all areas of print technology, the results can be truly stunning.

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It's amazing what you can do with only four colours, says Roland DG

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Exciting new products from Mimaki

Over the last year, Mimaki has added to its already substantial ink offering with a number of significant new products that are already directly benefiting sign makers and wide format printer users.

"Mimaki's heritage as a pioneering ink technology manufacturer stretches back decades," says Brett Newman, Chief Operations Manager at Mimaki's exclusive UK and Irish distributor, Hybrid Services. "It's this development that's driving companies' hardware purchasing decisions meaning it's at least as important as the development that goes into the machines themselves."

When it comes to manufacturing fashion and sportswear, offering a high-volume bulk ink solution for our latest dye sub printer brings unit costs right down



The award-winning UCJV300-160 printer

One example is the new clear ink that Mimaki has developed for its award-winning UCJV Series LED UV printer/cutters. Bringing this to market has required Mimaki to employ its Clear Control technology for the first time in a roll-to-roll printer, whereby the time required for ink curing to prevent dust from sticking is reduced, ensuring a smoother, cleaner, clear effect.



White ink on a transparent substrate



Mimaki's range of dye sublimation machines have seen recent creative upgrades

The UCJV sits at the cutting edge of Mimaki's product range and through its innovative technology, delivers numerous benefits to sign makers and print providers. "Utilising flexible UV inks that cure instantly allows customers to quickly print and immediately laminate or deliver the finished product without waiting for drying. The Mimaki UCJV printers also feature white ink, enabling users to produce brilliant colours on transparent, coloured or metallic substrates. The introduction of clear ink also places the UCJV300 series into the prototyping and packaging environment," says Brett.



White and clear ink feature heavily in Mimaki's flatbed printer range, providing creative and highly functional solutions when printing to rigid substrates, promotional products, clear media and coloured items. "The variety of end products our users create on Mimaki's flatbed printers is nothing short of incredible," says Brett. "With different properties suitable for different substrates, a range of flexibilities and options featuring different adhesion levels as well as primers, mean even the most demanding of materials can be catered for."

These capabilities inherently promote the creative use of the printers and with its layered printing feature, the UCJV300 series can deliver dynamic backlit graphics; or graphics that are transformed with different light sources. "UV curable inks offer excellent opacity making them ideal for this sort of application. Mimaki's LUS-170 ink is GREENGUARD Gold certified, meaning that it meets the rigorous standards for low emission of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and is acceptable for use in environments such as schools and healthcare facilities," says Brett.

Mimaki's recent ink developments haven't purely been constrained to the company's UV curing printers. Its range of textile and



Mimaki has a heritage of being a pioneering ink technology manufacturer

dye sublimation machines have seen recent creative upgrades with fluorescent inks adding a burst of colour for sportswear, dance apparel and fashion prints. And the newly announced TS55-1800 production dye sub printer's 10kg bulk ink option is delivering cost and performance improvements. "When it comes to manufacturing fashion and

sportswear, offering a high-volume bulk ink solution for our latest dye sub printer brings unit costs right down. Mimaki is innovating at many levels – ensuring the performance, creativity and value of the inks perfectly complement the range of machines," says Brett.

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Anne Sharp, UK & I Large Format Marketing Manager at HP tells Sign Update about their new Latex White ink:

"At FESPA earlier this year, we launched HP Latex White Ink, with disruptive quality and ease of use. White Ink is important for many applications and HP's Latex White Ink provides a 'true white' that ensures flawless whites across opaque or glossy mediums that doesn't yellow over time. It's also odourless, significantly more environmentally friendly, and requires far less manual maintenance. It results in less waste than traditional white cartridges when white ink is not used.

"HP Latex is an ink technology that replaces solvents with water as the core ingredient for the ink. With this, we can deliver an ink that is non-hazardous and non-flammable; and minimises the generation of VOCs (Volatile Organic Compounds) that are harmful for health and for the environment. Solvent inks continue emitting VOCs after being printed, which can pollute indoors, whereas Latex inks create very low VOC-emitting prints, helping preserve indoor air quality."

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Antalis Academy takes fresh approach

In 2019 Antalis will launch a new identity for the Antalis Academy with a fresh approach to the courses and online learning opportunities. Academy manager Rick Lee highlights some of the changes you can expect to see.

The original rationale behind the Antalis Academy which launched in 2012 was to train our customers and employees in digital printing.

As part of its refresh for 2019, we've undertaken research to ensure we continue to add value to our customers' businesses as a training partner. There has been overwhelming popularity for six workshops which are representative of the way the industry and some of our customers' businesses are changing.

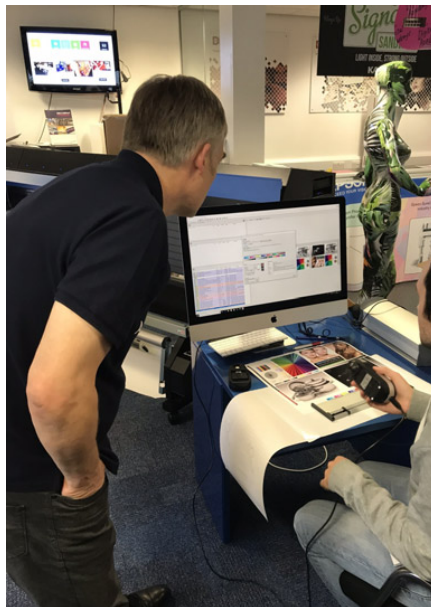
Over the years we have offered up to 60 courses at any one time. Specialist workshops were created in direct response to feedback from our customers where they required support and specialist training. Last year, there was a surge in appetite for training on vehicle wrapping, wall coverings and colour management, as well as basic introductory courses to the large format market. These workshops were not only delivered at capacity but generated a waiting list that meant we increased their frequency.

For 2019 we are reviewing delegate feedback once again and working with the specialist course tutors to refine and enhance these top six, so keep an eye out for the latest course updates:

Introduction to Vehicle Wrapping & Vinyl Application Workshop: includes the basic principles of wrapping, materials used and the skills required to complete a job.

This course is aimed at new recruits in need of training within established vehicle wrapping businesses and commercial printers new to the visual communications market, wanting to consider the suitability of vehicle wrapping for their business and acquire a basic understanding of all types of vinyl application.

Complete Vehicle Wrapping Workshop: leading on from the introductory workshop, this course is aimed at new recruits within established vehicle wrapping providers and commercial printers with experience of vinyl application and a desire to gain the hands-on techniques and skills required for all types of vehicle wrapping. It is tailored to those who consider vehicle wrapping to be core to their business growth and have some experience yet are looking to improve their skills.



Colour Management Workshop is for companies who wish to get consistent and repeatable colour across different devices.

With only four attendees per workshop, the day is designed to be very hands-on and practical in nature.

Digital Wall Coverings Applications Workshop: is aimed at companies who have large format inkjet technology to print digital wall coverings and are looking to get a complete overview of all aspects of application as well as practical hints and tips from an expert in this field.

Colour Management Workshop: is for companies who have one or more types of digital printers and wish to get consistent and repeatable colour across different devices.

Introduction to the Large Format Market, Printers & Applications Workshop: is a comprehensive overview of the large format market aimed at commercial printers and sign makers who are new to the arena and new employees of existing large format printers and all colleagues from a non-production environment.

The Antalis Academy Signmaker's Workshop: for those new to the large format arena, this course provides training on techniques involved in basic application of vinyl including what to use where and when, using Antalis signmaking materials.

Business toolkit

Last year we experienced a growing number of customers asking for general business coaching. Some have needed support with marketing techniques such as how to cold call in order to expand their customer base or how to use social media effectively in promoting their business. Others expressed a desire to refine their negotiation skills or sales planning strategies. With competition fierce in the current climate, our aim is to arm our customers with all the skills they need, whether specific to printing or general business acumen, to refine their offering, win new customers, deliver higher quality jobs and achieve sales growth.

Partnering for success

Throughout the Academy's history, Antalis has prided itself in securing noted tutors for each of its workshops by partnering with leading independent experts in their respective fields, offering our customers the assurance of receiving expert, impartial advice and support.

We have developed strong relationships with Paul Hughes (sign making), Jan Edgecombe (colour management) and Tom Earthrowl (wall coverings).

The six most popular workshops of 2018 were delivered by these industry experts and they each have creative ideas on how to take these workshops to the next level in 2019. Early concepts include giving delegates the opportunity and hands-on training to wrap a complete van and taking the Academy on the road to bring colour management training to those customers further afield.

We greatly appreciate their input and the value they bring to our customers' businesses and look forward to seeing the fruits of our continued collaboration over the next 12 months.

I'm enthused about how the Academy will develop in 2019 as we build on the valuable training available to our customers. It will be an exciting chapter as we look to refine our educational offering and maximise our partnerships with our industry experts and widen our reach with regional workshops and online training.

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Vinehall Displays creates yuletide grotto with wide format printers

Vinehall Displays has got into the Christmas spirit with a festive advertising project for Coca-Cola, transforming a retail kiosk into a yuletide grotto with a 2m-high bow and halo-lit 3D letters. The displays were printed on Roland DG SOLJET Pro 3 and Pro 4 high production wide format printers.

"We ran some sample files and found that the quality was very, very good; it was our first step into printing"

Dublin-based Vinehall Displays received a brief to promote Coca-Cola's 'Holidays are Coming' campaign with a full wrap and the 'biggest bow possible' for the kiosk at the busy Europa Bus centre in Belfast.

"We had been considering a flatbed printer but saw a demonstration of the Roland SOLJET Pro 3 and discovered it ticked a

lot more boxes for us," explains Vinehall Displays director Gerard McElhinney Jnr. "We ran some sample files and found that the quality was very, very good. It was our first step into printing, having previously outsourced everything and as a result we now print almost all work in house."

The first job on the Roland SOLJET Pro 3 for Irish meat brand Denny set the tone for ambitious print projects.

"We turned a removals van into a house on wheels complete with brick-effect walls, customised internal wallpaper, front door, windows with trompe l'oeil views, furniture and a kitchen," says Gerard.

Installed 10 years ago, the Roland SOLJET Pro 3's longevity is down to "using Roland branded inks, regular maintenance from Neopost engineers and weekly cleaning". This printer now works alongside a newer Roland SOLJET Pro 4 supplied by Sign & Digital Materials, a workhorse printer/cutter running GREENGUARD Gold Certified ECO-SOL MAX inks including metallic and white options.

The Roland SOLJET's Pantone reference library was immediately a major draw for Vinehall's clients and has been put to work printing a colour accurate backdrop for a Dulux paint advert.

"Our clients trust us to deliver accurate colours so the Pantone library is very



A retail kiosk has been transformed into a yuletide grotto with a 2m-high bow and halo-lit 3D letters

important," says Gerard. "The machines have been fantastic for us; the print is brilliant, sheer quality."

The Christmas display at the Belfast bus station will remain in the run-up to Christmas, with Vinehall Displays already looking ahead to 2019; a year set to include further business growth, and potentially a further Roland investment.

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Hybrid printer gives 400% increase in speed and improves quality

When Rocket Graphics expanded its Watford-based facilities by 6,000ft², the large format digital production company installed a 3.2m EFI VUTEk LX3 UV LED hybrid printer purchased from CMYUK.

"The new VUTEk LX3 has not only improved print quality significantly but has given us a 400% increase in speed performance," says sales director Antony Rider.

"We can now offer our clients unrivalled white printing applications at significantly higher speeds and opacity. We were recently able to deliver and install wall graphics measuring more than 3,000m in a very short turnaround time for the Ryder Cup, where both

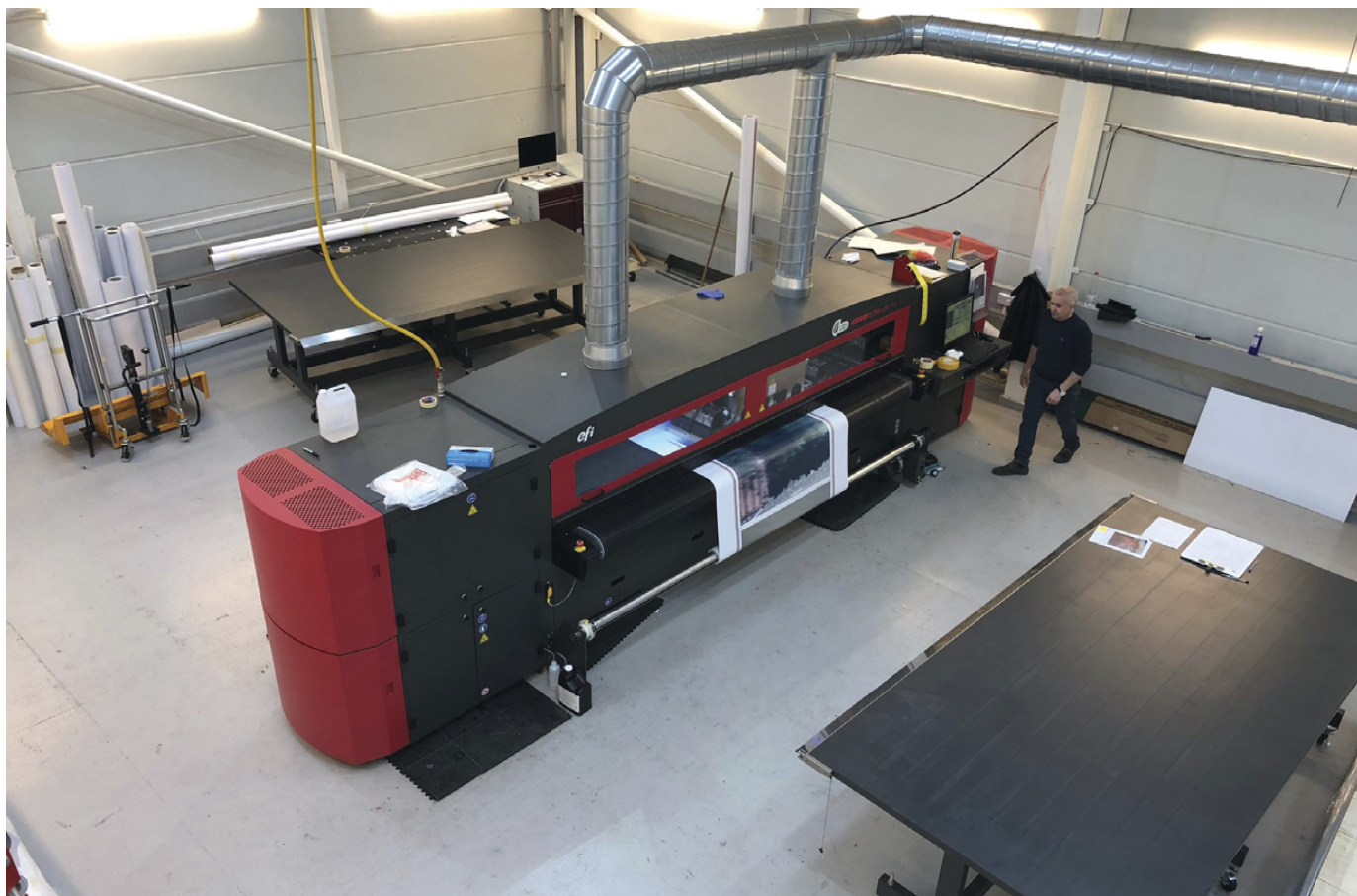
colour quality and speed were of the essence."

Designed for high production throughput, the printer enables shorter lead times to customers while delivering the ultimate image quality and with the versatility to support the widest range of materials and applications.

"The eight colours plus white printer configuration with multilayer printing is a winning combination for Rocket who are always looking to offer the very latest applications and innovations to their customers," says Robin East, CMYUK group director.

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"We can now offer our clients unrivalled white printing applications at significantly higher speeds and opacity"



The eight colours plus white printer configuration with multilayer printing is a winning combination.

Routing machine aids cutting tool technology development

As the sign industry's "leading manufacturer of cutting and routing tools", Industrial Tooling Corporation (ITC) has installed an XYZ 4000 Series routing machine for the development of its next generation of cutting tools, demonstrating its commitment to customer service and product development.

The machine has been installed to enhance existing tools and develop new ones, providing ITC the machine capacity and time to trial, tweak and enhance existing product lines while offering R&D engineers an internal testbed for all future product developments. With the facility to put next generation cutting tool substrates, coatings and geometries to the test, ITC will "seal its position as the UK's benchmark cutting tool manufacturer".

"First and foremost, the new XYZ investment is borne from our desire to develop new cutting tool technology," says Sally Hunt. "Furthermore, it opens up new opportunities for ITC and its customers. When signmakers have issues with particular materials and jobs we can take a

sample of the material and carry out in-house testing without disrupting production. Having our own machine avoids inconvenient customer downtime and gives us the opportunity to apply a variety of cutting tools and machining parameters to achieve the best possible result.

"We have already improved cycle times, tool life and surface finishes for end users by having the time to offer in-depth investigation and analysis. Despite this service being in its infancy, we have already identified best practice machining solutions whereby client workholding or machine performance may be inappropriate for the materials, processes and even tooling types. In the face of mineral filled ACM, the challenge is that different manufacturers use different material compositions and this has an impact on the cutting tool and machining process."

Installed at the end of September 2018, the XYZ 4080 routing machine was a conscious decision by ITC to meet the

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ever changing demands of its customer base. Following the Grenfell Tower disaster in 2017, the machining of mineral filled ACM boards has soared and ITC is at the forefront of technology for this market segment. With a rapid rise in low cost imported ACM boards causing issues for signmakers throughout the UK, ITC is at the cutting edge, meeting and beating these challenges daily.

The 1.5m x 2.4m 24,000 rpm spindle machine has 10.8 hp which enables the manufacturer to conduct extensive trials with a variety of cutting tool geometries, material compositions and coating technologies on every material and customer requirement that comes through the door.

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Installation of an XYZ 4000 Series routing machine demonstrates ITC's commitment to customer service and product development

Ten-fold increase in speed and flexibility supports business expansion

Family-run Colour Graphics has recently invested in a FabriVu 340 with Klieverik calendar, purchased from CMYUK. The 3.4m-wide FabriVu replaces an older Mtex 5032 Pro and the company has seen immediate benefits in flexibility, speed and range.

"The FabriVu has given us high speed, high quality and ease of use," says owner James Birch. "Ten times the speed of the Mtex, we can print a range of jobs onto backlit, blackout, stretch and standard display materials in the same day. In the past three years we have seen the soft signage/dye sublimation sector double year-on-year and expect this to continue. The purchase from CMYUK will keep us at the top of our game."

Printing at speeds of up to 500sqm/hr and a resolution of 2,400dpi, the FabriVu handles a variety of fabrics and paper and offers value for money. The Klieverik calendar can be used for dye-sublimation transfer printing (paper to textile) as well as for dye fixation of direct printed dispersed dyes or pigments.

"It was great that our long-standing friends and customer Colour Graphics saw value in the FabriVu," says Wes Small, senior digital sales consultant at CMYUK. "They looked at the competition but the FabriVu is the highest productivity machine in its field at an affordable price. When you factor in the attractive ink price along with exceptional ink yield, you have the lowest cost industrial dye-sub

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Steve and James Birch with their FabriVu which has allowed the company new flexibility, speed and range.

machine on the market; nothing can touch it. Colour Graphics has already seen a sizeable return on their investment, having won new contracts and receiving comments from existing customers on the amazing quality that they are now able to produce."

Colour Graphics now offers its own range of aluminium TFS profiles for building wallmount, freestanding and lightbox tension fabric frames in-house with rapid turnaround times. Thanks to the FabriVu, they have become a trusted and reliable one-stop shop for trade TFS fabric exhibition and display systems.

"We have been a CMYUK customer for over 15 years, since the purchase of our first Vutek QS 3," concludes James. "We have always had great support backed up with sound knowledge from Robin and his team. We have watched them grow into the market leaders in the supply of print media and use most of their media range."

www.cmyuk.com
www.colourgraphics.com

Meeting growing business demands with LED UV-curable printer

Installed in September 2018, an Agfa Anapurna H3200i LED 3.2m Hybrid flatbed/roll-to-roll LED UV-curable printer supplied by I-Sub is the latest addition to Dale Studios' workshop.

"Our business has grown several-fold over the past five years since we first invested in UV flatbed printing with I-Sub," explains creative director Ben Millar. "Maintaining our commitment to never miss a deadline means we have to have the capacity to fulfil an ever-increasing number and range of projects and knew it was time to significantly expand the printing and production power we could offer."

"Quite simply, the printer gives us the quality, speed and capacity to produce even more jobs at pace while maintaining the quality and attention to detail"

"For a relatively low cost we could see the huge benefits that having a hybrid flatbed and roll-to-roll printer could offer, particular at 3.2m size. We have the flexibility to print onto a range of rigid media as well as fast roll-to-roll printing and dual roll facility."

"Fulfilling our promise to meet every deadline means that as well as having the right equipment in place we need a



Ben Millard and Emma Plant from i-Sub with the Agfa Anapurna 3.2m LED UV printer

supplier that can respond positively and professionally to any issues. I-Sub always go that extra mile to make sure we can deliver the very best service to our customers.

"Agfa in particular has been excellent in ensuring we are up and running and fulfilling orders quickly. It was a fairly straightforward installation with the machine pushing out work at an electric pace pretty much 24/7".

The company already ran their production machines using Caldera RIP software, which manages the workflow and provides greater control of the printing and production processes.

"Consistency between different machines and colour correct print is critical for us and we have already noticed that the printer managed by the Caldera RIP is delivering high quality graphics and colours with less ink usage," says Ben.

"This in turn, is delivering significant cost savings while ensuring we are meeting the demands of our customers."

"The new Agfa significantly enhances our production capacity and capability to deliver a broader range of applications. This means meeting even more of our clients' requirements and growing our reputation and turnover."

"Our growth over the past 10 years has been rapid and we fully expect to keep this going. Quite simply, the Agfa gives us the quality, speed and capacity to produce even more jobs at pace while maintaining the quality and attention to detail, as well as allowing us to offer new applications including large scale fabric back-lit banners, which is a rapidly growing market area along with ultra-wide prints up to 3.2m."

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Printers unlock student's creative potential

The University of Huddersfield's print room houses a Mimaki UJF small format flatbed LED UV printer and Mimaki Tx300P-1800 direct to textile printer.

"Our initial investment in the Mimaki UJF and its subsequent location in our print facility totally changed our approach to teaching and supporting print design," says technical manager coordinator Stephen Calcutt. "We originally operated like a traditional university print bureau with about five large format printers churning out posters and graphics. The arrival of the UJF changed our focus and transformed the way we work."

Now it is a thriving, interactive hub where students are taught to question conventional thinking and utilise the creative capabilities of the Mimaki printers to the best of their ability.

"I run workshops, learning alongside the students," says PhD student and senior lecturer Brent Hardy-Smith. "Our methodology is all about discovery and

transformative design, using the printers as creative tools and collaborating with other technology and materials. The design software says what's possible but the Mimaki printers add the potential and this is transforming the way the students think about the connection between design and print."

Purchased through Mimaki reseller R A Smart, the Tx300P-1800 is a versatile, wide format, direct to textile printer that allows students to output to digitally prepared natural fabrics.

"We have an excellent relationship with the team at R A Smart and always kept well informed on new product developments," says Brent. "What pleases me the most, is the great service we receive from both R A Smart and Hybrid. As a manager, it's essential that I am confident that our staff will be well supported in the implementation and development of newly acquired technologies and I know that we can rely on the technical expertise of the engineers and solutions experts."

"The design software says what's possible but it's the Mimaki printers that add the potential and this is transforming the way the students think about the connection between design and print"



The range of Mimaki hardware helps the students to quickly learn what to use and why

"Our range of Mimaki hardware teaches the students the appropriateness of print; they quickly learn what to use and why. From their initial amazement at the potential, by understanding what the printers offer, they can be ever more creative in their design process."

"Students learn to collaborate so are able to incorporate many different techniques in their exhibitions. We encourage them to work with multiple technologies and materials so the breadth of work is proof of how they're flourishing as young designers and learning how to operate outside the established framework. None of this would have happened had we not made the initial investment in the Mimaki."

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Keeping up with demand for wall murals

Specialist wall mural manufacturer Wallpaper Ink has installed a second Roland VersaEXPRESS RF-640 printer, running it "around the clock" to cater for an ever-increasing demand for bespoke wall murals.

"The buzz around murals has been growing for over six years," explains managing director Scott Evans. "When people see a mural, they want one of their own. With wallpaper is back in fashion generally combined with a demand for personalisation, means a thriving market. People want their homes and businesses to have a unique look."

Serving customers entirely online, Wallpaper Ink runs its two Roland VersaEXPRESS RF-640 inkjet printers and Roland cutting systems 24 hours a day to produce made-to-measure wall

graphics. Customers (around 30% commercial and 70% private) can choose their perfect mural image from over 40 million options plus their preferred material and dimensions from the company's website.

The mural specialist can turn around an order in just hours, offering next-day shipping for orders placed before 3 pm, reduced since the installation of the first Roland printer, which Scott Evans says ticks all the boxes for his business.

"We went with the same printer as we were so happy with the previous one and the return on investment we made from the machine was extremely good. The new RIP software improves print times and increases our margins further. The printer is running around the clock to keep up with our increased demand for wall murals."

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"The accuracy on running roll-to-roll is great," says Scott. "This means less chance of error when moving the wallpaper onto the cutting machines. In addition, the print speed is really good – an average mural is 3m wide by 2.2m high and that can be completed in three hours."

As well as introducing two new products (pre-pasted and self-adhesive wallpaper) the next step is to grow further into the European market.

With a dozen years' experience in the sign and graphics industry, Scott describes the Roland aftercare service as 'the best' and is looking to book a place on a Roland Academy course soon.

www.wallpaperink.co.uk
www.rolanddg.co.uk

Grangeprint installs UK's first Texart RT-640M dye sublimation printer

Quality Print Services (QPS) installed the UK's first Roland Texart RT-640M dye sublimation printer at Nottingham-based Grangeprint in October 2018, enabling the company to boost its turnover significantly by offering soft signage solutions to its corporate customers.

Servicing both consumer and corporate markets, the company offers a wide gamut of print solutions from canvases, posters, contemporary wall art and personalised gifts through to business signage, banners, exhibition stands, signs and window displays.

The recently installed versatile Texart digital dye-sublimation printer will enable the business to expand its offerings with a number of new printed products. The printer can print directly onto polyester-based fabrics including flag, mesh fabric, backlit, voile, block out and banner media as well as onto dye-sublimation transfer paper.

The printer was purchased from wide-format print specialist QPS, an authorised Roland dealer for dye-sublimation and UV applications. Main distributor of Nazdar digital inkjet ink products, QPS has installed Nazdar NDT600 series sublimation ink on the machine. These water-based, dye sublimation inks have been formulated specifically for use on a wide range of wide format digital printers fitted with Epson print head technology, DX4, DX5 and DX7 and are available in 1 litre bottles or 2 litre ink pouches for MBIS systems.

Grangeprint director Paul Evans explains: "The new Roland machine will enable us to offer our corporate clients soft signage and external feather flags. We are confident that it will help boost our turnover significantly when we expand our business with the launch of our flags and banners offerings early next year.

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Paul Evans with the Roland Texart RT-640M dye sublimation printer from QPS

"We've worked with Chris Bailey and his team at QPS for many years now. I spoke to him and outlined what I wanted and what budget I had available and he immediately suggested the new Roland Texart machine. The installation process itself was straightforward and QPS supported us with training. We did look at other options but the Roland Texart RT-640M perfectly fitted the bill."

www.qualityprintservices.com
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CNC router excels at Dublin display specialist

Installation of an XYZ 6000 series CNC router at Dublin-based Assembly Craft has, according to project manager Marcus O'Shea, "led to a huge increase in production and faster turnaround on projects". The company manufactures a wide range of shop fitting, interior display, point-of-sale and signage solutions, which involve the extensive use of the XYZ 6010 router supplied by XYZ International.

The materials processed include both solid and particle woods such as medium-density fibreboard (MDF), high-pressure laminates (HPL), acrylic, ABS, aluminium sheet and aluminium composites (ACM) and foamed board, all of which are widely specified for applications in the sign and display industry.

"The XYZ router has surpassed all our expectations by dramatically increasing production levels and allowing diversification into new markets," says Marcus. "It has enabled us to offer a turnkey CNC routing/cutting service to other companies, creating valuable new revenue streams."

The XYZ 6010 router has a processing area of 3048 (length) x 2159mm (width) and incorporates a multi-station XYZ Automatic Tool Change (ATC) facility for work with multiple tooling requirements. The router is supported by VCarve design and production software which Marcus O'Shea describes as "the best and most user-friendly program that Assembly Craft has ever used, incorporating a wide choice of 2D and 3D options."

Robert Marshall, XYZ International vice president (market development), comments: "While always respecting the individual preferences of customers, VCarve and VCarve Pro are the software solutions we recommend and these are supplied as standard on all XYZ routers."

As with all XYZ routers, the 6000 series can be supplied with a range of optional machining enhancements. These include the XYZ Zone Management facility that provides enhanced material hold-down efficiency, the latest A2MC machine controller and integrated AVS (XYZ

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Vision System) for optimum routing/cutting accuracy and the latest helical rack and pinion drive system. This features a multiple gear teeth configuration that helps spread the workload more evenly, resulting in enhanced routing/cutting accuracy, faster throughput speeds, reduced material wastage and ultimately a longer than normal machine life.

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Independence under one brand

Established in the UK for more than 20 years, the FASTSIGNS management franchise continues to expand. *Sign Update* caught up with global CEO Catherine Monson on her recent tour of the country and asked her to explain the benefits of being a franchisee.

FASTSIGNS is a world-renowned brand with around 700 locations in 9 countries. Established here in the UK in 1996, the franchise offers numerous benefits to franchisees including training, management and marketing support and financial advantages.

Training is provided on all aspects of management including financial, production and people and in all aspects of sign making; while access to online learning support and regular visits from specialists ensures franchisees stay ahead of the competition.

The 25 locations in the UK are all eager to help and support each other; the online forum allows them to communicate with franchisees worldwide. It's not unusual for them to cooperate on a job which cannot be completed at a single location.

A further benefit is that suppliers often charge lower prices to businesses in a franchise arrangement; for example, HP treats them as one global customer rather than independents with regard to financial agreements.

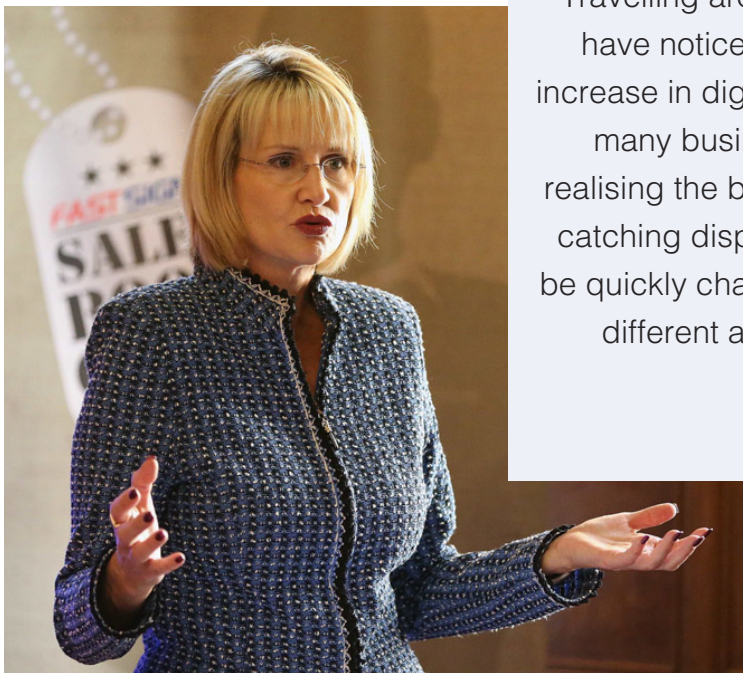
A royalty fee, paid after the first year, is recouped many times over with the volume of customers and business gained from the arrangement – we see a very high rate of satisfaction.

How are franchisees selected?

We have three business models: start-up, conversion and co-brand.

Start-ups are suitable for those people not yet involved in the sign industry so we first check they are located in an open market and the site meets certain requirements. Experience in managing people, business acumen and a willingness to follow the systems are assessed.

Those already working in the industry but looking for the advantages of being part of a strong franchise brand can take advantage of the *conversion* model. The selection process looks for all of the start-up criteria in addition to ensuring they have the financial resources along with sales and marketing experience to meet the high expectation.



Co-brand franchisees are currently working in a related business such as printing, photography or graphic design and meet all of the above requirements.

Opening a FASTSIGNS centre within a current business provides the opportunity to expand a product offering and increase the number of industries serviced while maintaining the independence of the original enterprise.

How do you measure the success of the brand?

All of the above benefits to franchisees in addition to our ongoing commitment to innovation contribute to the success of the brand. Travelling around the UK, I have noticed a marked increase in digital signage as many businesses are realising the benefits of eye-catching displays that can be quickly and easily changed to target different audiences.

We research supply chains and share the results with our franchisees to help them optimise their business model.

Franchisees get full value for their fee in terms of comprehensive solutions; it all comes back to the training and support in the latest techniques and technologies in

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addition to sharing knowledge, expertise and best practice.

What are your plans for future growth?

Our market share is currently around 1.1 billion US dollars in the UK with huge opportunities for growth. Managing director John Davis and his team are working hard to expand FASTSIGNS and specialists from the US visit regularly to support individual franchise locations.

How do you see the future of the UK sign industry?

The UK is in a solid position with a strong economy and a long established tradition of hard work and resilience in the face of adversity. With the ability to excel far and above their weight in terms of size and geography, I don't think Brexit is something to fear.

The British are excellent negotiators and I believe the market will continue to grow and sign makers will continue to manage their business in a professional, if cautious, manner.

www.fastsigns.co.uk

How can I get digital signage right first time?

Crystal Display Systems (CDS) has worked with many companies and organisations and marketing agencies to help get digital signage correct as it is not a simple case of putting up some displays and throwing some content together. Managing director Christopher Bartram offers suggestions to optimise digital signage impact and generate business.

Know your audience

If you don't know your audience and what you are trying to convey to them how can you communicate effectively? What are their wants and needs and how can you meet or fulfil them? What are the audiences' challenges and how can you help them meet them? Do they interact with your displays?

Ensure correct positioning

If your screens are in the wrong position for optimum viewing or suffer from high glare (as often seen on car parking machines) so they are not visible, then you have a real problem and this is often underestimated or considered too late.

Footfall is important for positioning and you need to make sure your screens are where people actually go and spend time so you have a captive audience.

Right brightness/contrast

Brightness is critical depending on the position of the display but so is ensuring that the colours of the content are correct; light colours on a white background do not work. Therefore, get the brightness, contrast and colour content correct.

Use high quality images

Image quality is a must otherwise the first impression will be very poor. If you show stretched, squashed or pixelated images, you will not be taken seriously by today's visually sophisticated audiences used to high quality mobile phone cameras and Instagram high resolution images.

Don't confuse audience

You have a limited time to catch attention so if it takes too long for a person to read and understand your message, you lose. A cluttered, messy screen will mean your

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message gets lost and people will not take notice or remember it. So too much text on the screen or using text in visually confusing ways will not work.

Customise content

Ensure your content is customised and tailored to your audience's needs/challenges and requirements otherwise it will not matter how good your content looks. Content must be positioned in specific locations and aimed at a specific audience. Unique content in a unique format for people on the go with limited time is the key that is easy to see at a distance and pulls people in.

Dynamic moving content gets noticed five times more than static as it catches the eye from a distance. If content is static you do not get the same reaction but or video just for the sake of it defeats the object and works against earlier points where focus is key.

Ensure call to action

What happens if the viewer is interested? If you do not give them a 'call to action' they will easily forget you and move on. Once you have them keep them and get them to take some kind of action. Then your advertising has done its job and will give you that return on investment. Get their attention, get your message across and get them to take action. Job done.



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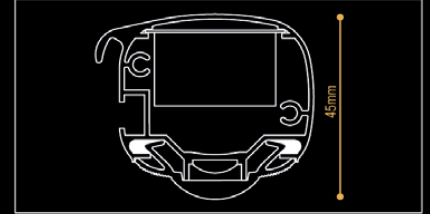
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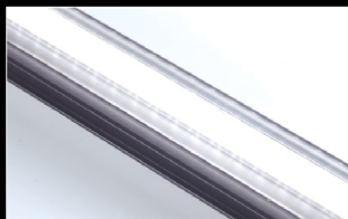
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How to achieve cost-effective colour reliability and consistency

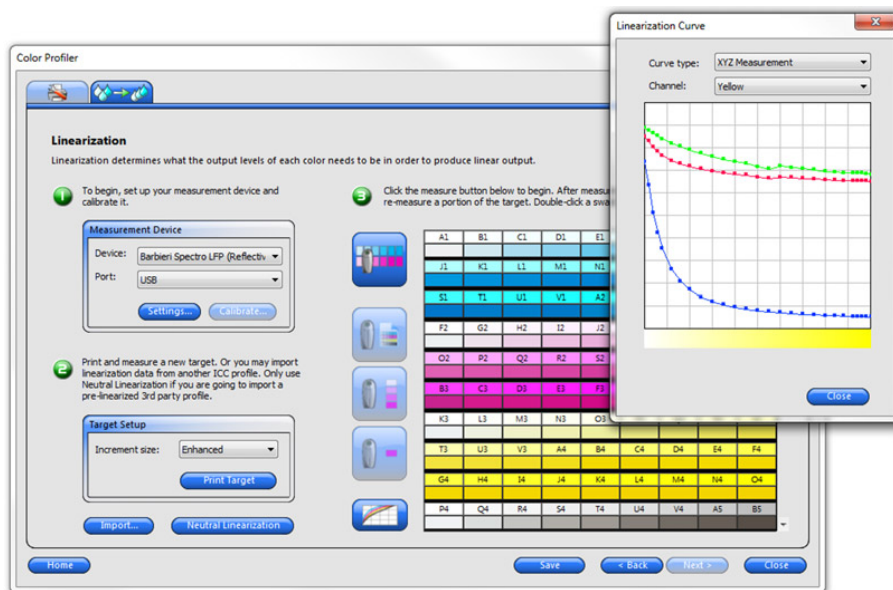
Achieving good colour and spot colours reliably and consistently is easier than you may think. Dean Derhak, product manager, SAI, outlines a number of practical measures that can be taken that will directly affect the bottom line.

What constitutes good colour depends who you're talking to; it's rather subjective and depends on what a particular customer is willing to pay for. While that measure should not be an excuse for second-rate work, it will help print providers focus on what they are trying to accomplish. It's as simple as that. Yet, large format printers and sign makers frequently tell me that producing consistent, predictable colour and matching spot colours is an ongoing challenge for them.

While there is no excuse for bad colour, in most jobs there are colours that are critical and others that are not.

Corporate and brand colours are very important and investing time getting them right is worthwhile. For these, PANTONE colour references are needed but for other parts of the job 'memory colour' will be perfectly acceptable. I mean those colours that we all identify with objects: apples are usually red; lemons are usually yellow; limes are usually green. Unless the job is focused on a particular variety of those fruits, then a fairly wide spectrum of colour variation will be acceptable.

Honing in on the important colours is a way of reducing production time and costs while still producing work that your customer will love.



Printer manufacturers and resellers have extensive databases of profiles as do RIP providers and media websites.

It begins with the brief

Asking key questions when a job comes in is a huge help in understanding what the customer wants. Which colours are important? What is the PANTONE reference? Do you have a swatch or example of the result you are looking for?

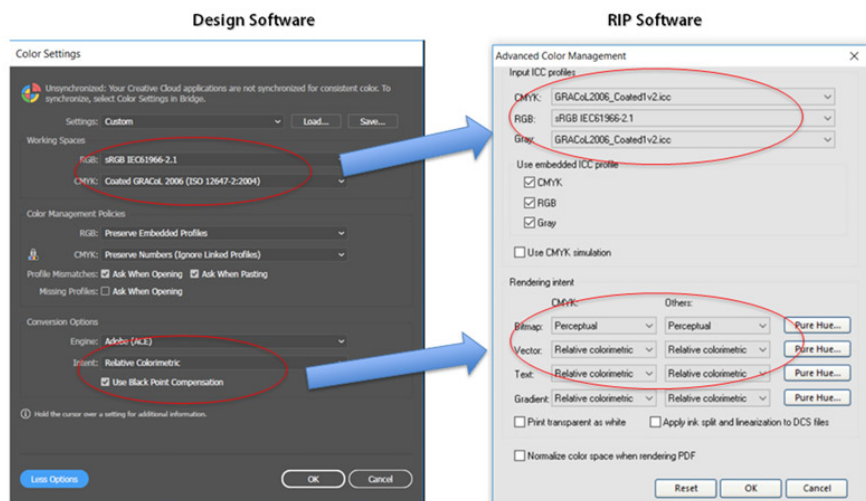
Is there a preferred substrate? With that input, printing a successful job quickly and more profitably immediately becomes easier but don't underestimate the impact that the final substrate will have on the colour. This, too, will need to be accurately accounted for.

Ensuring that the colour management settings are consistent throughout your workflow is essential. The colour settings of the design file received need to match those of your own design and RIP software. Unfortunately, this cannot be done automatically and each program needs to be manually set.

The industry recommends using sRGB for RGB input/workspace profiles and GRACoL 2006 Coated for CMYK input.

The next imperative settings are the ICC media profiles. Doing this not only ensures achieving the desired colour output but can save ink and extend the longevity of the print. It is your best guarantee of consistency and repeatability.

The correct media profiles should be easy to find and taking the time to find them will pay dividends. Printer manufacturers and resellers have extensive databases of



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check the colour, use spot colour matching software and use colour measurement devices. Using the correct methodology can make eyeballing a powerful tool. The first step is to check the quality of your output by printing a test sheet and looking at the colour scales. Check the greys: these should be made of equal proportions of CMY. Next, evaluate the hues; they should be consistent in their transitions both along the colour and across the different colours. Finally, look at your primary colours and ensure they are where they should be.

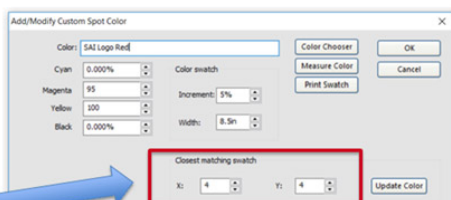
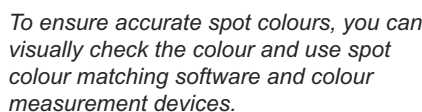
Next, use of PANTONE colour charts and printed samples will help you to achieve accurate spot colours. However, your chart must be printed on the same media as the final job, otherwise there will be unacceptable variations.

Colour matching tools such as that found in SAI Flexi software, are fast and easy to use. Given a target PANTONE colour, users can bring up the colour mapping chart and compare it to a swatch printed on your output device on the final media. The swatch is then compared to the colour

“Apart from colour settings, output consistency and reliability, reproducing accurate spot colours is a major headache for many large format printers and sign makers”

Inexpensive colour measurement devices are now available that can work with a mobile phone app and provide both $L^*a^*b^*$ and Delta-E values. For many companies, investing in higher end devices will deliver a very rapid ROI and significantly reduce ink and media waste.

www.ThinkSAi.com



With signmakers increasingly reporting issues keeping consistent colour and hitting the results their customers need, Bryan Manwaring, director of product marketing at Onyx Graphics explains how and why their RIP software solutions are saving money through improved accuracy.

ColorCheck, a process control tool set that provides users with the ability to literally prove colour accuracy, output consistency and match standards such as G7 and FOGRA to their customers.

For example, it saved one customer thousands from bad prints by catching a white-point change between medias on a large print order.

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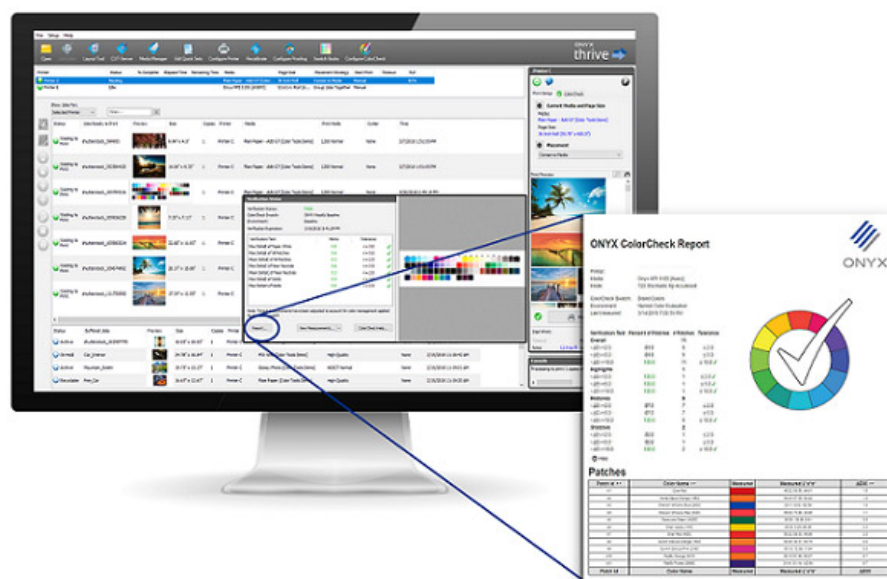
and easy to use and is integrated right into the interface of our print workflow product ONYX Thrive. In addition to these milestones, Onyx Graphics has brought innovations to the industry from improvements within our own products based on the needs of our customers, including a new colour engine with optimised presets for stunning saturation, PosterColor 2.0 – a technology first introduced by Onyx Graphics over 15 years ago that now incorporates smart saturation for added vibrancy to solid colours - and AccuBoost for iterative ICC profiling to fine tune profile accuracy.

We're very thankful to be part of this world and are committed to our worldwide customer base with continual investment into R&D; 2019 looks to be another record breaking year for innovations coming from Onyx Graphics.

Business benefits

ONYX offers the benefit of being a complete end-to-end RIP and print workflow solution that grows with a business and assists from file open through to printed product.

For example, it provides the ability to scale RIPs or adjust software modules to meet daily print needs between printers with network licensing. Our latest version enjoys unrivalled RIP and data processing speeds, optimised out-of-the-box presets for stunning colour and reduced set up time to print and is the only solution with a bespoke colour engine for stunning



ColorCheck is a new process control tool set that provides users with the ability to literally prove colour accuracy, output consistency and match standards.

saturation and vibrancy without compromising ink savings that is designed specifically for wide format.

Additionally, ONYX software is designed to be easy to use, with automation to minimise error and reduce the number of touch points from start to finish on any print job. Hot folders, for example, enable direct to the RIP-Queue file submissions, Quick Sets 2.0 enable unlimited automation of file manipulation to meet customer needs including adding tiling,

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ONYX offers the benefit of being a complete end-to-end RIP and print workflow solution that grows with a business

grommets, bleed, sewing marks and crop boxes. ONYX automatically nests jobs to conserve media on both roll-to-roll and flatbed printers as well as recognise common cut paths from design files and adds barcodes to printed jobs for seamless print and cut workflows.

We are finding that customers are much more concerned about colour accuracy and consistency. Those converting to ONYX tell us they are having issues with hitting the results their customers need.

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Minimising waste while maximising productivity

A key issue for a business is finding ways to reduce waste and maximise efficiency. Esko product manager Russell Weller explains how its software tools can handle all kinds of signage media to reduce downtime and boost productivity.

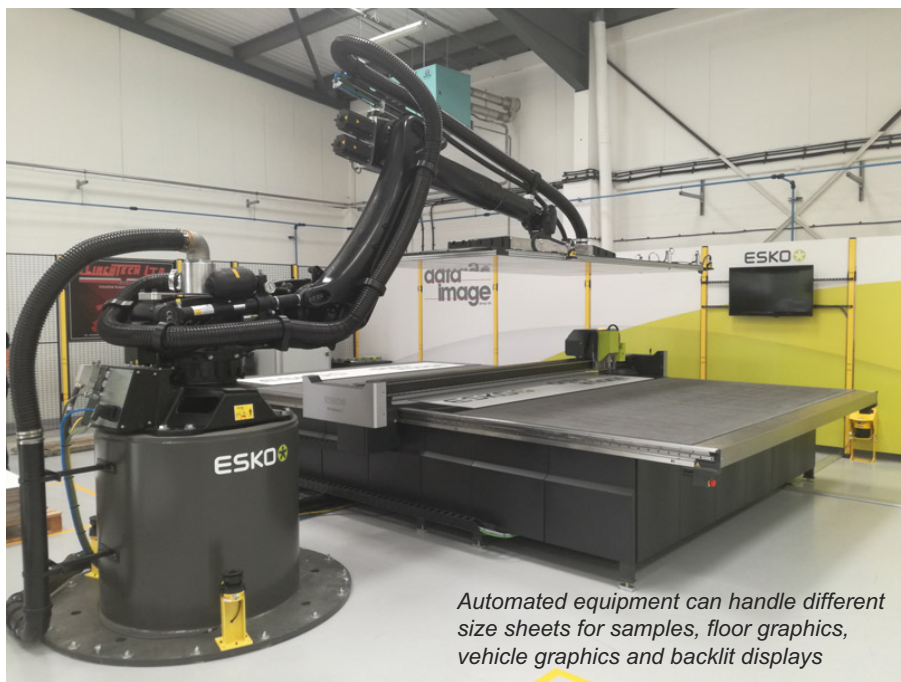
Many of the day-to-day problems can lie at the prepress stage with manual file checking; errors causing bottlenecks and wasting valuable time and materials during the production process. Receiving a large variety of file types from different sources and in various formats is the norm; all have to be checked, corrected and nested prior to printing to avoid delays and extra costs.

Esko's latest tools have been designed to significantly reduce waste and manage efficiencies; helping companies achieve automation and simplification. Esko works in partnership with each customer. A lot of time is spent together looking first at the company's strategy upstream and downstream and then working through solutions to eliminate pressure points, bottlenecks and errors.

After years of research and talking to its customers, Esko developed Automation Engine and i-cut Suite to enable companies to handle more jobs per day and maximise efficiencies. Graphic files are converted to PDF and moved through prepress on top of an editor. This means consistent quality and fewer rejects. Working with a fixed standard in prepress makes good business sense because time estimates can be reliably assessed and file quality is consistently high.

Standardising prepress on a semi- or completely automatic basis eliminates capacity constraints; no matter how many files arrive, a company can easily take on more volume. The ability to redeploy and retrain key staff can offer opportunities to add value and diversify.

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Automated equipment can handle different size sheets for samples, floor graphics, vehicle graphics and backlit displays

Reducing downtime

For companies concerned that any change of software could mean disruptive downtime, Esko's latest Automation Engine QuickStart for Sign is the answer. The innovative and easy to use production software has been specifically developed for this sector to automate prepress and enable companies to handle more jobs per day with the same headcount.

Esko's QuickStart package comes preloaded with proven workflows for sign and large format production. No need to hire experts, no long learning curves. The training is easy and quick and the new bespoke workflows can be deployed in only five days, immediately boosting a company's production capacity by automating the complete process from design to finish and taking the complexity out of production and importantly, reducing waste. With a choice of cutting tables for signage and display applications from the entry level Kongsberg X24 through to the super wide multifunctional C range, Esko has thought of every time-saving measure to simplify and manage waste logistics in the finishing department.

Specialist tools

Offering ultimate versatility, a variety of clever specialist tools offer speed, power and flexibility to handle almost any material: corrugated, folding carton, solid board, foam, coating blankets, wood and a long list of plastics. In addition, Kongsberg Automate can boost productivity to 100% and take performance to industrial levels. The latest innovation for the finishing department is an impressive Robotic Material Handler for multizone production.

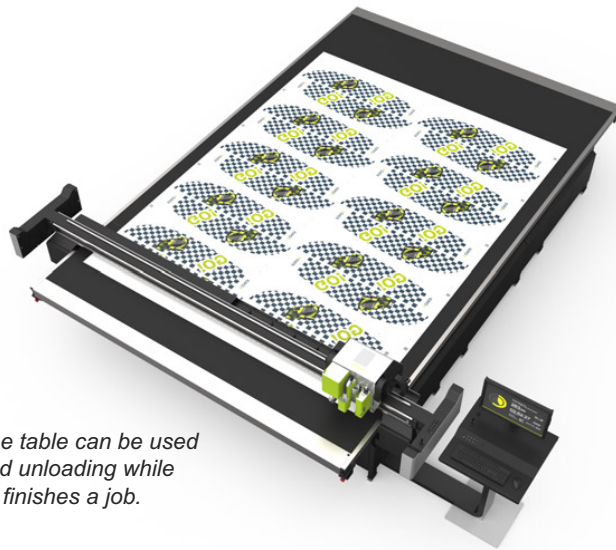
The Kongsberg C64 and C66 tables can also work in multi-zones. Our automated equipment can handle different size sheets for samples, floor and vehicle graphics and backlit displays, so one part of the table is used for loading and unloading while the other part finishes a job. This, in turn, speeds up production and gives maximum OEE (overall equipment effectiveness) on the shop floor. Esko has a complete portfolio of software for the sign and display sector including studio structural design software and ArtiosCAD for 3D projects; i-cut Suite to optimise production; and Automation Engine Quickstart for Sign.

Tailored solutions

Esko solutions offer many advantages including integration with most MIS systems, faster order handling, efficient data capture, a reduction in approval cycles and consistent output. Importantly, these innovative tools immediately boost a company's production capacity by automating the complete process from design to finish, taking the complexity out of production and reducing waste.

Our focus is to support the sign and display sectors by tailoring solutions that address the requirements of a company's business strategy. Our solutions will dramatically boost production capacity without the need to invest in additional headcount. A key advantage is the elimination of human error at every step by standardising processes. This frees up time and money to allow businesses to add value and diversify.

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How to boost productivity in large format printing

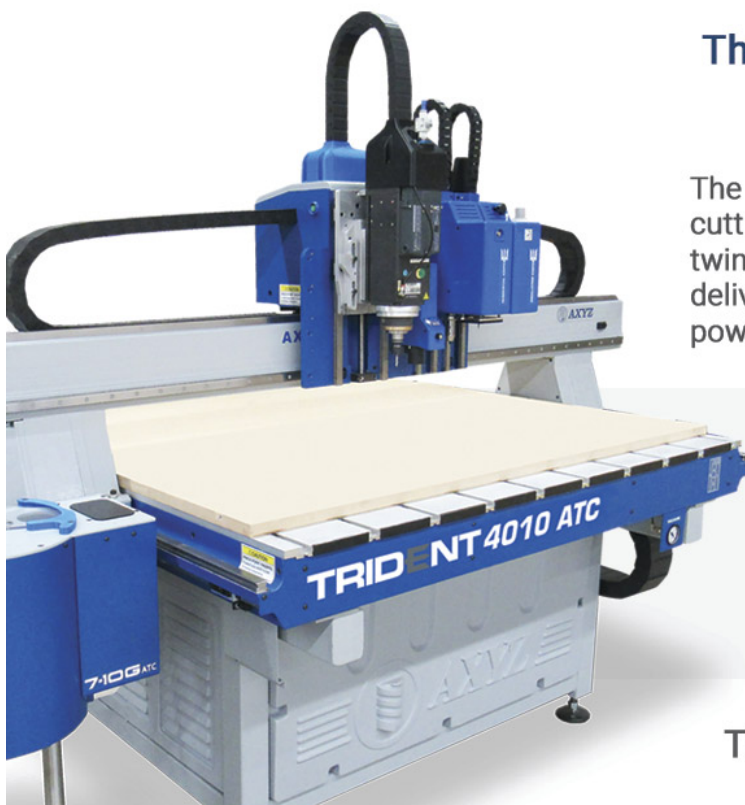
Many sign businesses are looking at reducing equipment idle time on the shopfloor: fewer manual steps, fewer errors and shorter equipment set-up time. How can you increase productivity? Visit ESKO's website to view a webinar that discusses six areas to boost productivity from design to shipping products.

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Cloud-based digital signage studio

Stunning digital signage can be created using NoviSigns comprehensive web-based digital signage software online studio. Director of sales and marketing Chad Bogan outlines some of the key features and benefits.

With over 25 drag and drop widgets to choose from, it is possible to quickly design and manage engaging content featuring live social media streams, data-driven polls, interactive games and media-rich zones with videos, RSS feeds, HD images, scrolling text and weather. NoviSign's Digital Signage Software is sold as Software as a Service (SaaS) that enables the easy management of dynamic digital signage campaigns from the cloud to IP-based digital signs anywhere in the world. From any PC you can broadcast targeted messages to any number of signs at an unlimited number of locations in real time.

The design online Studio is easy to use and designed for the novice. NoviSign's digital signage software is designed in 'layers' from a basic image/video campaign up to multi mixtures of images, videos, scrolling static text, slideshows, news tickers, weather, clock, RSS feeds; cutting-edge widgets such as Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, Ustream, games, polls, touchscreen, virtual que and website integrations for creating a rich environment of live and engaging content.

This software features a customisable template library, the ability to create and manage new playlists and a single display or hundreds; advanced scheduling capabilities, admin controls with multi-user control, cloud



A template can be created from scratch or a professionally designed template customised.

media library for storage, real time content updates, monitoring and reports dashboard, RFID and barcode Integrations, facial detection digital signage and content creation services. NoviSign's digital signage software can be utilised for the education sector to create media-rich content that features school announcements, media slideshows, HD videos and campus notifications. A template can be created from scratch or a professionally designed one customised.

Using NoviSign's software, restaurants can easily and quickly create beautiful digital menu boards, edit prices, add images, item

"With this software you can make rich content that contains company messages, media slideshows, HD videos and internal communications"

descriptions, scrolling text, slideshows and videos. All changes wirelessly update the menu within minutes. Digital signage for corporate communications makes it easier for customers to better connect with employees. NoviSign's corporate communications digital signage software enables real time information and events to be displayed, meeting times with schedules, internal corporate scrolling news tickers or customised messages welcoming clients and guests. You can make content containing company messages, media slideshows, HD videos and internal communications.

A template can be created from scratch, featuring multiple zones of media and messages or you can customise a corporate communications digital signage template.

www.NoviSign.com



Integrating MIS for greater efficiency

An efficient MIS can form the backbone of a business operation. Tharstern works with signmakers to develop a solution with extensive integration capabilities, writes business development manager Ross Edwards.

In the past, there was sometimes the belief that Tharstern's solutions were just for commercial printers but this wasn't the case. We offer one MIS with one 'engine' underneath that supports all different sectors. Our estimating module can support the requirements of all print sectors; it's down to the elements you choose. We have seen a lot of our commercial customers moving into the large format market to help them with business growth and increase the turnover and profits. Having the Tharstern MIS allows printers to move into new markets without the need to change their system or operate a part of the business in a different/manual system.

Tharstern recognised the gap in the market for a good MIS for this sector that can offer extensive integration capabilities. We saw this as a growth area and so as part of our strategy worked with sign makers, PoS, large/wide format businesses to enhance our support. There are so many features included in MIS these days and the forward-thinking vendors are developing their systems to suit all types of printers as they know their customers are diversifying into other markets. Changing or upgrading an MIS can be a big job so vendors are keeping up with demand to make sure their customers can envisage themselves using that system for years to come.

We support several leading UK large format and signage printers including Simpson Group Cestrian and Rapidity

which has been a Tharstern customer for years, specialise in a range of different print products and they agree that the system is as effective for their large format as it is for digital and litho.

"Display printing is one of our largest growth areas and being able to utilise Tharstern as effectively as our regular small format printing is vital," says Paul Manning, managing director of Rapidity.

"The ability to keep all of our job information in one system; the system's ability to understand the diverse world of display print and the ease at which we can automate simple orders such as roller banners is unrivalled."

Benefits for signage

We developed our latest estimating module to provide support for large format and so that any estimator or CSR could take the customer's specification and quickly create an estimate that is production ready.

This means we can submit into production workflows electronically and create automated workflows. The advantageous modules and add-ons in Tharstern for the signage sector include our job tracking module, which can easily be used offsite via a tablet device so installers can measure up and upload photos of the installation site. In addition, the milestones functionality is useful for signage companies as it allows users to manage

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every aspect of the job from site surveys through to artwork approvals and installation. We have recently introduced our Advanced Imposition tool; it really benefits large format specialists and sign makers that are dealing with non-rectangular shapes.

It helps to quickly optimise the imposition and get the best yield. Without the tool, this is a timely process and has a big effect on how competitive your pricing will be and how big your margins will be. The software provides specific support for common wide format processes including mounting, welding, hemming, eyeletting and die-cutting.

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DIS celebrate 21st birthday with London Cocktail week project

Turning a house in Shoreditch into a dedicated cocktail lab for one of the world's leading tequila brands has capped 21st birthday celebrations for DIS.

The Wolverhampton-based print and digital imaging specialist is on course for a record £2.4m year after delivering high profile projects for Wolverhampton Wanderers' main sponsor W88, the British Fashion Council and Patron Tequila.

The latter saw the firm steal the show at London Cocktail Week, transforming a two-storey property into a fully branded venue for mixing tequila cocktails. DIS specialists spent three full days building dividing space walls, installing LED lighting systems, specialist projectors, wall coverings and a wide range of graphics work and positioning client props and stock.

"We were even in charge of plantation for the Patron job," explains founder Mark

Bradley. "That just shows how far we have come in 21 years and the fact that major global brands are choosing us to offer a single-source solution when looking to make a statement.

"We've enjoyed 20% year-on-year growth since 2015 and the past 12 months has seen us secure a clutch of new contracts with blue-chip customers, ranging from football clubs and guerrilla campaigns for the Notting Hill Carnival to our recent landmark deal to become the official supplier of graphics and signage for all of Virgin Active's portfolio of gyms and health clubs."

DIS offers vehicle graphics, interior graphic solutions, portable display systems and event branding for customers involved in business, automotive, leisure and retail sectors.

Its experts have access to a full in-house 3D studio and large format printing, which helps it provide giant media and signage,

"Major global brands are choosing us to offer a single-source solution when looking to make a statement"

including Europe's largest poster for Manchester City and advertising for Christian Dior.

The company's work is seen by millions of people every year at Adidas product launches, at St George's Park (the home of English football) and during its innovative work for Design and Art Direction (D&AD), the educational charity that promotes excellence in design and advertising.

D&AD's Michelle Fischer says: "We've worked with DIS for a number of years and always been impressed with their ability to deliver graphics and signage that really tell the story of what we're trying to achieve.

"It's all about understanding what we want and then creating the ideal package, on time and to budget. Feedback for the D&AD Festival and New Blood was outstanding, both in terms of messaging and how they made it easy for people to find out where they were heading."

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A two-storey property was transformed into a fully branded venue for mixing tequila cocktails

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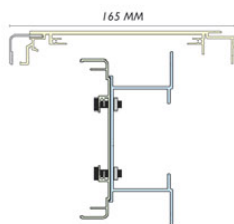
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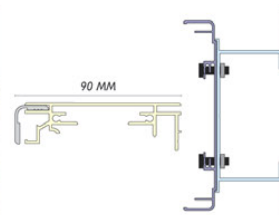
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A wide range of applications for both single and double sided illuminated sign boxes when using rigid panels.



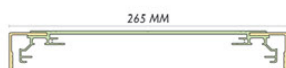
NOVASLIM

An attractive smaller case for use with rigid panels. At just 90mm in depth the system incorporates slim site lines and is perfect for both internal point of sale signage as well as high street applications. Also perfect for use as a back box for sign trays.



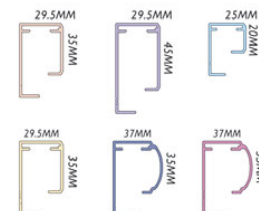
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An extremely strong double sided sign case designed to hang acrylic panels. The system has an enhanced wall thickness and is primarily used in the construction of tower forecourt signs.



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Simple and cost effective method of hanging rigid display panels for non-illuminated signage for both exterior and interior applications. Profiles accommodate panels ranging in thickness from 3mm to 6mm and is the perfect solution to give a simple wall panel a professional finish.





Signage and graphics transform grammar school

FASTSIGNS Leeds has partnered with The Grammar School at Leeds to help its students, staff and visitors navigate the independent school's large campus and sports fields

The company worked with the education facility for over six months and tasked with the creation and installation of 60 signs, each with their own design requirements, that effectively point visitors in the right direction. The meticulous planning of the project included identifying sign locations, establishing the most effective signage type and materials and designing each individual sign to the school's specification. The centre installed the signage, including built-up lettering, freestanding post and panel signs and wall signs in nine days.

FASTSIGNS Leeds co-owner Chris Simpson says: "Over the years we've provided signage for many schools but none of them compare to the sheer geographical size of The Grammar School at Leeds' campus; the number of sports pitches is immense. The task presented many challenges including ensuring we matched paint and print colours to the school's branding, which is a very specific shade of indigo. Rather than using standard powder coating techniques to ensure we achieved a perfect match, we used a detailed wet paint process which, despite taking longer, provided excellent results.

"It was a pleasure to work with the team at The Grammar School at Leeds on such a

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Signage including built-up lettering, freestanding post and panel signs and wall signs, was installed in nine days

fantastic and intricate project, the results of the signage we installed provides real value to the people that visit the school for education and sporting events."

FASTSIGNS UK managing director John Davies says: "The completion of such an ambitious scheme as this and delivering to such a high standard, is a testament to the hard work and the dedication to excellence of all involved in the project at FASTSIGNS Leeds. Each one of our centres across the country works hard to uphold our extremely high levels of quality and customer service and Leeds is no exception."

www.fastsigns.co.uk



Award recognition for nationwide signage project

A signage rebrand project for Hostelling Scotland has received national acclaim for Signs Express (Falkirk) after being shortlisted for a British Signs & Graphics Award.

When Hostelling Scotland rebranded from the Scottish Youth Hostel Association they called on the expertise of Signs Express (Falkirk) to ensure consistency across their 34 sites spread across Scotland, some of which were in very remote locations in the highlands and islands.

Business owner Steve McMurray comments: "This was a very rewarding project and we are delighted to receive recognition from the sign industry's governing body. When specifying the signage we were mindful that the look and feel needed to complement the natural beauty of the area while understanding Hostelling Scotland is a charity with limited budgets. I'm extremely proud of my team. Their innovative problem solving and excellent project management skills have no doubt helped us achieve this accolade."



A wide range of signage includes entrance and reception signs, wayfinding, flags and pavement

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A wide range of signage was supplied to cater for both the inside and outside of the hostels including entrance and reception signs, wayfinding, flags and pavement signs to bring the facilities up to date with the new branding.

Hostelling Scotland's flagship hostel at Glen Nevis has recently undergone a full refurbishment and required innovative and high impact signs and graphics solutions which would enhance the hostelling experience and take it to a whole new level.

In communal areas a stunning centrepiece provides a 3D representation of the contours of the local area, constructed with over 100 different parts and set within a timber frame which was then

illuminated. Bright and modern reception signage with halo illuminated lettering, attractive notice boards and slate wayfinding and door signs complete the look.

Outside, a striking totem sign crafted using the same timber as the external cladding of the building provides a finished look which complements the refurbished building and surrounding area of natural beauty.

Hostelling Scotland says: "The project was delivered on time and to a very high standard and the team really pushed the boundaries between signage and art in the creation of some of the bespoke items."

www.signsexpress.co.uk/falkirk

Remote-controlled LED signs help reduce speed near schools

Surrey-based Messagemaker Displays (a subdivision of the Stocksigns Group) has developed a range of electronic speed reduction safety signs which have been installed on numerous roads outside schools across Wales.

Following a pledge by the Welsh Traffic Minister, the company rose to the challenge to supply remote programmable signs to reduce the speed limit of local roads surrounding schools to 20 miles per hour during school start and finish times.

Between 19 and 25 November 2018 Messagemaker Displays participated in national Road Safety Week, which aims to inspire thousands of schools, organisations and communities to act on road safety and promote crucial life-saving

messages. As part of raising awareness, the company highlighted the importance of road safety signage as part of their newly developed website through their news section.

Managing director of Stocksigns Group Danny Adamson says: "As sign specialists it is our duty to support the local community by raising awareness for an important cause. Having raised awareness for our national partnered charity, the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) we are reinforcing the importance of speed signs as the safety of children and families are important to us. We are proud to have had such a positive influence in the local schools across Wales with students and parents alike.

"The optics for this new generation of signage are fully compliant with EN 12966 and have a narrower yet brighter beam which reduces light pollution in adjacent buildings and houses"

"The magic of these safety signs is that they can be remotely configured. The optics for this new generation of signage are fully compliant with EN 12966 and have a narrower yet brighter beam which reduces light pollution in adjacent buildings and houses. These LED signs have 128 displays of brightness to suit all conditions from broad daylight to night time. Using 3G modems, it allows the user to remotely set sign parameters and for retrieval of collected speed data. This is fantastic for local schools and communities as the effectiveness of the speed limits and signs can be monitored and assessed."

www.messagemaker.co.uk



A range of electronic speed reduction safety signs have been installed on numerous roads outside schools across Wales



Large format specialist breaks 3D world record

Large format specialist Andesign has set a new standard by smashing the world record for a 3D printed animal, creating an elephant measuring almost 4 metres high and maximised their exposure by making it a permanent fixture on a busy street in Birmingham.

Created over five days using a Massivit 1800 printer, the animal is shown smashing through the wall of Andesign's office building where it created such a spectacle that it stopped passing traffic when it was unveiled.

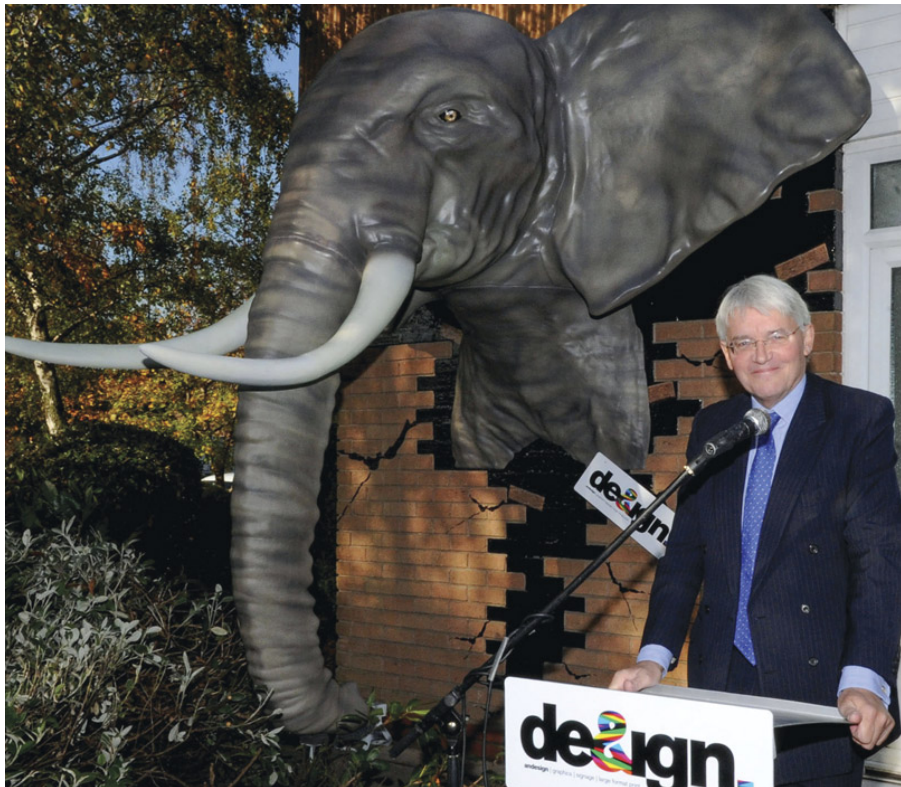
"We're in the business of getting noticed," says founder Andy Williams. "We have major international clients who want to achieve greatness with their retail, display

and advertising and this shows the incredible spectacle that can be achieved with 3D.

"It wasn't easy and our management team worked like hell to overcome what we soon realised were unprecedented problems; we had to chop down a door of our spray paint booth, a room we can usually drive trucks into. It's amazing that anything as big could all be created on our 3D printer but we'll be reaping the publicity rewards from it for many years to come."

Unveiled by Andrew Mitchell MP, the elephant was created on the Massivit 1800 large format unit that Andesign invested in earlier this year. Acknowledged as the

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biggest large format 3D printer in the world and operating at speeds 10 times faster than its nearest competitor, the Massivit has proven to be as great a source of fascination for tech geeks as it has for paying customers these past six months. The lifelike elephant has become a local landmark, drawing a steady stream of visitors.

"We've taken the Massivit 1800 on a very challenging journey with the creation of the elephant and it's been fantastic fun if all a bit mind boggling at times," says managing director Garry Hassell. "We think there are even greater heights that can be reached within 3D and are actively reaching for the stars and now have many of our clients determined to come on this journey with us."

The sculpture has been weatherproofed and reinforced to withstand anything the British climate can throw at it and will remain on display as a permanent fixture long into the future.

www.andesignuk.com
www.massivit3d.com

Blackpool centenary memorial recreates Menin Gate

To commemorate the First World War Centenary, Signs Express (Central Lancashire) assisted Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust in installing a 5:1 replica of the Menin Gate memorial flowered in over 30,000 hand-knitted poppies which went on display for the remembrance service at Blackpool Victoria Hospital on 9 November. The sign company had already completed smaller projects for the hospital so were thrilled to be commissioned for this remarkable memorial.

Using All Print Supplies LG Hausys Interior Film (ML56 Travertine White) paired with Metamark UK printing vinyl, the Central Lancashire branch was able to transform a beautifully designed MDF structure into

the Menin Gate by applying over 90 metres of printed vinyl to represent the red bricks, plaques and decorative features.

Despite challenges including all the grain on the stonework having to be applied horizontally which required immense attention to detail, this week-long operation was a huge success.

"We're absolutely over the moon with how this turned out, especially knowing how much it means to everyone involved," says Matt Rutledge. "Tom Smith and I really enjoyed the challenging installation and hats off to our designer Tom Van-Boyd who did an excellent job recreating some of the more detailed features of the memorial."

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A beautifully designed MDF structure was transformed into the Menin Gate by applying over 90 metres of printed vinyl to represent the red bricks, plaques and decorative features

Associate director of facilities for the Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Nigel Fort comments: "I have worked with Signs Express on two prominent projects for the Trust in the past few months and have been delighted with the quality of the finished product, especially as they were both very innovative in nature. This is matched by the professionalism, commitment and passion of everyone in the team who I have dealt with.

"We will certainly be working with them on future initiatives and I would have no hesitation in recommending their services as much for the way in which they conduct themselves as for the high quality of their products and workmanship."

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Print wrap film delivers sustainability edge for Transport for Wales

3M has supplied non-PVC Envision Print Wrap LX480mC for the first branded Transport for Wales trains now operating the Wales and Borders network.

3M supported Aura Graphics, a 3M Select Platinum Partner and the main contractor for the project, in presenting the environmental benefits of the film.

"Sustainability is a guiding principle for us so when looking at vinyl options we took the opportunity to choose a film with better credentials to update the graphics of our fleet," says Colin Lea, commercial and customer experience director for Transport for Wales Rail Services. "The benign materials and processes used to produce Envision Print Wrap LX480mC, combined with the film's outstanding performance and durability, keep our trains looking good for longer and allowed us to choose a less environmentally damaging material."

The project involved stripping existing signage, full preparation of the underlying surfaces, corrosion treatment and

repainting, before applying digitally-printed Envision Print Wrap LX480mC and finally dual-language labelling to the cars' exterior. To maintain the best possible appearance throughout the lifetime, additional 3M Scotchgard 8993 Glossy Overlamine and 3M Anti-Graffiti Wrap Gloss Overlamine 8588G provide extra protection for the printed film.

"The excellent material properties of Envision Print Wrap LX480mC from 3M, including features that aid application as well as compatibility with all inks and printer types, enabled us to deliver this project to a high standard and within a tight timescale," comments Tim Locke, director - Rail Division, Aura Graphics. "As a Platinum Partner to 3M and with our breadth of in-house technical and project-management competencies, we have the capabilities to take on those challenges and are qualified to provide the 3M product warranty on a back-to-back basis."

The Aura Graphics team applied the printed films to two-car and three-car

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Transport for Wales C175 train with new graphics using Envision Print Wrap

Class-175 diesel trains along with 2 x two car class 143 Pacer train sets serving the Wales rail network, working on the main train depot at Alston depot in Chester without having to move the trains to a special facility. Removable train parts such as cab skirting were taken to Aura Graphics' fully approved in-house paint shop for refinishing.

The work was coordinated with the normal maintenance procedures for the trains, organised as continuous day and night-time shifts over a single weekend for each train set, to ensure zero disruption of passenger services.

www.3M.co.uk

Vehicle livery service provider invests again in eco solvent technology

Vehicle Livery Services (VLS) has installed its second Epson SureColor SC-S80600 printer, supplied by Papergraphics to replace an HP latex machine.

"In our opinion the Epson SureColor SC-S80600 printer is the most advanced machine in its class to date," says managing director Greg Saunderson. "The printer is very user friendly and the inks are so dynamic it can print on almost any material we test. The ink cure/drying rate is super quick for a solvent ink which has many advantages."

VLS designs, produces and applies 'battenburg' livery kits to over a quarter of the UK's police force including crash repair panels. Further sectors are Chapter 8 Livery (UK Department for Transport/Highways Agency Chapter 8 of traffic signs manual), plant machinery, patient transport and fleet. The Epson printers handle all the work from printed text to full vehicle branding.

"The 1,440dpi print quality is superb and consistent," says Greg. "We can match 98.2% of Pantone colours or RAL colour (European colour matching standard which defines colours for paint, coatings and plastics) and the legibility of small text or fine detail in prints is excellent. It is really important for us to have confidence in the consistent output of this machine. VLS endeavours to maintain quality in all aspects of the business and having a

reliable printer helps us to achieve this standard."

The red, orange and light grey in addition to the standard CMYK LC-LM ink sets allows VLS to print vibrant reds and oranges on specific reflective materials that gives the company a stand-out advantage over competitors.

"The Epson is really easy to navigate in terms of usability and maintenance," says Greg. "The print operators maintain the two printers religiously and say the machines are very easy to clean and maintain with no issues reported since the start. The print head technology used in the Epson is unbelievable, we very rarely have any issues with the heads dropping out or banding of prints and the GS3 inks can be ordered online and are delivered next day."

Although the first SureColor SC-S80600 was supplied with the standard Onyx RIP, this time it has upgraded to the Onyx Thrive RIP for additional processing speed and production workflow improvements.

Today a truly professional car wrap might take two or three days but VLS will shortly launch a new branding system that will reduce the time by a third yet still maintain the durability and quality that its customers expect.

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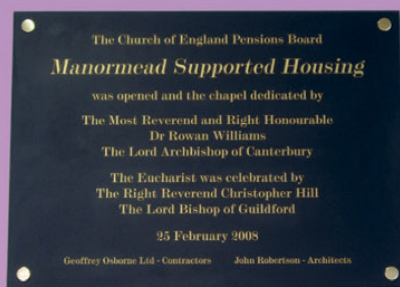
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Weekend on super yacht up for grabs for wrap film customers

3M is offering customers a chance to win a VIP trip for two on an exclusive yacht in Monaco as part of its Colour Up Your Shop campaign. This opportunity is open to all graphic manufacturers and installers who buy 10 or more linear metres of 3M's Wrap Film Series 1380, Wrap Film Series 1080 and/or Wrap Overlaminate 8900 between 1 November 2018 and 28 February 2019.

To enter, customers must register their purchase at www.3M.eu/colourboard. They will then receive one ticket that automatically enters them into a prize draw, which will take place in March 2019. Customers are eligible to receive one ticket for each order they place during the campaign period.

The winner will have access to an exclusive VIP arrangement on a super yacht both Saturday and Sunday of the race weekend (23-26 May 2019). The package includes a luxury three-night hotel stay, entertainment, fine wines and gourmet food.

Meanwhile, customers who purchase a minimum total of 150 linear metres of the same wrap films during the campaign period will receive a single free colourboard from 3M worth more than £310, excluding VAT. This high specification point of sale tool showcases 120 A5 samples of the company's wrap films, providing a useful selling aid.



As part of the Colour Up Your Shop campaign 3M customers can register for the opportunity to win an exclusive VIP trip to Monaco.

Joris Van Liefde, 3M customer journey manager for graphic markets in western Europe, says: "We're really excited about this promotion. For many of our customers this could be a once in a lifetime opportunity to experience up close, the excitement of the race with a viewing

venue of a super yacht. We are passionate about supporting our car wrap installer customers. The sooner you get involved, the greater your chances of winning the grand prize and the colourboard from 3M."

www.3M.eu/colourboard

Manager takes ownership of sign franchise



Centre manager Richard Frayling takes ownership of Signs Express (Taunton).

After more than 14 years working for the Taunton franchise of Signs Express as centre manager and more than 25 years in the sign making industry, Richard Frayling has taken ownership of the business following Maurice Firman's decision to sell.

Richard's knowledge and dedication to the company will hopefully prove to be significant in his ownership and he expects to see many exciting new projects come to fruition in the coming months. He says: "I want to take the business to new heights by investing in new equipment while continuing to deliver the exceptional service and products our customers have come to expect from Signs Express (Taunton)."

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Signs Express managing director Jonathan Bean says: "I'm confident he's the right person to take the Taunton centre to new levels and thrilled to work closely with him to help him achieve his goals."

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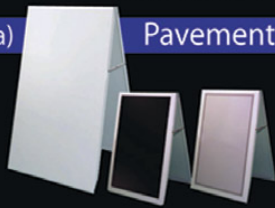
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Applelec celebrates 20 years of successful trading

Applelec is celebrating 20 years of successful trading. The business has seen significant changes and developments within this time with increases in premises, investments and staff members. From humble beginnings as a metal fabricator, Applelec has widened its offering and now combines work as a bespoke manufacturer of signage, displays and LED solutions with its lighting product, LED Light Sheet selected to provide illumination for a range of

national and international projects. Along with activities as a lighting manufacturer, Applelec supplies LED systems, which has seen the company recently become the sole UK distributor for SloanLED.

The evolution of the company has led to substantial growth for Applelec and to accommodate this, in 2016 the company relocated to larger premises with all manufacturing output taking place in-house at its 6.3 acre Wharfedale Business Park in Bradford. The increase in space has enabled the business to continue its developments with investments in equipment, machinery and facilities including a new dual purpose powder and wet spray plant, AXYZ CNC router, large format press brake machine and a dedicated manufacturing area for its NeonLux LED product.

Along with the company investing in new technology and machinery, one part that has remained unchanged for the last 20 years is craftsmanship being the backbone of the company. Applelec has always taken great pride in its team of skilled fabricators who have been creating precision manufactured signage since 1998.



Applelec has always taken great pride in its team of skilled fabricators

Managing director Ian Drinkwater says: "We are all so proud of what the company has achieved and will continue focusing on what we do best, high quality products and manufacturing with 100% attention on customer service. With clients at the forefront of everything we do, we have increased Applelec's team to now almost 100 strong consisting of CAD designers, technical advisors, a design engineer and field staff to better accommodate and support our customers' needs."

www.applelec.co.uk

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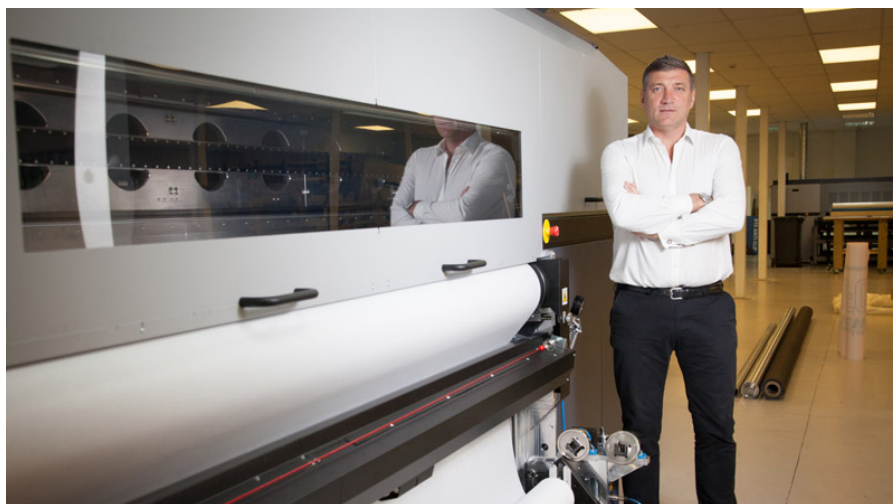
Large format company wins business excellence award

Large format digital print production company Imaginators won the Best SME Business of the Year at the Essex Business Excellence Awards 2018 sponsored by HSBC.

Imaginators prints and installs giant graphics including stage branding for the music industry, music festivals, live entertainment and events; sports branding; exhibition, experiential marketing, retail and PoS graphics; giant building wraps and outdoor advertising.

Last year the company installed its second Durst superwide format press and now operates six different digital output technologies including roll to roll and flatbed printing using both UV and latex inks which has enabled the 43-year old business to approach new clients and improve its services to its current client base including some of the most popular music festivals in the UK together with sports branding for The Football Association, Tottenham Hotspur Football Club and Saracens Rugby and high profile retail brands Selfridges, Harrods, Alfred Dunhill and Marc Jacobs.

Director and founder Matt Tydeman says: "Imaginators are no strangers to winning awards across all the market sectors we operate within; winning best event branding for three consecutive years for our services to the music industry is a wonderful achievement which we are



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immensely proud of. However, I wanted Imaginators to be recognised for its achievements in business and not just the printing and events industry to acknowledge the hard work passion, determination, tireless energy and skill that goes into running a top performing company while recognising the printing industry as a whole.

"These high profile awards were judged on financial acumen, management, growth, leadership, innovation, quality and service against other businesses from tech-start-

ups, retail, finance, IT, media and manufacturing and I am immensely proud of what this award means to the business and the team behind Imaginators.

"Winning Best SME Business of the Year 2018 is already opening up further opportunities for printing within our established business areas both across Essex and throughout the UK. Business is good and we're confident of yet further strong growth".

www.imaginators.co.uk

National award recognition for student accommodation signage

Signs Express (Exeter) is a finalist in the BSGA Sign Awards for their architectural project on behalf of The Leat Student Accommodation. The commission included the provision of both internal and external architectural and wayfinding signage for the bespoke student accommodation which is set in historic buildings and includes the centrepiece, The Leat, which dates to the middle ages.

It was important that the signage had an industrial heritage feel and this was achieved by using stainless steel, corten

steel and aged verdigris copper. The accommodation has been complemented by a 10-section multi-layered plaque in the three metals, mounted using studs to the surface of an irregular stone wall.

Signs Express (Exeter) translated the client's initial design concept, specification and designs into physical designs that could be laser-cut, aged and installed. Inside the building, vinyl-cut decals for walls and glazing graphics for internal wayfinding, all following the same concept, completed the look.



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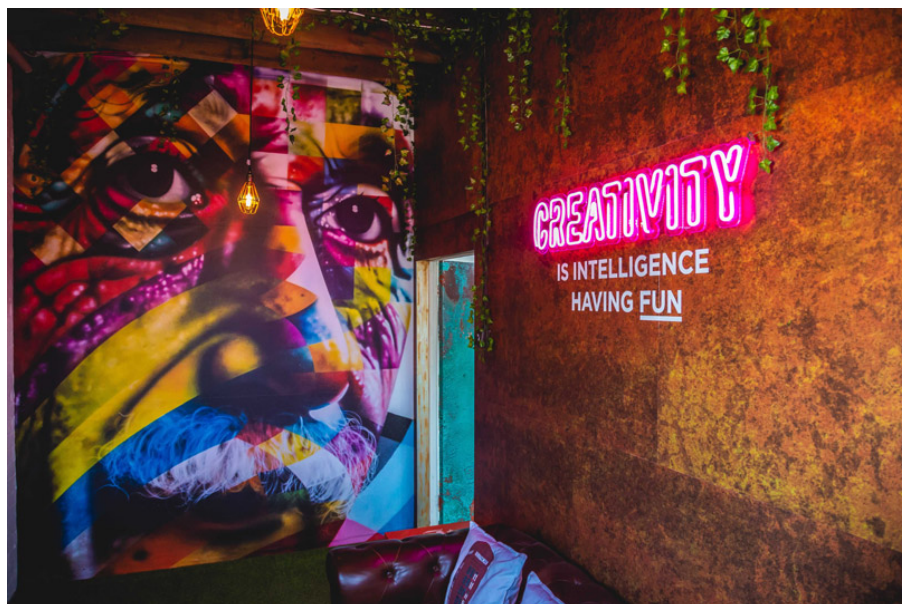
Roland Heroes judges announced

Roland DG has announced the official judges at Roland Hero 2018, the inaugural awards programme placing a spotlight on members of the Roland community across the EMEA region. Entries will be accepted until 31 December 2018, after which a panel of judges will study every story and select the one individual who best represents what it means to be a Roland user. Christian Duyckaerts, president of FESPA; best-selling author and award-winning entrepreneur Beth Kempton; and Gillian Montanaro, head of marketing at Roland DG EMEA, will make up the panel of judges.

Christian has been active in the printing industry for more than 20 years and inaugurated as president of FESPA in May 2017. He is managing director of Retail Communicators, a print production service located in Belgium specialising in office interior decoration and rebranding.

"In the two decades I have spent in the print industry, I have experienced the shift from analogue to digital in wide format printing and as a result am a strong believer in the unlimited possibilities offered by digital wide format," says Christian. "At FESPA our mission is to educate the community and the Roland Hero awards are a great way to share incredible stories of print businesses. It's a fantastic initiative and I'm delighted to join the judging panel."

Beth Kempton is a motivational speaker and entrepreneur who founded the



The Binary Box has created magic in its new creative studio with floor-to-ceiling wraps printed on Roland TrueVIS VG-540.

company Do What You Love and co-founded Make Art That Sells and Make It In Design. Beth says "it's an honour to receive an invitation to be on the jury of the Roland Hero awards. I know how amazing this kind of competition can be for all involved. I love helping to bring dreams to life and excited to discover the first Roland Hero."

Gillian Montanaro comments: "I'm delighted to welcome Beth and Christian

to the panel of judges for Roland Hero. They will each bring something different to the table and while it will undoubtedly be a tough decision considering all the fantastic entries, I'm sure we'll find the most deserving recipient of the Roland Hero crown. By extending the deadline we hope to find even more Heroes who exemplify the creative, innovative and forward-thinking approach we have at Roland."

www.rolanddg.co.uk

Vehicle WrapShops provide free hands-on training

William Smith has teamed up with 3M to host free vehicle WrapShops for customers across the UK. Over 90 participants attended the three workshops, which took place at the William Smith base in Barnard Castle, Irlam, Greater Manchester and 3M Atherstone, Warwickshire.

3M's senior application engineer Klaus Willekens demonstrated application techniques while highlighting the features and benefits of a variety of vehicle wrap films. A number of innovative materials

were used in the WrapShops, including 3M Envision Print Wrap Film 480mC, 3M Wrap Film Series 1080 and 3M Print Wrap Film Series IJ180mC, which has now been certified for 3D applications.

Head of marketing at William Smith Chris Bradley says: "The WrapShops gave customers a brilliant opportunity to get hands-on with the materials, the chance to test the techniques for themselves and perfect their application skills."

The Training Academy, offers 10 courses



Klaus Willekens passes on advice to WrapShop participants.

ranging from wrap training to sales, as well as workshops and taster days.

www.williamsmith.co.uk



Two brands, one solution: a winning formula

Gateshead-based Astley and Northamptonshire-based Sign of the Times walked away with four accolades at the British Sign and Graphics Association (BSGA) Awards.

The two brands, which came together in 2016, are able to provide clients with a fully integrated package under a 'two brands, one solution' approach. Astley, which designs, manufactures and installs signs for national brands including BP, Sainsbury's and Hilton, won in the Illuminated Sign of the Year category for their production of the Tyne Bridge's Great North Run sign and in the Rollout Programme of the Year for their BP contract across the UK.

Sales director David Forrester says: "These awards are highly regarded within the signage industry and our success emphasises the strengths and diversity of Astley and Sign of the Times.

"Our acquisition of Sign of the Times has really complemented the services offered by Astley and put both companies in a significantly stronger position to grow our portfolio. Walking away with four awards shows that our approach is working. I want to give special mention to our apprentice Ian, who was shortlisted in the Young Signmaker of the Year category. He has proved a real asset to Astley as he continues on his apprenticeship."



Darren Roughton with Astley directors David Redhead, Gavin Redhead and David Forrester.

Sign of the Times, which specialises in producing creative custom displays and experiential environments for design and branding agencies, won in both the Craftsman and Innovation of the Year categories for their work as production partners for Acrylicize on the production and installation of the Piccadilly Lamps in Manchester. The five over-sized, illuminated lamps and surrounding building graphics adopted many traditional and

cutting-edge processes, creating a distinctive space that draws the crowds.

"These awards acknowledge the dedication and hard work our employees demonstrate on a daily basis," concludes managing director Darren Roughton.

www.astley-uk.com
www.signsofthetimes.co.uk

Signs Express centre opens in Salisbury



Rod Clark brings a combination of skills to the company

Salisbury is the fourth new centre Signs Express has opened this year, making a total of 67 across the UK.

The owner of Signs Express (Salisbury) Rod Clark brings a combination of skills to the company from his time working in project management, business operations and photography. His range of expertise has helped him get off to a flying start, having recently completed work for a number of local businesses.

"Nothing is more important to me than having a good relationship with the customers I work with in my local area," says Rod. "I am excited to be a part of the award-winning franchise and cannot wait to use all of my experiences to focus on

running my own business, which has always been my goal".

Signs Express managing director Jonathan Bean comments: "Rod is a natural people person with a vast professional background. He is a highly motivated and proactive individual which will support businesses in Salisbury with their signage needs. We are thrilled to welcome him into our network and looking forward to working closely with him over the coming months".

Rod is joined by a highly-skilled team who will assist with any signage project you may have in the area.

www.signsexpress.co.uk/branch/salisbury

Sign & Digital invites industry to shape 2019 show

Sign & Digital UK will return to Birmingham's NEC 2-4 April with "its most compelling Main Stage programme to date" designed in collaboration with its visitors. Show organisers are welcoming attendees to use an online form to pose questions they would like to see answered on the Main Stage and suggest who they would like to hear speak at the show.

Whether part of the industry panel debates, presenting a practical case study led session or even becoming a guest to chat with host Colin Gilman, Sign & Digital UK aims to accommodate the right experts, advice and insights into next year's event.

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Furthermore, the show website hosts expert educational content to support innovation within the industry throughout the year while the Main Stage aims to bring these and other industry topics to life at the show next year.

Marketing manager Jane Lewis says: "In the current climate, where markets are constantly changing, business owners need to get smarter to retain and win business. We're delighted to offer the

industry the chance to get involved with this year's show to ensure we're offering the most relevant and supportive advice to our visitors.

"We hope this will enable business owners to learn valuable lessons that will help them to grow their business, diversify their offering and put them at the top of their game."

www.signuk.com

Fleetwood Town FC extends partnership with Blackpool signage business



Carl and Shaun Bennett from Links, Signs and Graphics at Highbury.

League One Fleetwood Town (FTFC) is extending its partnership with Blackpool-based sign and graphics expert Links, Signs and Graphics, as the club's official signage partner. 2018-2019 is the fifth season the two have worked together to create effective signage at the club's Highbury Stadium and its training and community facility Poolfoot Farm.

Fleetwood Town head of commercial Martin Booker comments: "We are delighted to extend our relationship for the season. For the past four years Links have provided fantastic support to us for various projects involving signage and rebranding."

Links Signs managing director Shaun Bennett says: "We are proud to once again renew our ongoing relationship with FTFC as the club's official signage partner. This is testimony to the quality service and products we provide.

"On match days our signage is evident by way of pitch boards but the array of products supplied goes way beyond these throughout Highbury and Poolfoot training complex where there is wider evidence of our products on display. We are very proud to be in the position to deliver as we have, as and when required.

www.linkssignsandgraphics.co.uk



Eco-friendly signage encourages responsible recycling

Surrey-based The Stocksigns Group has created a range of Enviro Signs which have been made available for temporary indoor and outdoor signage as a “greener alternative” to plastic, foam board and composite material.

As part of the group’s push to encourage businesses to stay green, the range has been produced by approved materials from the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC). The organisation has certified the Recyclable Display Board as 100% fibre based, compostable and fully recyclable and every standard and custom-made sign available from Stocksigns and First Call Signs is available on these new eco-friendly materials.

The Recyclable Display Board is aimed at businesses looking for the flexibility of displaying the board temporarily indoors or outdoors. Used mainly as standalone signs, they are suitable for smaller temporary signage required for up to six months outside, with a longer lifespan indoors. Due to being recyclable and compostable, these are ideal for events and shorter construction projects.

Proving popular with the construction industry, the non-PVC Bubble Board is 100% recyclable, which allows a hard-wearing temporary signage alternative to traditional corrugated plastic and foam boards and has a guaranteed 36-month lifespan when displayed outdoors.



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Managing director Danny Adamson says: “Wasting of fossil fuels and materials has been a subject of many a conversation over the last few years so we felt that producing the Enviro Sign range was a perfect incentive for those to contribute in making a difference. They allow you to create an innovative and professional look to communicate your safety and sales messages while attracting potential customers and the general public.

“We have priced the Enviro Signs at the same price as signs produced on standard

1mm plastic, showing that going greener doesn’t affect your bank balance”.

The Enviro Signage range can be produced on a maximum standard panel size of 1220mm x 2440mm. Utilising these panels can help companies who are looking to improve their green credentials and use this as a selling point to improve not only their trading prospects but environmental reputation.

www.stocksigns.co.uk

New business owner for Signs Express Nottingham



Paul Glover is planning exciting new developments and projects.

Paul Glover has become the new owner of Signs Express (Nottingham). Established in 2011 by Jane and Adam Bailey, the company is one of the largest signs and graphics operations in the area..

The business has experienced sign makers in-house, a wide range of sign making equipment and provides a comprehensive design, manufacture and fitting service to assist organisations both large and small with a wide range of signs and graphics requirements.

“After more than 28 years in waste management, a move to the signage industry is an exciting step for me and I

can’t wait to see how experience of running my own business will contribute to the growth of Signs Express,” says Paul.

“I’m looking forward to talking with new and old customers and helping to tackle their signs and graphics needs.”

Former owner Jane Bailey says: “Adam and I are sad to say goodbye to this chapter of our lives but know Paul will be able to deliver the innovation and drive Signs Express (Nottingham) needs to continue to thrive and provide impeccable designs and graphics for local businesses.”

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Roland users celebrate their craft at British Sign Awards

Roland DG invited some Roland users to the British Sign Awards ceremony in November. Among them were members of the Mission Motorsport team, a charity that exists to help injured ex-servicemen "race, retrain and recover" by getting involved with all aspects of motorsport from engineering to vehicle livery.

Aside from being nominated for the 2018 Vehicle Graphics of the Year award, their 'Poppy Car' was on display in front of the Athena. The Jaguar F-Type SVR was wrapped with a reflective vinyl featuring a poppy design incorporating the words of John McCrae's poem 'In Flanders Fields' using Roland DG's wide format TrueVIS SG-540. The car stole the spotlight when it was acknowledged in the Vehicle Graphics of the Year award. CEO of Mission Motorsport James Cameron says it was "an amazing achievement for those involved that reflects the emotion, hard work and dedication that went into making such a remarkable car."



The Jaguar F-Type SVR was wrapped with a reflective vinyl featuring a poppy design incorporating the words of John McCrae's poem 'In Flanders Fields'.

"It's inspiring to see a fresh generation of signmakers stepping up to take the industry in new heights"

Roland DG was joined by Joe McNamara, head of graphics for Renault Sport Formula One Team and Alex Liggett, owner of The Vinyl Guys.

Although the businesses differ in terms of size, they both benefit from the capabilities of Roland's TrueVIS range of printer/cutters, allowing them to create vehicle graphics, signage and promotional material with equal ease. In addition, Roland DG sponsored the 2018 Young

Signmaker of the Year award, which was presented to Marc Kisko of Reade Signs in Aldershot by UK and Ireland head of sales Rob Goleniowski. "It's inspiring to see a fresh generation of signmakers stepping up to take the industry in new heights. I'm proud that Roland continues to help them succeed by providing new technology that can take them even further."

www.rolanddg.co.uk

Sun Chemical to increase prices of liquid inks in Europe

Sun Chemical will implement a new price increase affecting its solvent- and water-based liquid inks in Europe, effective 15 January 2019.

Costs have risen annually on a variety of key raw materials used to manufacture inks including solvents, acrylic derivatives, organic pigments and polyols and isocyanates, which are the basic building blocks for numerous resins.

Additionally, ongoing initiatives in China to enforce tighter environmental regulations at chemical plants has resulted in ongoing supply disruptions.

"The increasing raw material costs continue at an unprecedented rate and require us to increase customer prices," says Sun Chemical's chief marketing officer Felipe Mellado.

"We will continue to work with our supply chain partners to manage and minimise the impact on our customers."

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Hybrid appoints Josero as Mimaki Sign & Graphics Authorised Partner

Exclusive UK and Irish Mimaki distributor Hybrid Services has added Josero to its network of Sign & Graphics Authorised Partners. With an established history as a wide and grand format printer reseller, Josero will promote Mimaki's range of solvent roll-fed printers, integrated printer/cutters and cutting plotters.

Hybrid's chief operations manager Brett Newman comments: "Josero is a well-established company with 15 years' experience in the sign and graphics market and Hybrid is looking forward to working alongside their team in this important sector for Mimaki."

Josero offers a complete portfolio of wide and super wide printers as well as technical support and backup.



Loic Delor (second left) and Brett Newman (far right) at Josero's Cambridge showroom.

"We look forward to welcoming new and existing customers to Josero to put products from the Mimaki Sign & Graphics range through their paces"

Its specialists have considerable inkjet knowledge and their trained engineers support the company's install base. "We're absolutely delighted to join forces with Hybrid," says managing director Loic Delor. "Mimaki offer an innovative product range that perfectly complements the hardware we already offer."

Josero already has models from Mimaki's JV range of solvent printers, CJV range of solvent printer/cutters and FX cutting

plotters and the LA-160 laminator in the showroom for demonstration.

"We look forward to welcoming new and existing customers to Josero to put products from the Mimaki Sign & Graphics range through their paces, as well as to appreciate the many benefits the array of solutions we offer can have for businesses looking to invest in new technology," concludes Loic.

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The Sussex Sign Company signs Armed Forces Covenant

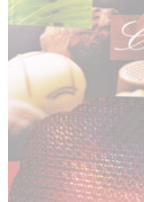
Military personnel including veterans have a new ally in their search for employment after The Sussex Sign Company pledged its support by signing The Armed Forces Covenant. This is a promise by the UK ensuring that those who currently serve or have served in the armed forces and their families are treated fairly.

It means the company which employs 24 staff, will uphold the covenant's key principles across its operation and advocate these to its customer base of 5,000 SMEs. In practice, the signing of the Covenant means The Sussex Sign

Company will help Armed Forces personnel seeking employment recognise the transferrable skills they have.

Operations director Linda Edwards says: "The service men and women of the UK's armed forces are not assured an easy transition back into normal life when they leave the military. All veterans often have to take a huge leap from their experience in military employment to whatever they do next and it is rarely easy. We are committed to supporting wherever we can."

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A sign of things to come: new technologies and opportunities

Augmented reality and artificial intelligence are becoming increasingly mainstream technologies and businesses in the sign and display industry are realising their great potential, writes Marc Hermans, director of sales EMEA at SAi.

Even if your knowledge of them is minimal, it's possible that terms such as augmented reality (AR), artificial intelligence (AI) and 3D printing are not completely new to you. These are just some of the technologies that are increasingly stealing news coverage among mainstream and technology media. If they deliver on their promise, such technologies are set to unleash opportunities across applications in a wide array of industry sectors.

The good news is that this includes those operating at the sharp end of the large format/sign and display sector. In the case of 3D printing, recent hardware introductions designed specifically for visual communication applications already make this exciting technology accessible to businesses in this space.

For AR and AI, each market is predicted to grow by \$30 billion and nearly \$60 billion respectively by 2025. Clearly, these are not to be ignored. Granted, AR and AI may still have some way to go before sign and display users can quantify the opportunity in the same way as 3D printing but we're not light years away.

From SAi's perspective, we like to think we're ahead of the curve in exploring ways in which such 'emerging' technologies can benefit customers.



In the case of AR, the technology could transform the way in which sign and display providers convey their offering to customers, by enabling them to superimpose computer-generated images onto a user's view of the real world.

Imagine the increased visualisation and appreciation achievable from projecting a customer's banner onto the side of a building for which it is intended. This could improve customer interaction and perhaps secure go-ahead for projects faster. This

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could get jobs out of the door quicker and lead to increased production throughput and expanded profit margins.

Similar business-enhancing opportunities could be exploited from AI, which is effectively 'intelligence demonstrated by machines'. AI could enable sign and display companies to rapidly process enormous amount of data to determine, for example, the best colour, dimension and font style to achieve a more precise and efficient design process for their projects.

Those who once may have previously predicted the gradual decline of the sign and display industry, may have been a little hasty. The sector is flourishing and for those willing to positively embrace these aforementioned technologies, the signs are promising.

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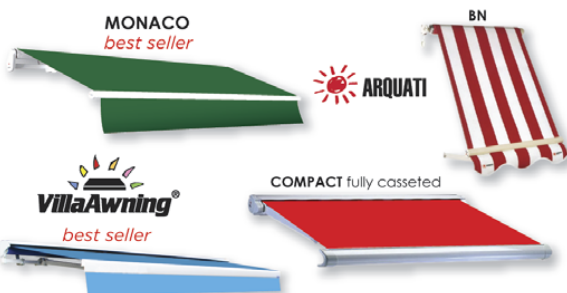


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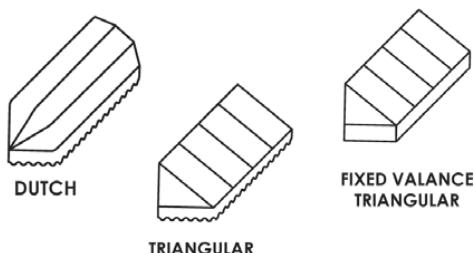
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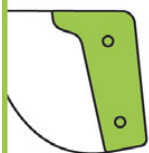
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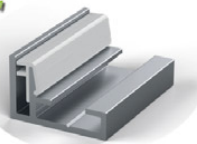
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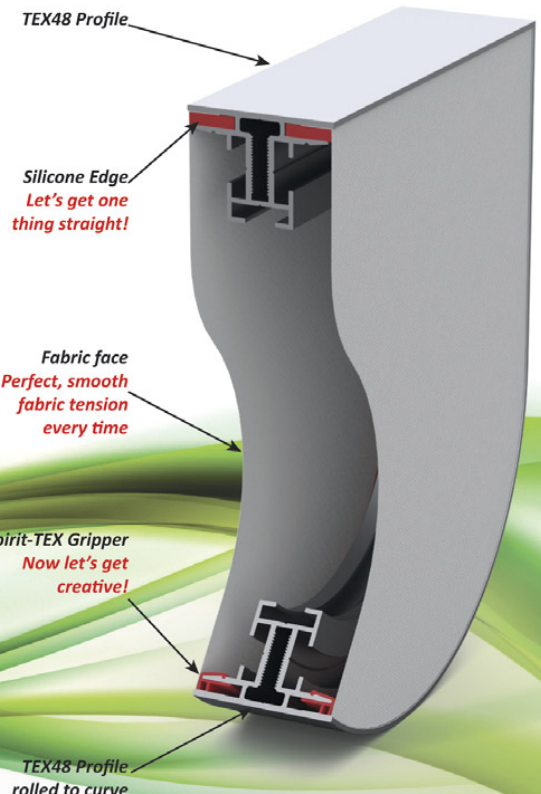


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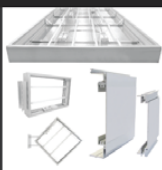


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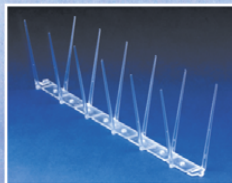


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