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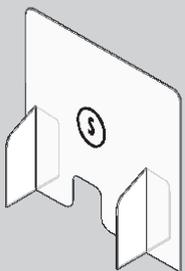
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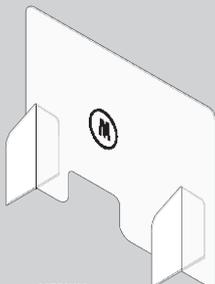
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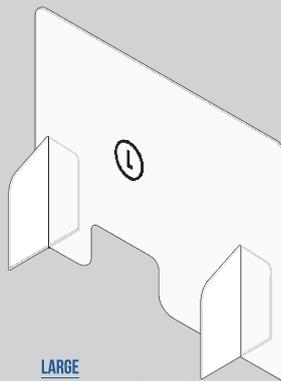
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Future proofing

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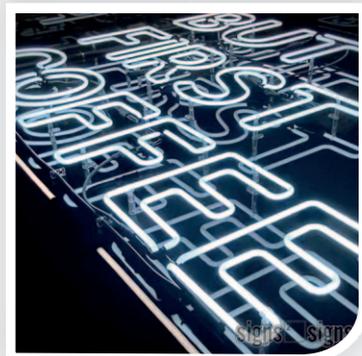
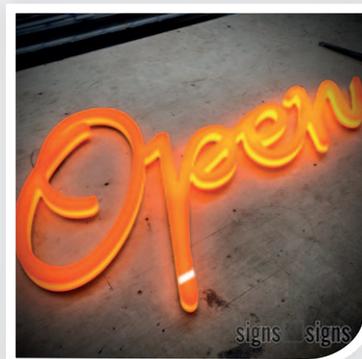
The GPMA issued a joint statement in the last week of September, calling on the government to create a means-tested disaster relief fund for the UK print industry. While its estimates on the consequences to restrictions for the sector including redundancies and insolvencies made depressive reading, many comments we have received from signmakers and suppliers alike have been encouraging. The IPIA is now calling on businesses in the sector to write to their MP asking for financial support (see page 39).

Sign Here Leicester is celebrating 30 years in business and Rob Gardener says: "despite the current pandemic situation the demand for our built-up letters has never been greater. Adapting our schedule around the furlough scheme proved too difficult so we reverted back to having the staff working full time." Optimism seems to be the key to moving forward. Glenn Merryweather, sales & marketing director at Allen Signs comments: "Like many other businesses in the industry, we have been affected by the pandemic but adapting to constantly changing market needs; I'm optimistic for future. At the moment we all have an opportunity to either reassess things or focus on things that work."

At Sign Update we welcome your views on how our industry can weather the ongoing situation and hearing about innovative approaches you are taking to adapt the way in which you work or diversifying into new product areas.

Our first issue in the new year will include special features on UV printing: promotional items; Flat cut letters; and Finishing tables: application and laminating. Your editorial submissions are welcome.

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GOTS approval for UltraChrome DG inks

As consumers and brands become increasingly conscious of the origins of the clothing and fabrics they purchase, textile manufacturers need to be able to prove their eco credentials.

UltraChrome DG inks and cotton pre-treatment liquid have been approved by the Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS). Both are available as standard for Epson's SC-F3000 direct-to-garment printer and are used on the smaller SC-F2100 printer in the same range.

GOTS is the worldwide leading textile processing standard for organic fibres. The aim of the standard is to define worldwide recognised requirements that ensure the organic status of textiles from harvesting of the raw materials through environmentally and socially responsible manufacturing up to labelling, in order to provide credible assurance to the end consumer.

Textile processors and manufacturers are then enabled to export their organic fabrics and garments with one certification that is accepted in all major markets.

Epson considers the environmental impacts at every phase of the product lifecycle from design and manufacturing to transport, usage and recycling. Product manager Heather Kendle says: "With sustainability at the core of all our activities, it's essential to us that we can enable our customers to be part of a socially responsible supply chain. The GOTS approval for our UltraChrome DG inks will allow our customers to sell their textiles in the safe knowledge that they are adhering to a globally recognised standard"

The Epson SC-F3000 offers a low total cost of ownership (TCO) for mid/large garment production businesses and t-shirt suppliers.

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Air purifier unit for solvent printer removes VOCs

Mimaki Europe and BOFA International have released the BOFA Air Purifier Unit. Developed for Mimaki's 3.2m-wide SWJ-320EA solvent printer, it extracts VOCs (volatile organic compounds) emitted during production to ensure a cleaner and more pleasant working environment.

BOFA's R&D team utilised elements from two of its tried and tested PrintPRO

Universal extractors to develop this unit that attaches directly onto the printer, with a 5mm continuous gap from the media. It claims to effectively extract the fumes across its length, filter them and then releases the clean air back into the production environment.

Extensive testing has confirmed that the level of VOCs released from the printer

dropped from highs of 250ppm to as low as 1.8ppm. The unit also reduces any unpleasant odour to an absolute minimum and features user replaceable HEPA/gas filters. With the printer and its optional BOFA Air Purifier Unit now commercially available through Mimaki's exclusive UK and Ireland distributor Hybrid Services' reseller partner network, this competitive system can form part of a cleaner print facility for the production of a wide variety of large format indoor and outdoor applications including POS materials, vehicle wrapping, banners and billboards, displays, transport and floor graphics.

Bert Benckhuysen, senior product manager from Mimaki Europe says: "Market leaders in portable fume extraction technology, BOFA's expertise proved invaluable when developing a solution that supports our latest solvent printer."

Sign and display printers interested in installing a Mimaki SWJ-320EA can order a print sample kit from the Mimaki Europe website or by contacting Hybrid Services directly in order to evaluate the print quality achievable with this system first hand.

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Cloud Solution PORT supports Epson large format printers

For customers looking to increase their productivity and improve planning and costing of their print production, Epson has introduced Cloud Solution PORT. The platform is a cloud-based service that supports Epson large format printers and can be accessed from multiple devices including PCs, smartphones and tablets.

Customers will be able to monitor printers across several locations from the production floor or remotely, using configurable dashboards with clear graphics to analyse productivity and receive operational updates about the print jobs, ink levels and maintenance status, minimising downtime and disruption to print runs.

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been completed or the remaining time left to complete a job, giving them the information to accurately plan production. It generates daily reports that highlight production bottlenecks or opportunities where productivity can improve. At launch,

supported Epson models are the SC-F3000, SC-F10000. Epson Cloud Solution PORT will be available for free with the printer and is accessed via its own portal.

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Modular profiles for screening and shielding

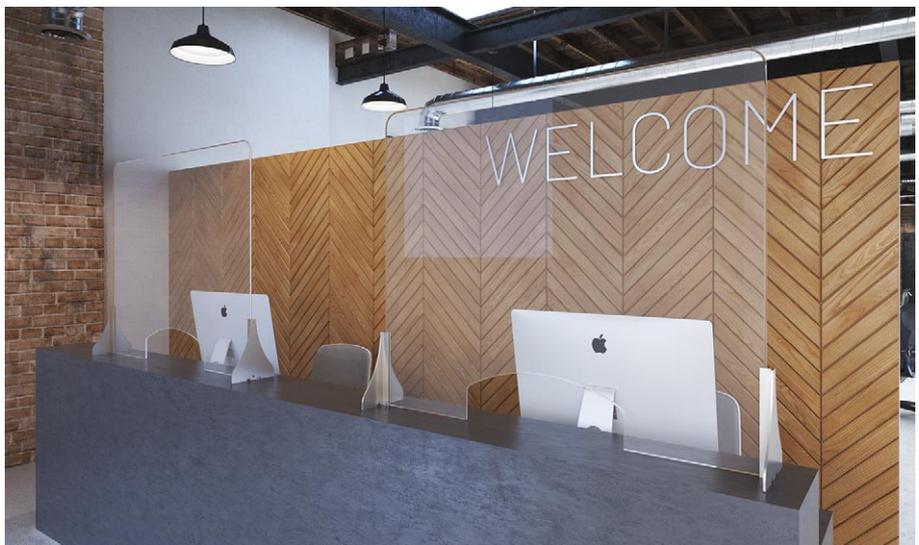
Antalis has launched Alugrip6, a set of modular aluminium profiles and accessories which can be used to create screens and shields.

A set of aluminium profiles and accessories used together can create numerous screening and shielding applications to service office, retail warehouse and leisure environments.

The system can be used in conjunction with rigid sheet materials including Acrylic, Glass, PETG, Foam PVC, Polycarbonate and Antalis' sustainable Xanita and Katz boards, offering a "perfect solution" for creating screens to protect during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Alugrip6 suite of profiles has been designed specifically for the manufacture of a wide range of screens and shielding structures. The satin anodised extruded aluminium profiles incorporate specially engineered rubber fins to offer "unparalleled levels of stability".

These profiles which permit simple, tool-free assembly, comprise five complementary variants that are stylish and robust yet unobtrusive, says Antalis. Although AluGrip6 holds its panels



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plastic panels: clear, coloured or pre-printed. They are perfect for use in office, retail and hospitality environments such as bars and restaurants to protect workers and customers, says Antalis.

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Self-adhesive plotter vinyl and digital printing films

Manufacturer of self-adhesive films APA is supporting its customers with ad hoc products, providing services and assistance for the restart of activities post pandemic. Among the products dedicated to protection and safety, in compliance with the anti Covid-19 health provisions, are AC.301 ultra-clear PET film for the creation of protective visors and transparent dividers; AB/101 antibacterial films designed to release substances that prevent the proliferation of bacteria; and a series of films ideal for the creation of graphics and delimitation lines for floors, with anti-slip lamination: pre-cut rolls (Floor Strip) and film for printing (Floor Print).

APA has launched new products for daily use to customers who are slowly resuming those jobs left on stand-by by the crisis period of this spring including an MBK PRO line designed for graphics to be applied on plastic parts of motorcycles, karts and quads with plotter vinyl and digital printing films with highly resistant laminations to small impacts and abrasions. For the textile range, the T-SOFT Super Gloss plotter vinyl materials with five different colours and T-SUBLISTOP thermo-adhesive printing and plotter vinyl films for the



The range of anti-scratch products for wrapping is growing with an Ultra Matt grey CW/82.0-HX (pictured) and a deep black CW/997-HX.

personalisation of polyester and cotton garments that block the sublimation of coloured fabrics. The range of anti-scratch products for wrapping is growing with an Ultra Matt grey CW/82.0-HX and a deep black CW/997-HX. The digital media series include AP/HY-100 printing film with its L/HY-211 lamination for graphics resistant to hydrocarbons and exposed in places with a high rate of pollution; printing

films and laminations with fire reaction classification B-S1-D0 ideal for environments such as airports, hospitals, public offices; Blockout AP/890-CP film, 100% opaque, which blocks light filtering; and two new 3D lamination with leather effect L/L921 and brushed L/M921 to give the prints a unique and original effect.

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Web-based platform for laser processing

Trotec Laser has launched a laser software package. Characterised by a fast and intuitive workflow from idea to product, Ruby is said to guarantee profitable laser processing with a connected, web-based platform. Regardless of the user's laser experience, Ruby is said to make working with a laser faster, easier and more profitable, through a web-based setup.

Managing director Dr Andreas Penz says: "Ruby is not just a laser software, it is a platform that guarantees profitable processing of jobs thanks to a connected, web-based and digital-to-the-core setup. This technology will offer laser users unmatched added value and will be setting new standards. Laser machines will be fully digitalised in the future. This scalable software architecture has been worked from the ground up, thus creating the basis for



Trotec managing director Dr Andreas Penz.

future developments. For laser users in particular, the new web-based platform offers possibilities that have long been in

demand but were previously unthinkable including complete independence from the operating system."

Ruby removes the requirement and cost for additional graphics software by combining design and production capabilities into a single software with an integrated workflow. It features all the graphic tools required to create a design and enables direct file imports of common files including PDF, PNG and SVG, while incorrect files are automatically cleaned and adjusted during the import.

"These functionalities halve the time from the idea to the finished product without incurring costs for additional software packages," says Dr Penz. "The cloud-based material database guarantees the best laser results right from the start."

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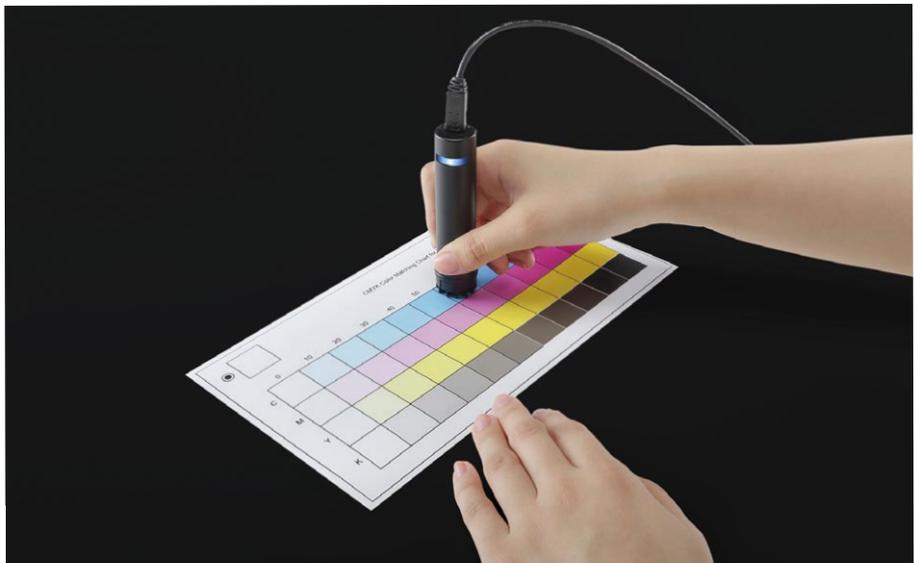
Tool provides simpler colour matching across multiple printers

Roland DG has released a new tool designed to make colour matching on one Roland printer and between Roland printers easier and more affordable.

The VW-S1 densitometer is said to be an easy-to-use USB device that works with the Printer Color Matching function of Roland's VersaWorks 6.8 RIP. This ensures consistency of colour output from one printer over time or between compatible printers; for instance two or more same model Roland devices with the same ink type, configuration and print settings.

Users can produce volume work from one client with multiple printers or print a large combined graphic with two printers or produce the same quality output from one printer over a long period of time all with consistent colour. This can save time, reduce waste and improve print quality across repeat orders. This device is compatible with TrueVIS, VersaCMM, VersaSTUDIO and VersaUV printers and printer/cutters from Roland DG.

"The VW-S1 has been developed in response to our customers' needs," says Paul Willems, director of business development and product management,



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Roland DG EMEA. "Our users tell us that other devices are expensive and difficult to use so the new Roland VW-S1 is priced accessibly, is low maintenance and is easy to operate with the intuitive VersaWorks 6 RIP. This is a great addition for existing

Roland customers and for people considering investing in Roland. Our technology is constantly in development to reflect the market's changing needs."

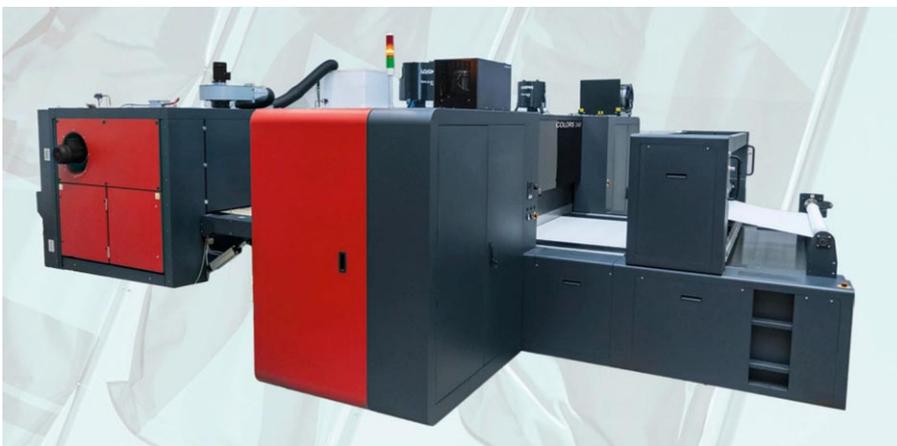
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Machines print on wide range of soft signage

Electronics For Imaging's two new printers are said to help display graphics producers reach new heights in

productivity and extend their capabilities. The EFI COLORS 340 prints at up to 850 square metres per hour (in a four-colour x

four configuration) while providing unmatched colour capabilities for premium quality soft signage, says the company, while the EFI POWER 340 prints up to 1,564 square metres per hour.



With these two new solutions, soft signage producers can reduce their production footprint while increasing their output.

Both machines have the ability to print with higher quality on a wider range of materials than other soft signage inkjet devices, with 100% penetration on both sides of the material. The printers offer the ability to print either direct to fabric or to transfer paper using the same inkset, eliminating the significant cost and downtime related to switching over inks.

With these two new solutions, soft signage producers can reduce their production footprint while increasing their output by replacing multiple, slower devices with a single high-volume, premium-quality production powerhouse, says EFI.

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FLEXFACE Feature

A flexible future *By Jack Gocher*

Flex Face Signage is a system that is typically used for outdoor applications such as retail parks, shop fronts and other large customer facing signs. The name 'flex face' derives from the primary feature of the system; a tensioned flexible PVC substrate that stretches across the face of the sign to create something that resembles the skin of a drum. Flex faces are commonly referred to as "skins" within the industry.

John Purton, Managing Director of Horsham-based SignComp Europe, explains, "The main benefits of using flex over rigid material is scalability and safety. You can print on a much larger scale with PVC as opposed to acrylic or composite panels. The PVC material is produced in rolls up to 5 metres wide, but if you need a larger skin, then prints can be 'welded' together to create monster prints - something that obviously cannot be achieved with rigid substrates."

He continues, "The SignComp Systems are guaranteed against blowout which should be a great comfort in times of inclement weather conditions and high winds. Another benefit of using flex is that transportation to site and stocking of

printing media is far easier due to its 'flexible' nature. With our world-renowned 'Black Clip System', installation is straightforward with no need for rods, hooks, bolts or eyelets - you simply attach our black clip along the edge of your decorated skin and click into the frame."

The boxes themselves are made from aluminium and are extremely robust and durable. With different depth profiles available within the range and internal structures to compliment them, it is common for external flex signage to be in situ for decades with the skin alone being changed on a regular basis.

The different types of flex face signs

Flex Face signage is available in both illuminated and non-illuminated systems, so covering all requirements. The Lightboxes are the deeper of the two systems with the extra depth facilitating the internal installation of LEDs to backlight the decorated skin.

"Square or rectangular boxes or frames are generally considered the norm but our Econoflex and Retro Systems are

commonly kerf cut to accommodate the manufacture of a variety of shapes, including lettering" adds Purton.

Non-illuminated fascia frame systems are also extremely popular and consists of only 2 elements, the frame and the clip-on cover. "The non-illuminated system is much slimmer with a depth of only 30mm and is fixed straight to the wall. This type of flex sign is extremely robust, in fact it is the strongest in the SignComp range," he says, adding, "Non-illuminated flex signs have been used all over the world, in a wide range of applications, from airports through to football stadiums – a perfect solution for a large-scale sign that does not require illumination."

Where can flex face signs be Installed?

Flex Face signage systems can be used internally too. With a wide variety of extrusions, SignComp is extremely versatile and highly suited for use in almost all situations.

"If you can print it, we can frame it" concludes Purton.

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A curved back frame to creates highly versatile large signage



Solid flexible products

Flex face signage has been a staple of the Brownings product range since the early 90's. It is what Brownings have become renowned for in the signage industry. Brad Robinson, Brownings Sales and Marketing Manager, explains, "We are a trade only sign manufacturer and anonymity is our speciality. We supply most of the well and lesser-known retail stores throughout the high street, as well as the leisure and hospitality sector, even though most end-users have never heard of us. We utilise the Signcomp suite of Flex Face products and we manufacture in house."

Flex face signage range

There are several different variants in the Signcomp range, including the Econoflex, which is the standard illuminated flex face sign. This has a range of depths, which include 135mm, 170mm, 196mm, 220mm, and a double-sided version at 220mm.

The Glowline, which is the Econoflex with a make-over. An acrylic diffuser has been introduced to the under-side of the box, which enables light to shine through and illuminate below. This product is commonly used to illuminate; shop fronts, petrol forecourts, or as a security feature above ATMs (cash machines).

The Wrap-Around Econoflex, which is for buildings with two fascias. Robinson explains, "We can create a flex face sign that mitres and meets on the corner rather than two independent boxes. For the corner, we weld the frame mitre profile inside the box. Which allows each side of the sign to take its own PVC skin."

There is a Curved Backbox and Retro frame that can commonly be seen in retail



Econoflex is a standard illuminated flex face sign that comes in a range of sizes

parks. "Where the sign needs to match the structural design of the retail park, we create convex signs by fabricating a curved back box and welding the Retro frame to the face," he says.

The Retro Frame is non-illuminated and only 89mm deep and comes with internal supports within the frame. These take the tension of the skin, taking the load of the fixings, making the frame suitable for cladded fascias.

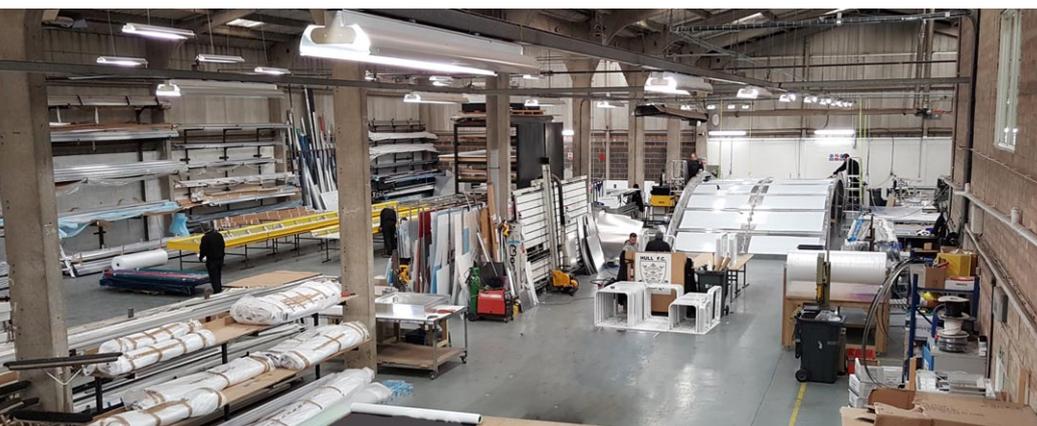
Robinson adds, "Finally there is the Fascia Frame, the slimmest profile we offer at just 30mm deep. The Fascia frame runs around the perimeter of the sign with no internal supports, which means you need to be able to get good strong fixings, as these will take the tension of the skin."

Bespoke systems

As well as the standard range, Brownings can manufacture shaped flex face signs or flex face letters. "As long as they are no tight radius or very acute angles, we can manipulate the Econoflex and Retro Frame to suit most customer designs. This is something that has seen a marked increase in over the years as businesses look to make their brand stand out from the crowd," he says.

Brad Robinson concludes, "Flex face signage has been the go-to solution for large format signs for over 3 decades. This is due to its versatility and the ease of maintaining the sign. Also unlike other rigid substrates the flex face sign doesn't need any joins on the face of the sign until it goes over 5m wide. Because of this we expect the flex face sign to stay at the forefront of large format signage for years to come."

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This curved backbox design can often be seen in retail parks

REXframe: simplicity without compromise

REXframe is an innovative silicone edge graphic signage system. It was created as a simple, versatile, environmentally friendly solution that grabs attention. The frame is made from lightweight yet sturdy aluminium, assembled using a simple connector system – most of the time just using a single tool.

It can be custom designed or shaped to fit any space. It can be wall mounted, freestanding, suspended, retrofitted or used to build an entire structure. It can be single sided, double sided or cubed; teamed with LED lighting, backlit or front lit. It can securely support LED TVs or iPads. It can be assembled for a one-off event, reused time and time again, or fixed in place in an office or retail environment.

Adaptability Is key

Magnus Mighall, Managing Director of REXframe UK and Europe, explains, "Simple doesn't always translate through to limited, at least not with REXframe. Our system can be used in a wide variety of applications from hanging POS displays with seamless graphics through to consultation booths with soundproof cladding, there's a REXframe solution to suit almost any application."

He continues, "Our versatility has also shone through in recent months during the Covid-19 pandemic, where our framework has been used by partners to create sneeze screens, office dividers and sanitiser stations to name a few. This adaptability has allowed our dealers and



Irish REXframe dealers Minprint create high-impact displays such as this eye-catching lightbox

partners to benefit from continued workflow and allowed them new avenues to branch out into during these trying times."

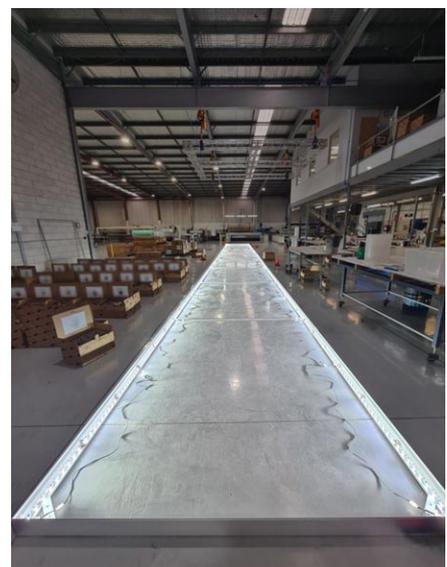
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"Now, more than ever, we all have a responsibility to manage and, where possible, reduce our carbon footprint to ensure a greener and brighter future for our planet, says Mighall, adding,

"Sustainability is aimed at avoiding the depletion of natural resources, with the goal of maintaining ecological balance. There are many methods for ensuring our future, some that we focus on at REXframe are reducing environmental destruction, limiting our emissions and cutting out chemicals."



During the Covid-19 Pandemic, REXframe dealer Your Print Partner has been installing high-quality protection screens into Arsenal Football Club



Due to its extremely versatility, REXframe can be used to manufacture almost any size project – such as this 25m long lightbox!

Reducing Environmental Destruction
 REXframe specialises in the use of aluminium framing, which can generate offcut materials. This excess material is recycled through the use of aluminium-specific bins located around the facility. Once filled these bins are transported to a recycling factory where they are melted down and repurposed. This process allows the material to fall into a closed loop, where it is returned to its original form to be used again.

Limiting Emissions "REXframe offers the most minimal footprint of all event framing systems. What our competitors can offer with a truck, we can provide with a van. Our REXframe framing system enables us to stack, pack and transport entire shows in small, easy to load boxes. Gone are the days of multiple trips. Our one-trip system minimises greenhouse gas emissions through the use of smaller more eco-friendly vehicles and allows for efficient and timely installations," says Mighall.

Cutting out chemicals

At REXframe, frames are manufactured with textiles in mind. These textiles are primarily printed using a method called Dye Sublimation, using aqueous based dyes. Water-based inks are an extremely environmentally friendly alternative to solvent-based products. Solvent-based ink waste is extremely harmful to the environment, filled with toxic chemicals that deteriorate the health of surrounding ecosystems. REXframe's conversion from solvent-based inks to water-based technologies significantly reduces carbon footprint through minimising emission of greenhouse gasses.



REXframe makes the perfect backdrop for TV and film sets, due to the fabric walls not reflecting photography light



REXframe is made from high quality components

A global presence

Initially intended for use in the Australian marketplace only, REXframe was first introduced into the USA in 2012. The brand was a big hit with the American

signage market and quickly took off. Within 5 years REXframe had expanded into a multi-million-dollar enterprise with a network of over 30 distributors and dealers. Further master distributors were also appointed in other territories such as New Zealand and now include a UK & Europe division as well, meaning REXframe now operates on a truly global scale.

Magnus Mighall concludes, "This carefully selected distribution network allows us to supply clients with world-class tension framing solutions and customer support not only in their native land but also internationally, meaning customers can easily maintain quality & brand standards across multiple install sites for worldwide projects."

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With a minimal footprint when it comes to transportation, REXframe is one of the most sustainable systems on the market

FLEXFACE Feature

New screw-free system

Nova Aluminium are often thought of as a “nuts and bolts” supplier when it comes to aluminium signage systems, However, the company believes that its new screw-free NovaTex system, is set to change that opinion.

Lisa Sperring, Sales Manager for Nova Aluminium, says, “Available in five different depths, the NovaTex suite of profiles offer the perfect solution to your internal advertising requirements. The system houses printed textile graphics with a silicone edge; giving stunning visual displays whether non illuminated, or backlit with LEDs. All sections offer a screw free appearance so are easy on the eye when

fitted at low levels. The corner cleat facility used throughout allows for rapid assembly of the frames both on site and in the factory.”

She adds, “The non-illuminated frame at just 18mm in depth is ideal to house printed faces of almost any size. The 40mm deep frame is the most up and coming, with the option of being backlit, it is a versatile and lightweight alternative for smaller signs. The more traditional depths of 65mm and 83mm are popular with larger signs; the latter proving more cost effective when illuminated. The double-sided section at just 100mm deep is perfect for exhibition stands and advertising displays of all kinds.”



Nova's extensive transport fleet ensures fast order turnaround



The Novatex system gives stunning illuminated and non-illuminated visual displays

Ideal for one-stop-shop suppliers

“Suppliers that offer a “one stop shop” are becoming more sought after, so we now offer the option of supplying a printed skin with your frames and boxes,” says Lisa, adding, “Working closely with print companies, we are always well placed to meet your deadline and also ensuring the perfect fit!”

Working out of 40 000 square feet in Central Bristol, Nova Aluminium believes it is well placed to supply manufacture and most importantly deliver orders on its own vehicles, using its own drivers. “Our fleet of five vehicles, from Sprinter vans to 18 tonne lorries travel the length and breadth of the country ensuring your goods arrive on time and damage free; be it for a single box or frame or a lorry full of goods, we would be delighted to help,” explains Sperring.

She concludes, “External signage is just as important as internal advertising. Here at Nova our forte is the supply and manufacture of flexible faced signage. We are the only suppliers of both the full perimeter tension systems, NovaFlex and NovaComp, using the black clip tensioning system. As a strictly trade only supplier, our knowledgeable sales team are always on hand to offer help and advice on which system will suit your requirements perfectly.”

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Positive future for Springflex

Since its humble beginnings from a garden shed in Birmingham back in 1969, KSUK has helped thousands of business owners worldwide to market themselves professionally with high impact signage. Managing Director, Founder and owner of said shed, explains, "From the very start, our aim has always been to provide customers with top-quality sign systems at affordable prices. Today, our range of innovative solutions, that are relatively easy to fit, means that sign installers can create incredible visual displays for clients in record time."

He continues, We have focused our products on being designed and built with ease and speed of installation in mind. We know the sign market and we know that installers want things to go smoothly. This is why we go the extra mile to ensure our products are not only reliable but are also pre-assembled in our factory in Birmingham before they're even shipped to make sure they go together without a hitch."

The company has also created a useful supporting app and produce regular videos with insider hints and tips to make installations even more efficient and faster than ever. "I believe this dedication to detail and our commitment to helping

installers, makes their businesses stronger than ever. Our experience means we are confident that customers will be 100% satisfied with our products, quality, design and attentive service."

Adapting to changing times

Looking at the market, Stuart Bickley takes a philosophical view. "Is anything going to be the same again? With most businesses, particularly in retail, hospitality and tourism, suffering economic damage, will we have the same level of massive product roll-outs and huge brand renewals. We also need to consider the effects of climate change, the inevitable shift in the retail market because of online shopping."

He adds, "The change is palpable. More and more of us have become used to working from home when we didn't before. There is much less need to travel, which begs the question of major transport projects like HS2. Until recently, there probably was a need for people to get easily and quickly from Leeds to Brussels – but not any more."

Stuart Bickley can see a whole new shopping experience becoming a modern-day reality. "There will be lots of new businesses driving our industry into a clear blue landscape. There will be better facilities to encourage people to stay and far better graphical background displays. The key will be to create interesting and adaptable scenes to meet specific and fast-changing demands. This is exciting for us because with Springflex we can bring additional energy saving adaptive lighting, which becomes more and more a requirement in outdoor displays. We have



Flex face signage is ideal for large building displays

slimmer systems that are front loading. They have H/D tensioning and cases that are only 65mm deep so we can be hugely flexible in our product supply and responsiveness to customer needs."

Adaptable products for a fast-paced world

Springflex is a British Euro patented tensioning system for large format displays both illuminated and non-illuminated signs. They have energy and carbon saving efficiency built in, using adaptive lighting. They also have the full benefit of good illumination but using less energy than simply LED alone.

"To meet the demands of today fast-paced business world, we are creating products that give sign engineers everything they need to get the job done quickly, efficiently - wherever they are. Springflex delivers these benefits and more with a high quality substrate tensioning system for the back illumination of large format displays," concludes Stuart Bickley.

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Very high strength tensioning system is required (again this could be used on intro article)



Corner application particularly prevalent in stadiums

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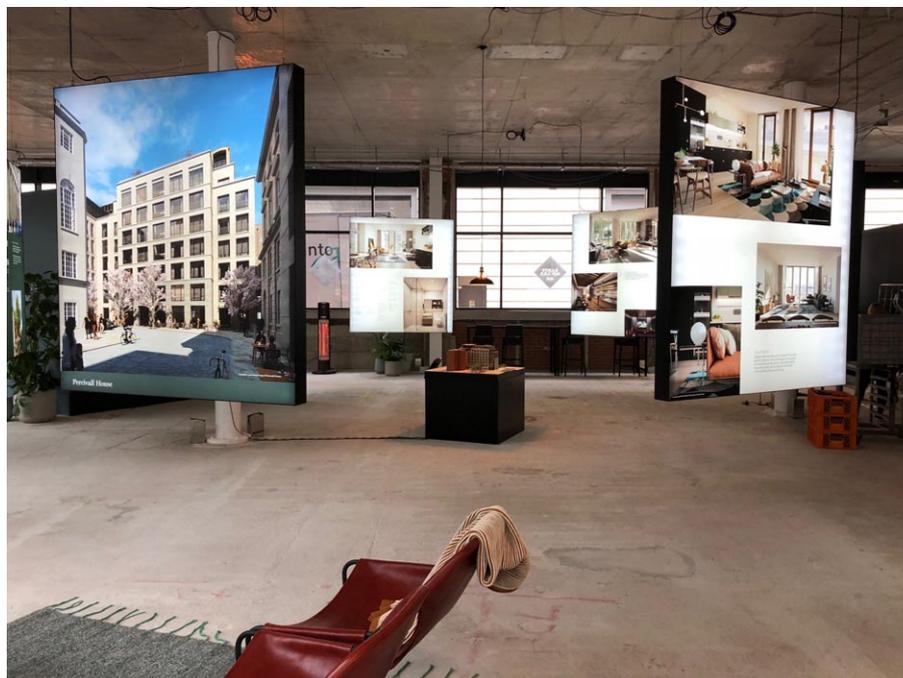
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Plenty of Spirit

Spirit Displays is a manufacturer and producer of aluminium framing and rigging products. They specialise in installing and displaying a broad range of flexible materials and soft signage. Hadley Weight, is Spirit Display's Technical director and he explains, "All our systems are used to stretch, tension or hang flexible materials, such as PVC, banner, mesh, canvas and all types of fabrics including polyester and cotton. A main consideration for deciding on a tension system is the possibility of much larger installations without visible joins compared to using rigid sheets. With materials available up to five meters wide it is possible to create some very large building wraps. There is still the option to seam these into even larger sheets."

He continues, "Since we formed, Spirit Displays has focused on developing tension systems without the need for complex finishing requirements. Our SpiritTEX-gripper replaces the need for stitching silicone onto the edge of the printed textile. The TEX-tool is used to push the fabric into the frame where it is held firmly in place. By eliminating the finishing aspect, the soft signage market is now open to many more smaller printers that are using all print technologies, such as UV and latex printing."



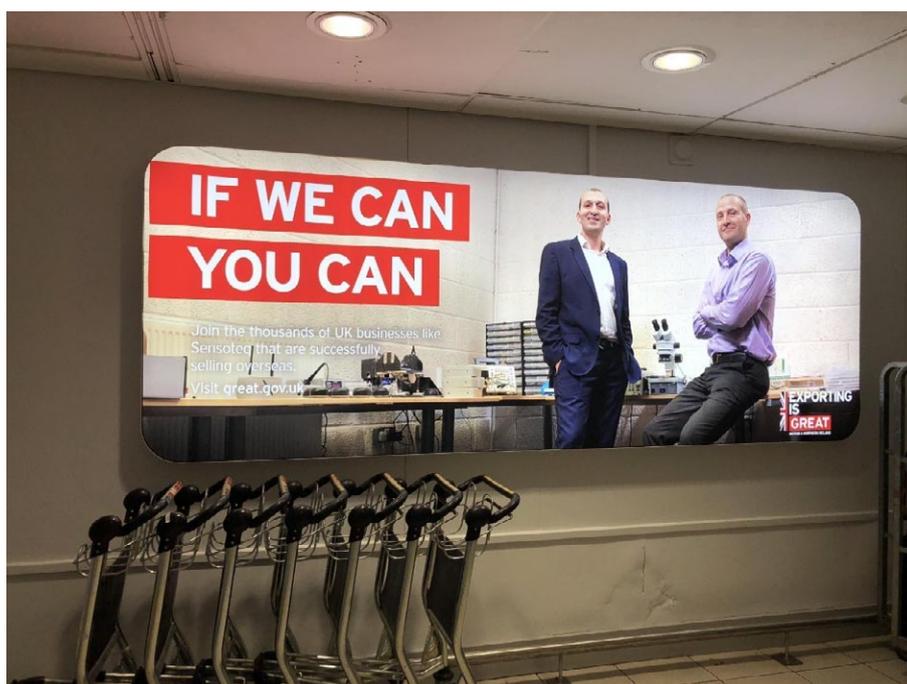
Another product is the SpiritFLEX-tension strip, a plastic rod that is hammered into an aluminium channel to grip and tension outdoor material into the framework. The banners are supplied with 75mm of bleed on the print and trimmed to size once installed. It does not require the need for pockets, keder or clips.

Broad product range

The company has three main products lines, SpiritFLEX, SpiritTEX and Keder-track. SpiritFLEX is mainly an outdoor system to stretch PVC banner and mesh, which can be used for signage projects, building wraps, lightboxes and hoardings.

SpiritTEX is an indoor system used with lighter weight polyester products for retail applications, exhibition graphics, museum displays, transport advertising, lightboxes, architectural interiors, acoustics and lighting. The patented TEX-gripper means that complex finishing requirements are eliminated and there is no investment in additional equipment and staffing to get these printed textiles into a frame," adds Weight. "Ceiling rafts are tensioned fabrics used for creating architectural and acoustic elements within a space. Our SpiritTEX range is also used for illuminated lighting, acoustic sound absorbing panels and other decorative elements within architecture and museum projects."

The Keder-track product is used mainly indoors for hanging banners, projecting banners and 'halos' or 'roundels' used in exhibitions and retail displays.



A wall mount fabric lightbox shaped to fit well in an airport environment

“We are a trade only supplier into the signage and graphics industry,” he says, adding. “We support our clients by providing a wide range of services. This extends to full bespoke fabrication including electrics and lighting, flat pack kits or just stock profiles. It is important that we respond quickly and appropriately to developments that affect our business, such as the need for sustainability. For example, materials like polyester and polyethylene (PE) have become more popular for its green credentials. It is more easily recycled, because it is a single raw product, prints can be folded for transport making for less volume in transport, less road miles and CO2. New sustainable eco-friendly materials are being developed all the time”

Getting into tensioned systems

Hadley Weight says there are some key considerations sign-makers should have when attempting tensioned systems for the first time. “Not all tensioned systems are suited to any application. Find a reliable partner to supply you with advice, good quality frames and prints for the job you are trying to achieve. Familiarise yourself with the technique of installation and feel confident before attempting something on-site. Methods are usually quite straightforward with the right preparation. There is nothing more frustrating than struggling on site with a



The scale of Spirit Display signage is shown by this 6m x 3m curved backdrop lightbox

tight timescale and costs of plant hire and installers.”

He continues, “For large outdoor flexface sites, installers must factor in the weather. Installing a flexface on a windy day for the first time will make it even more challenging and very dangerous. There are a number of suppliers in the market now. Where possible try find out if they are manufacturers. You will get more accurate information and sales support in the first instance. You also have more recourse and a quicker response if something does go wrong. Ask lots of questions from a number of potential suppliers. And if this is important to you, try find out if the products are British made. Spirit Displays source entirely from UK companies and we support small local engineering shops for our small bespoke parts.”

Spirit Displays have been working on a number of major international museum projects this year. Weight explains why

tension systems were an obvious choice, “These sites included many tensioned fabric systems, which were chosen to suit the architecture of each site. There are many curved walls and large wave-shaped hanging structures in the design. We have in-house 3D CAD design and facilities for CNC machining and bending of profiles to fabricate these complex shapes. Building lightweight structures from aluminium and covering them with stretched fabrics has provided the smooth flow that the architects were looking to achieve. We have also been able to provide a level of consistency across the project for many of the exhibits, feature lighting and design elements by using the same primary modular system.”

With the company moving to a new larger production facility in 2021, the future looks positive for Spirit Displays. Hadley Weight concludes, “The new premises will allow us to expand our offering and improve our services further. I believe this is an important stage in the development of all our tension systems and we actively encourage sign-makers to get creative with it. Look out for new applications and opportunities. Office partitions, acoustic panels and interesting lighting can be created using the fabric soft-signage products. Don’t be afraid to look at shaping flexface tension systems. It is perfectly possible to make curves, ovals and round frames with the right partner.”

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Insitu Group trebles capacity with UK & Ireland first for Durst P5 350 platform

Insitu Group has become the UK and Ireland's first user of Durst's P5 350 all-in-one hybrid solution for flexible roll and board printing, the industry's "best technology platform". This is the centerpiece of a major investment that takes quality and productivity into a new era while opening up new markets.

Installed just before lockdown, managing director Damian Loach says: "The P5 is amazing and provides the highest single output of any machine by far; it has trebled capacity. Previously we were losing out on jobs because operational times are now so demanding. You have to be extremely reactive; often it's a next-day delivery requirement."

"That's one of the reasons why unattended printing is so useful. We can produce 600 square metres overnight. A further important feature is the multi-track roll function where orders from more than one customer jobs can be printed at the same time in varying volumes. The Durst Print Workflow software and the monitoring tool Durst Analytics are also key to our success. We can achieve so much more output, thanks to automated functions. The P5 has added to our original printers, giving us a further 178 metres an hour, upping our capacity to 500 metres per hour. This gives us control and capacity with tight timeframes without having to outsource or rely on others."

The four-colour with white option P5 is the cornerstone of Insitu Group's print division, Intoprint Digital which boasts extensive cutting and finishing capabilities.

"Delivering high levels of service in specific time frames is key," continues Damian. "We've had an amazing experience with Durst and the support of local engineers is great too. We are really proud to become the first company in the UK and Ireland to receive the P5 and be at the cutting edge of technology. This is the best technology platform available. Despite these uncertain times we are glad we invested and are confident of future growth where we expect our print business to grow rapidly in the next few years."



Damian Loach and print operations manager Peter Gilbert with the Durst P5 350 at Insitu

"Previously we were losing out on jobs because operational times are now so demanding; you have to be extremely reactive as it's often a next-day delivery requirement"

"We spent a lot of time searching for what we feel is the best machine on the market, with quality foremost as we have a reputation for providing a second-to-none service with some of the world's most famous brands in retail, clothing and cosmetics markets. Now we are confident of being able to expand our offerings in much bigger markets. Print is relevant to all our business, getting brand awareness out there in the eyes of the consumers has always been key. The significance of the 5-layer option is that it's essential to world brands, keeping suppliers the same around the globe."

Peter Bray, managing director of Durst UK & Ireland, comments: "Insitu Group was the first of several P5 installations that have taken place this year, which is part of our expanded portfolio that comes complete with integrated workflow and analytics software."

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Hand-crafted built-up letters remain a popular choice

Sign Here Leicester is celebrating its 30th year in business and despite the current pandemic situation the demand for reasonably priced, high quality built-up letters has never been greater, says Rob Gardner of Sign Here.

Things have changed a bit over the years but people still want a quality made product at a reasonable price. Adapting our schedule around the furlough scheme proved too difficult so we reverted back to having the staff working full time; we are even pushing them for more overtime.

We have been very lucky to have a constant stream of work from a large leisure group and this, on top of our usual trade work, has been tricky juggling deadlines but our in-house production facilities means we can keep close control in order to achieve customer's requirements.

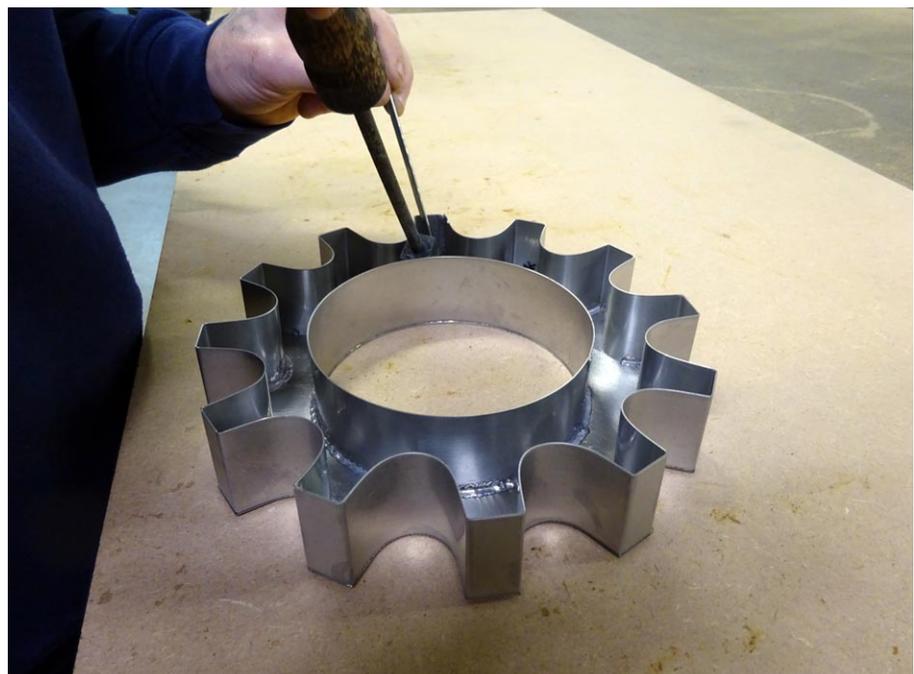
Since our humble beginnings in 1990 from a corner shop running just a small vinyl plotter, we have developed into a company serving a very large client base, the vast majority of which are trade contacts in the sign industry. Moving to larger premises and investing in machinery over the years has enabled us to turn around a fast and efficient service in house.

We can literally have customer's orders on the workshop floor within minutes, obviously a massive advantage in our fast-moving industry.

“I think it is a common misconception that we are only a trade supply company and we often hear the comment: I didn't know you did that”



Built-up letters can be mounted onto opal acrylic back trays on spacers with LEDs affixed to give halo illumination,



Stainless steel is in great demand alongside aluminium, acrylic, composite and wood.



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Our biggest step was then to purchase a laser cutter as the demand for metal letters

was greater and greater plus the employment of metal letter builders gave us the ability to control time scales a lot better. The leisure centre projects mainly consist of laser cut descaled stainless steel letters with hand fabricated built-up returns soldered into position then painted to RAL/Pantone colour.

These in turn, are then mounted onto opal acrylic back trays on spacers with LEDs affixed to give halo illumination, then mounted onto painted aluminium baseplates and fixing rails which contain all the LED connection feeds. The first step was the installation, working from powered access units; it was a case of fixing the brackets into place, liaising with on site electricians to connect the feeds and mount the pre-wired sets into location.

I think it is a common misconception that we are only a trade supply company but we do offer a full design to installation service nationwide across multiple sectors. We often hear the comment: "I didn't know you did that."

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Old school approach to signage

Since its inception in 2015 Lemon Signs has striven to stay at the forefront of signage design and manufacture, exploring new ways of production and reuse of 'old school' materials and techniques, often 'borrowing' them from different sectors and unrelated industries. Richard Pettinger discusses how this approach has resulted in an increasingly versatile offering.

For almost three years, in addition to our growth in the design and supply of 'conventional' signage, we have carved a niche for ourselves in the world of more creative, graphic design-led 3D work.

Collaborating with design companies both locally and further afield, we have developed new methods of producing arresting signage that is lightweight, easier and cheaper to install than some traditional approaches and versatile enough to allow clients to create signs unrestricted by existing sign production processes. Clients are more than ever, seeking to ensure that their signage is as effective, eye-catching and (of course) cost-effective as ever and the new approaches developed by Lemon Signs are delivering original solutions to businesses looking to renew and reinvigorate their signage offerings.

From the production side, the use of innovative, more adaptable materials has also meant that sign production is no longer necessarily constrained by raw material sheet size limitation, as smaller sections can be glued together or tiled for additional depth.

Additionally, because of the lightweight nature of some of the materials we use, the cost of installation is often significantly reduced to the point where it can even be undertaken by the client themselves with



Lemon Signs is exploring sharing its expertise in 3D design, manufacture and installation services as a totally 'white label' support service.

the aid of recycled cardboard templates supplied by Lemon Signs.

With the great success of these new areas of sign making, we are continuing to explore new avenues including radical uses of magnetic fixings, shaped digital

screen faces, internal LED illumination, metallic and resin coating and the use of HDU foam as a more durable robust alternative to XPS lettering.

While the R&D we undertake into the innovation and reinvention of 3D signage has been embraced by many of our clients, both new and existing, it has also sparked significant interest among a number of our trade colleagues (locally and more widely). With this in mind, we are exploring sharing of our expertise in 3D design, manufacture and installation services as a totally 'white label' support service and welcome contact from interested sign makers

Lemon Signs can work as a completely anonymous resource for other sign firms, with non-disclosure agreements in place if necessary, helping them to deliver a seamless professional service on time, on budget and on specification, every time. No excuses, no delays and no quibbles. Watch this space!

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Next generation tooling provides even more material choices

The next generation of Crown Norge tooling from LKH tools has allowed for even greater options when specifying which materials can be used on a CNC router, says tooling & machine consultant Liam Hodson.

Typically, routing of heavier grades of materials such as steel and aluminium has been a dirty and slow process. Coolants are required to prevent the tooling from burning out.

In most cases, the average sign company will need to rout a number of different materials in any one given day. The more flexibility that is offered on material choices means the machine may be cutting aluminium one minute and foam PVC the next. This would require a complete changeover of spoil board and extraction system when switching to the more delicate materials such as acrylic or foam PVC, in order to avoid oil contamination.

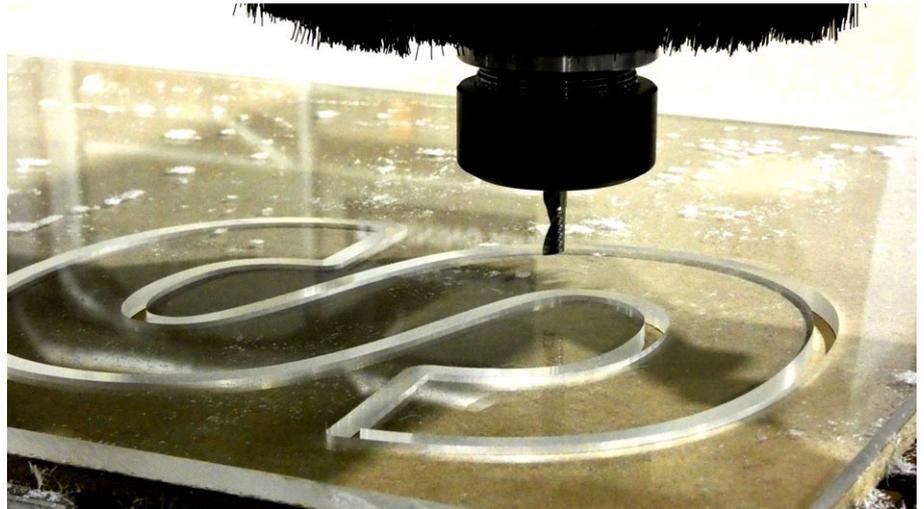
The latest range of Superior and DLC coated tooling allows for dry cutting in the more difficult materials on a CNC router. The coating not only extends the life of the tool, it also reduces or eliminates the need for coolant. In addition, high speed machining of stainless steel is now possible on the router without coolant.

Using multiple small passes at high speed, combined, with the new coating, reduces the heat during cutting and prevents burn out of the cutting tool. A new style of routing tool can be used to allow for hand folding of solid aluminium, which can be used for the manufacture of light boxes. A good alternative to traditional ACM if something more substantial is required.

So how does a coated tool work differently to the tools you have been using?



8mm thick aluminium letters dry routed using the 6mm MP Superior tool.



Acrylic routed in a single pass [courtesy of Daltons Wadkin].

Each coating offers additional durability compared to an uncoated carbide tool. When routing any material, making sure the tool is as sharp as possible is the key to a good quality of cut. The longer it can stay sharp, the longer the tool lasts.

Typically coated tools will last 7-10 times longer than uncoated carbide tools. The coating also acts to prevent heat build-up and in cases such as aluminium, brass and copper, prevents the material sticking to the tool during cutting. The same concept as a non-stick frying pan, the friction from the cutting process, in most cases, is dramatically reduced and gives a clean, burr-free finish.

Not all coatings are the same however and some tools which look similar will have some significant differences. This is not just the quality of the carbide or grinding of the tool below the surface of the coating, but the actual thickness and type of coating used.

For routing of acrylic and plastics, the dedicated range of acrylic tools gives the optimum balance of quality of cut and tool longevity. Without requiring any further hand finishing or secondary processes, it is possible to have the letters cut straight off the machine ready for assembly.

Channels for LEDs, shoulder for mounting or gluing can all be accommodated with the various tool sizes on offer, even up to 50mm thick material in some tool sizes.

Woods, composite and laminates can also be routed with the Crown Norge Superior compression tools, now available from LKH Tools. These allow for up to 25mm thick material. Compression tools are ideal for when the top and bottom face of the material needs to be seen.

A down-flute or up-flute tool may chip or splinter as the tool wears. However, the compression tool contains both up-flutes and down-flutes in one tool.

This means that the material is cleanly cut on the top and bottom face. In addition, the superior coating allows for extended tool life compared to a standard, uncoated compression tool.

The Superior and DLC coating in the Crown Norge range of tools, available from LKH Tools, are the result of many years of testing. The tools are in use extensively across Europe which demands the highest standards in quality and performance.

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Versatile solutions deliver maximum impact

Built-up letters are the cornerstone to good signage, something which Applelec has specialised in for over 20 years. Using not only time-honoured techniques but integrating the latest technology and finishes, the company understands all the nuances of what make a sign great.

Hand-crafted, built up letters have proved to be one of the most effective and economical ways of creating signage to help a client promote their business. With limitless options from metal to acrylic, painted to look antique and products suitable for indoor use to those that are appropriate for coastal applications, Applelec's team of signage specialist account managers work with clients to deliver the right impact while achieving their project requirements and budget.

Also known as 3D or channel letters, Applelec built-up letters come with a wide array of options. It is this ability to build to almost any specification that removes boundaries to creativity.

This is further enhanced by an extensive range of illuminated built-up letters which can include Sloan LEDs. Applelec is the exclusive UK distributor of Sloan LEDs, all of which come with a 10-year electric



The ability to build to almost any specification removes boundaries to creativity

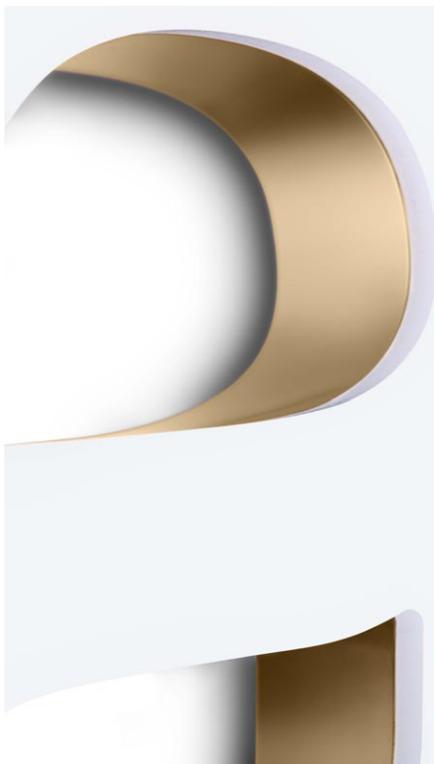
componentry warranty and have proven cost savings so that a sign can cost less than a penny an hour to illuminate. Account managers support clients with structural advice and engineering drawings, where appropriate. This in-house expertise "sets Applelec apart", working together with clients to safeguard against potential problems and costly delays. Options include:

- 3D metal letters beautifully crafted to deliver a striking impact. Precise manufacturing ensures the blended edges achieve an impressive, seamless finish.
- Rim and return: a built-up metal letter with an acrylic illuminated face surrounded by the neat, visible keyline trim of the metal.
- Rimless: a built-up metal letter with an acrylic illuminated face. The acrylic covers the entire face of the letter.
- Halo: Applelec SignPik halo illumination diffuses the light produced by the LEDs through an acrylic base to produce a beautiful consistent glow on all surfaces without the LEDs being visible. The discreet edge illumination allows for a smooth, uniform glow of light around the whole perimeter of the lettering. The construction comprises a closed acrylic

base excluding any shadowing and allowing the letter to be mounted flush to the surface.

- Neon: this low voltage, safe to touch product is both robust and easy to install. This option offers the glass tube appearance while the rounded face of the clear or frosted finished lettering gives a crystalline illusion to the eye, retaining that retro neon style. This is further enhanced by the light refraction of the oval prism face, transferred from the energy efficient LED light source.
- Block acrylic: this versatile finish can be used to achieve a modern crystalline finish for a wide range of signage products including face illumination with halo and partial illumination to the sides. This robust option achieves the impact of glass in an array of vibrant colours while removing associated risks.
- Cabochon: the quirky nostalgia of these vintage fairground style bulbs create a fun and memorable appearance to any project. With many size, colour and controller options available, Cabochon's long life, low energy LEDs ensure an eye-catching impact.

www.applelec.co.uk



Special finishes include copper effect polished return flush faced illuminated.



Acrylic built ups handmade with care and precision

Signs 2 Signs is an experienced trade manufacturer with over two decades of knowledge, specialising in 3D built up acrylic letters and logos, with a small team of certified Perspex fabricators and trained technicians. Our skills extend to metal built up letters, which are both available with LED illumination, says Ben Melling.

Acrylic built ups are our speciality. Metal and acrylic built ups consist of a face, returns and a back. We can produce standard, rimless, rim and return letters and logos using materials from trustworthy brands including Polycril and Perspex, which has a 10-year guarantee. All our letters can also be supplied with LED Illumination.

Using our AXYZ CNC routers we can easily create the faces, returns and backs for our acrylic built up letters and logos, at any size with sheet size parameters and returns anywhere from 20mm to 170mm deep. All our acrylic built ups are handmade and created at Signs 2 Signs with care and precision. The returns are precisely bent using our large oven which softens the acrylic and allows for it to be bent to the exact shape.

With great accuracy, the returns are cut to the perfect size for each part of the built up. The returns are then bonded to the face of the acrylic and trimmed to reveal a clean and nice-looking edge. For letters with LED Illumination we use our CNC machines to cut the foam backs, used for face illumination or polycarbonate backs, intended for halo illumination. The LEDs are CAD optimised for the best distance between each module for the most even



Signs2Signs produces standard, rimless, rim and return letters and logos using materials including Polycril and Perspex.

illumination of the sign. Our acrylic built ups are constructed to last, made with precision and care to the highest quality every time.

In addition, we supply stainless steel letters with a different process to acrylic letters. Our metal letters can come in a standard, brushed or mirrored finish, as well as being able to be powder coated and standard 3D, rimless, rim and return, with all the different types allowing for LED illumination, which is achieved the same

as with the acrylic letters. We laser cut our stainless steel faces for the letters and have a computerised metal bender which can make returns with perfect bends and folds for our metal letters. These are fitted to the metal faces with laser/ark/solder process which makes them very precise.

Our built ups can be used for a variety of different applications in many different areas of use such as shop fronts, shows, exhibitions, restaurants, bars, offices and many other kinds of businesses, both internally and externally. Our built up letters and logos are built to last.

We are a B2B trade manufacturer based in Manchester, although we ship throughout the UK and Europe; but we cross over into many different industries which allows us to work on many different interesting projects. People love coming to Signs 2 Signs as they know they will be supplied with durable and well-made signage for their clients, friendly and helpful staff who can answer all of their questions and a wealth of experience and knowledge that has been put into every job to ensure the best and highest quality product that has been produced. We are always open for emails sales@signs2signs.com and active on Instagram so you can always find out what we are working on @Signs2Signs.

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5mm	1.30	1.77	1.93	2.46	3.10	3.75	4.23	5.78	6.90	8.03	9.36	10.70	12.84	15.52	17.91	19.26	25.15	32.10	48.15	62.00
10mm	2.50	3.00	3.96	4.92	6.15	7.86	9.15	12.84	13.91	16.85	19.30	23.01	26.22	30.50	34.24	38.52	53.50	78.11	100.58	130.00

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3mm	0.75	1.10	1.16	1.25	1.35	1.57	1.98	2.39	2.70	3.02	3.88	4.78	5.41	5.82	6.97	8.22	10.92	17.16	19.76	22.50
5mm	0.95	1.30	1.61	1.98	2.39	2.81	3.22	3.54	4.11	4.68	5.84	6.86	7.80	8.32	9.67	11.02	17.16	23.40	26.00	28.50
10mm	1.70	1.98	2.70	3.74	4.37	5.04	6.19	7.20	8.22	9.15	11.02	13.10	15.60	17.16	19.24	22.36	27.04	31.20	47.32	56.00
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Colours	1.65	2.12	2.65	3.13	3.71	4.77	5.83	6.99	8.06	8.94	10.88	12.19	14.84	16.96	18.02	21.73	25.97	37.10	48.76	66.78
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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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6mm	0.58	1.10	1.72	1.92	2.84	2.99	3.47	4.15	4.78	5.67	7.25	10.24	11.81	13.39	15.70	47.78
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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Fixing stand-offs to achieve a streamlined finish

At FK Moore we offer a large range of fixings for the sign and display industry starting with a vast selection of wall fixing stand-offs, says business manager Karen Jackson.

We have found over time that these fixings have become universally used. From large signs, door signs, house signs through to even standing glass or Perspex, away from furniture as a design feature. If you are after longevity and durability for use both internally and externally, then our fixing made from brass material comes highly recommended.

With requests from customers for different finishes, we are now supplying the widest range starting from flawless satin chrome through to hand finished copper, therefore, giving a finish to suit every requirement. We have introduced a powder coated option using the RAL colour chart which has proved extremely popular with new and existing customers as this gives scope to colour match to any application. We now have six sizes currently available in our range with either a flat or raised head option, to suit modern, contemporary or traditional styles.

Our range of internally threaded coverheads are also proving to be a big hit with customers to give a streamlined look alongside the wall fixing stand-offs. We are currently working with a customer in Germany who is constantly taking vast amounts of the 12mm flat satin chrome



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version for use on poster signs. This started off as a small project and has taken off in leaps and bounds.

Our most recent addition to the wall fixing family is the three-part fixing which is available in satin chrome finish only. This option works in a similar way to the wall fixing but has an additional brass base fixing that affixes to the wall first. After several requests we brought these into our range and so far, they have been used in schools/universities along with other sign projects. They are proving a very popular choice as they have a finer thread and are ideal for smaller applications. Plus, with the addition of a tightening hole to make sure they are secure from tampering fingers, making this an ideal fixing to use.

As we like to cater for every pocket, within our extensive range we are able to offer a large economy version of wall fixing stand-offs. These are available in aluminium material and recommended for use internally. We have a choice of three finishes and up to eight sizes currently

stocked. Again, with a powder coated option using the RAL colour chart, this gives you the ability to colour match any application. Recently we have had a customer use the black aluminium wall fixing stand-offs to secure display shelves for trainers in well-known high street sports stores.

Finally, we have found an upward trend in sales of the sign locator fixing range. These discrete fixings are ideal for any application. Manufactured from brass material, they are available in self colour or nickel plated finish.

Classed as mechanical fixings, they are the gold standard in quality, longevity and durability. Quite simply no other product will out-perform these. With the choice of size, fixing type and thread size there will always be a fixing to suit. These have been a preferred secure method of fixing with our customers over the years, as they can be used on small or large signage alike.

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Sign locator fixings are available in self-colour or nickel plated finish.



Seamless installation provides illusion of floating signage

As the UK's premier sign trade supplier, iSpi Trade provides high quality products to installers across the country. We have spent many years sourcing and supplying the best products which are demanded by the best sign companies, says director Stephen Ferrie.

When it comes to wall mounting products, we offer various options in a wide range of sizes, material and finishes to suit every job: our most popular products; aluminium sign standoffs are cost-effective and adaptable. With projection sizes ranging from 13mm to 30mm, you will find the right fixing for the job. Not only do they come in a variety of metal finishes but we have five different colour options to choose from.

We recently added Clear Acrylic Sign Standoffs to our range of fixings which have proved a popular addition. High quality, robust and with glass-like clarity, they allow for a seamless installation and give the signage the illusion of floating from the mounting surface without any visible fixings.

In addition to our standard fixings we have a range of specialist mounting standoffs. If you need to add signage outdoors in an area exposed to bad weather, our 316 Marine Grade Stainless Steel Sign Fixings guarantee long-lasting durability. A further recent addition to our range is four-way sign standoffs; these are perfect for use in offices, receptions, lounges, retail shops and restaurants to create a stunning visual



There is no limit to the size of the feature you can create using the four-way standoffs; the aircraft-grade aluminium and satin finish gives a high-end look to the finished wall.

effect using multiple acrylic panels. One unique feature is that you don't need to drill holes in the panels as they are supported on each corner as the fixings act as a support frame.

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At iSpi Trade we believe in offering choice and innovation and our double panel fixings are no exception. These creative two-tier fixings allow two different colours or acrylic or other material panels to be mounted one in front of the other with a 15mm gap between them. They can be effective when using coloured acrylic or a substrate with a printed image, then use clear or etched acrylic or glass the top layer to create a stunning contrasting visual effect.

For several years our range of sign fixings has included Signalite LED Fixings. These

creative and innovative solutions are ideal for adding low light to acrylic signage. Our Signalite LED sign standoffs are fitted with a ring of LED lamps which now includes an RGB colour change option.

Electrically powered, each fixing has a wire with a connector which goes into a junction box; this is then powered with a mains plug (supplied) and can be controlled using the remote.

Wall mount sign clamps are perfect for a wide variety of signage industry projects and ideal for wayfinding signs in hotels, offices, hospitals and universities and perfect for safety signage. Aluminium sign clamps are adjustable for acrylic or glass thickness range from 3mm to 10mm.

These are particularly useful when used in shared office buildings, further education or where nameplate changes are common, as the substrate can easily be clamped and unclamped without drilling or screws.

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Car showroom makeover with wall graphics and exterior signage

A car dealership in Lincoln reopened for business this summer with a transformed interior showroom featuring sophisticated wall graphics and refreshed exterior signage, all produced by Allen Signs using HP Latex technology.

Allen Signs has been producing hire vehicle livery on its HP Latex 360 printer for Dack Motor Group for several years so when the car dealership decided to put its own stamp on new premises, it got in touch.

The project included a combination of raised lettering and latex-printed wall graphics, designed. Externally, existing panels were refreshed with new vinyl signage.

Director David Allen explains why Allen Signs uses an HP Latex 360 for these types of projects: "we've dabbled in most printing technologies over the years but since we bought our first HP Latex printer, an HP Designjet L26500, we haven't looked back. We've used a Latex 360 for the past three years and love its flexibility; we use it for all kinds of sign and display work including vehicle wraps, general signage and floor graphics. I like how user-friendly it is, with a simple interface and the ability to download profiles directly to the printer. It runs at a low temperature so warms up quickly and prints at fast speeds. Each new HP is a noticeable improvement over older models. We're considering investing in a new Latex in the coming months."

While the initial discussions took place in early 2020, the project was put on hold owing to COVID-19 and eventually completed under social distancing guidelines in June.



Glen Merryweather, sales & marketing director at Allen Signs comments: "We'd normally complete this kind of project in one or two weeks but it was put on the back burner and ended up being one of the team's first jobs following furlough. In a sense it was back to normality but of course the installation team was provided with PPE and social distancing training and worked side by side rather than face to face."

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Like many other businesses in the industry, Allen Signs has been affected by the pandemic but is adapting to constantly changing market needs.

"We printed around 20 rolls of floor media in two to three weeks to manage the demand for floor graphics for social distancing," says David, adding there has since been 'a big uptick' in business.

"I'm optimistic for future," he says. "At the moment we all have an opportunity to either reassess things or focus on things that work. We're receiving lot of orders from businesses who are taking this opportunity to rebrand or refresh their graphics so I expect we'll continue to be busy."

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Wall graphics and exterior signage have been produced on the Latex 360.

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Aluminium and copper create striking tribute to organ donors

Imageco has printed and helped install a touching tribute for organ donation patients at Bradford Royal Infirmary at the NHS hospital's entrance.

A Tree of Yorkshire Birds was inspired by a poem written by Karen van de Bospoort. This life-size 'tree of life' is 8 metres tall and fills a wall three floors high in the new entrance atrium at the NHS Hospital in Bradford; an "impressive" artwork to greet all healthcare staff, patients and visitors.

The hospital wanted this artwork to be an uplifting memorial to organ donors and as such the sculpture captures the growth of new buds and fresh leaves which represent the beginning of new life and a fresh start.

Imageco made the main tree using aged copper to depict an autumn feel. The birds in the tree have been laser cut as one piece, wing patterns and other detailing on the birds show as brushed aluminium through the aged copper finish. This allows the birds to shimmer in various lights throughout the day. Birds flying around the tree have a verdigris finish and are fitted with spacers to give extra depth. Imageco added lettering that arcs around the top of the tree: 'the gift of life' is fitted with spacers for striking effect. A circular information plaque, created in aged copper and brushed aluminium, provides details of this "magnificent" organ donation public art.



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The project was propelled into reality by Hospital Art Studio, who came up with the unique design. Imageco and Online Print Installations then brought the idea to life.

"The Trust wanted to do something to recognise the sacrifice and importance of donors and their families, as well as celebrate the new life breathed into recipients and I am delighted that the tree is now in place as it is a very fitting and lasting memorial," says Dr Andy Baker, clinical lead for organ donation and consultant anaesthetist.

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"It was an honour to be brought back from furlough to be able to complete this touching, meaningful piece of work. To be able to bring some recognition to the many that have given the ultimate gift in their final days is one of my proudest moments at Imageco," says key account handler David Shackleton. "Thanks to Hospital Art Studio, Bradford Royal Infirmary and NHS Southampton for the opportunity to represent organ donors with such a stunning piece of art."

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Illuminated acrylic signage showcases retail window concepts

Innovative fabricator Floreeda has celebrated its 30th birthday by building a huge retail concept stand in its Manchester workshop. Originally planned to be unveiled at London's VM & Display Show which was cancelled due to Covid-19, they opted to build the stand within their large workshop as the modular stand was all but completed for the show. Featuring bold illuminated store signage, the concept acts as inspiration for their customer base of retail designers and specifiers to enjoy at this time when they cannot see it in person.

Floreeda's futuristic pop-up shop design has been gradually unveiled on Floreeda's social media channels. A bold shop window concept involving an illuminated Perspex acrylic illuminated vinyl turntable and sleek branding started the reveal. Looking inside, there is something for all retail sectors with a contemporary styled beauty lab, footwear wall, apparel wall and accessories section.

MD Paul Jones comments: "We were due to exhibit at the VM & Display Show and celebrate our 30th birthday by doubling the size of our stand and had this amazing concept ready to go. As lockdown set in we thought, why not build the stand anyway and document the progress online to help keep innovation going through these difficult times. Luckily, we moved



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into new premises last year and have an Innovation Zone where we display previous concepts for visiting customers.

"Floreeda's mantra is Create, Innovate, Fabricate and that is exactly what we are showcasing with our 20|30 Vision. We thrive on playing with light, we even have a crazy idea of edge illuminated clothing that you put on to get your photo taken in the shop window."

Engaging dramatic crisp LED illumination alongside bold use of minimalist and classic coloured Perspex acrylic, the pop-up store shows a striking glimpse of future design trends.

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IPIA urges printers to lobby for financial support

Sky News responded to IPIA and BAPC repeated calls to the national media to shine a light on the plight of thousands of print businesses facing closure by the end of the year without support. The special economic report segment that aired on 14 October can be viewed at: https://youtu.be/hYLVWj53G_w. The point was made that print is going to be part of a wave of 4.5 million redundancies unless something is done. IPIA will now use this coverage as part of ongoing efforts to lobby the Government for support.

IPIA general manager Brendan Perrin is urging all readers of Sign Update to "take control over your futures and put your case forward to the Government directly. Please write to your MP and to The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS). ACT NOW to secure financial support for your business and the UK print industry. You CAN make a difference. In the first instance please write to BEIS with as much information as possible about the impact that Covid-19 and social restrictions have had on your



IPIA council member Alasdair Browne, MD of Abbot Print, talks to Sky News.

finances, the redundancies you plan to make and the viability of your business without specific support for the print industry at: intel@beis.gov.uk. At the links below is a letter that you can use as a template and edit as you wish to send to your MP, along with instructions on how you can identify and write to your MP by both email and posted letter if possible. Remember to provide your address at the top of the letter so it will be processed and

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Fresh approach to online product sourcing and training

AAG (XYZ Automation Group) has completed a radical revamp of its 24/7 CNCShop e-commerce division. Significantly, this now includes the WARDJet range of waterjet cutting systems, accessories and spare parts that followed acquisition of North America-based WARDJet by AAG's parent company in Canada.

The new look CNCShop online site "reflects the constantly evolving CNC industry and its ability to enable greater automation in workplace settings. AAG customers now benefit from much faster and easier remote access to a continually expanding range" of essential spare parts, accessories and consumables for both traditional XYZ CNC routing/cutting and WARDJet waterjet cutting systems.

A more streamlined page navigation capability includes excellent search filters, an on-demand facility for renewing and/or updating previous orders and the ability to speak with a technical engineer to ensure that the products selected are the most appropriate for a given application, says



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the company. Collectively, these enhancements will enable customers to maximise the performance of and the investment made in any machine supplied by AAG. Adding a new dimension to these capabilities is the access that customers now have to bespoke product training courses and machine maintenance programmes either by remote diagnostics

or if required, on-site visits by an AAG application engineer.

Further support is provided via links to videos of XYZ and WARDJet machines in application that allow interaction with a CNC machine specialist.

www.uk.cncshop.com

Finance solutions for UK sign and display market

Agfa has launched finance bundles giving UK sign and display businesses quick and easy access to the latest wide format systems. These solutions allow customers to lease while purchasing Agfa wide format equipment and software.

Loan periods range from 3 to 5 years with 0% interest payable in the first year and 2.5% interest in subsequent years; zero

deposit options are available. To qualify, at least 80% of the loan must pertain to Agfa wide format products. The deals are available with immediate effect from Agfa and all its channel partners.

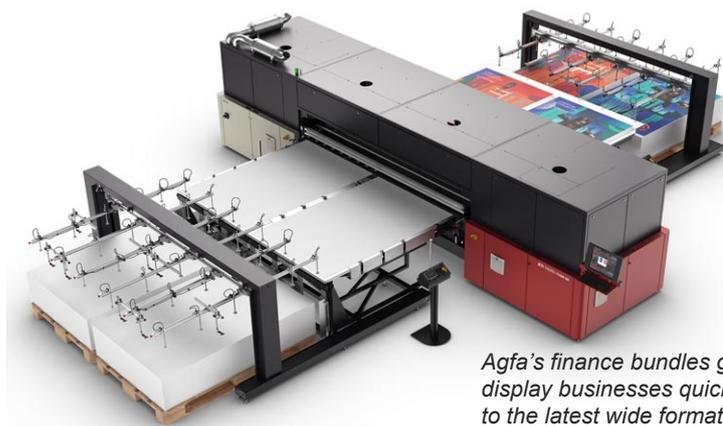
"Agfa Finance has been serving the UK printing market for several decades", says Johannes Köpman, Agfa regional finance manager for north Europe.

"We understand the market and will structure these plans to match our customers' specific business needs. Our aim is to support the UK sign and display sector, enabling them to invest in the latest, innovative and cost efficient manufacturing tools."

These new Agfa Finance solutions stand apart from all UK government grants and loan schemes including the Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme (CBILS), allowing print service providers to use all financial support options available to them to maximum advantage.

Bobby Grauf, inkjet sales manager UK & Ireland at Agfa comments: "This initiative from Agfa Finance underlines our belief that the sign and display market has a great future. The support offered by Agfa Finance will help companies of every shape and size expand their offering and deliver high quality printed matter to their customers through investment in market-leading technology from Agfa."

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Brett Newman appointed MD of Hybrid Services

UK and Ireland Mimaki distributor Hybrid Services has appointed Brett Newman as managing director. Chief operations manager at the company since 2017, Brett will take overall responsibility for the day-to-day running of the business along with increased involvement in the company's strategic direction.

"Appointing Brett as our first managing director is a key strategic decision for Hybrid as the company enters its 25th year in the print industry," says director Peter Mitchell. "While we have all experienced a challenging 2020, our view is firmly to the future. With new products, projects and opportunities for Hybrid, our reseller partners and our customers, Brett's leadership will play a key part in how this is delivered."

Brett has worked at all levels of reseller, manufacturer and distributor organisations with experience across technical, sales and marketing roles.

"When I joined Hybrid three years ago I was attracted to the combination of



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Mimaki's innovative and continually advancing product portfolio and the team at Hybrid and its reseller partners," Brett explains. "Taking this role enables me to continue the work we've already started to further develop the business, our people and our product line-up.

"I am looking forward to working across the business alongside Peter and Phil, leading the Hybrid team as we support our

customers, reseller partners and the innovative products we bring to market on behalf of Mimaki."

Mimaki's product range encompasses wide and grand format sign and graphics, textile and industrial printers and cutters, as well as an expanding 3D line-up, supporting software, inks and consumables.

www.hybrid.co.uk

HNS Signs wins gold FESPA award

FESPA has announced the winners of this year's FESPA Awards, its annual celebration of excellence in the global speciality print and visual communications community.

The Awards are open to print service providers (PSPs) and sign-makers looking to highlight outstanding projects.

This year's programme received entries from 27 countries across 18 categories.

The winners were announced during an online ceremony hosted by FESPA's technical support manager Graeme Richardson-Locke in lieu of the live Gala Awards event which would have taken place during this year's Global Print Expo in Madrid.

Gold winner in the non-printed signage category was HNS Signs for its hand-painted project that involved sign writing on damp and delapidated walls in Waterloo, London.

The entire project required rescaling and



adaptation on site and specialist coatings before sign writing could begin. A variety of techniques and materials were involved to execute the creative scheme by painting to walling, floors and through the application of mounted graphics.

According to the judges this project was a: "tremendous result achieved through the agility and skills to overcome a host of onsite challenges".

FESPA president Christian Duyckaerts comments: "Championing print excellence and promoting the unique power of print is central to FESPA's mission.

"With the FESPA Awards we want to inspire our global community to keep developing fresh ideas and using advances in technology and materials to add new dimensions to the work they produce for customers, as a foundation for continued growth.

"Judging this work is a privilege because it reminds us that print – in all its many forms and applications – is creative, beautiful and, above all, effective. We extend our congratulations to all our 2020 winners."

Visit the website for a complete list of winners.

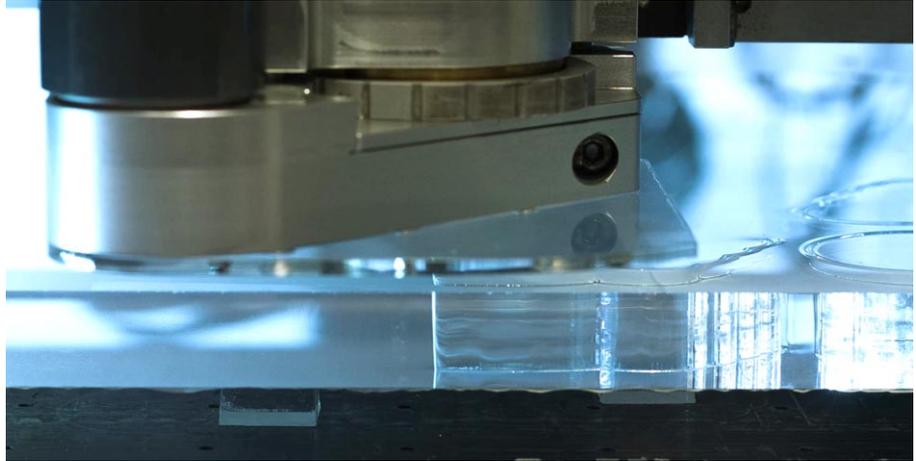
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Semi-finished plastics approved for laser cutting on eurolaser machines

eurolaser has successfully tested a range of Brett Martin's semi-finished plastics on its M-800 laser cutting machine and issued certificates for Marcryl FS, Marlon FS, Marpet-a FS and Marpet-g FS, stating that the products were excellent and suitable for laser cutting. The company successfully routed Brett Martin's Foamalux on their systems. All eurolaser machines have multiple cutting capabilities due to various tools including knife-cutters or routers in parallel with the laser.

The companies' collaboration is part of Brett Martin's Approved Partner Programme. The Northern Ireland based manufacturer works closely with a number of credible printing and cutting machine manufacturers to test and showcase the printing and routing capabilities of its semi-finished product portfolio.

eurolaser product manager Alexander Wenthe comments: "The materials Marcryl FS, Marlon FS, Marpet-a FS and Marpet-g FS are ideally suited for processing with



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eurolaser cutting systems. Due to the contact-free processing, the cut edges are of very good quality and no residues are left behind. Furthermore, mechanical clamping or fixing of the materials is not

necessary; this allows a very efficient production process. "

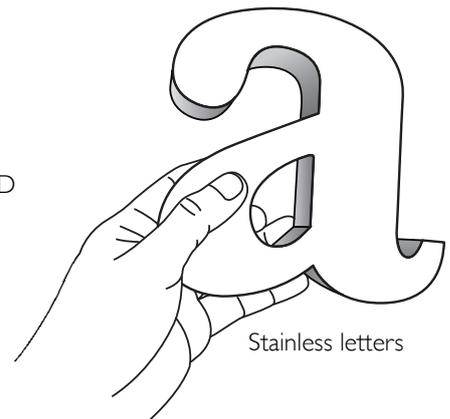
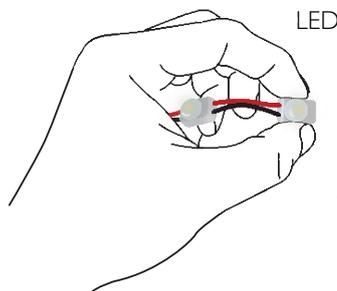
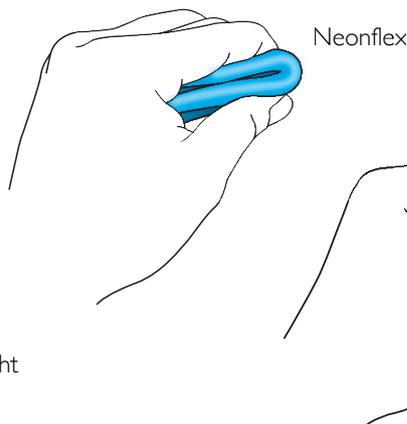
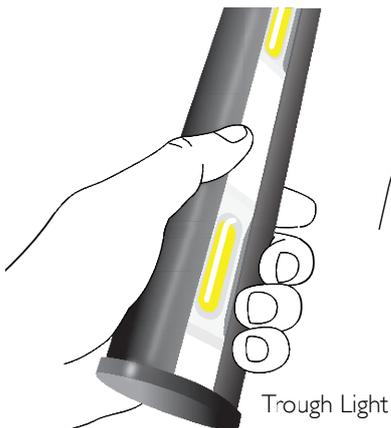
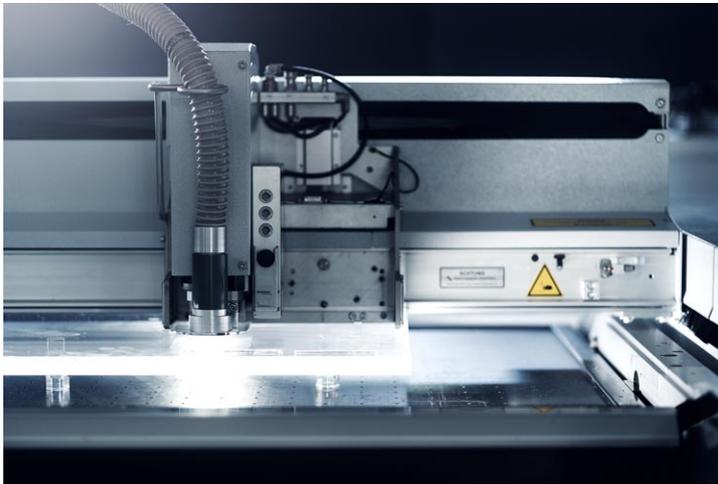
Semi-finished product manager Simona Firth adds: "It is important for us to work alongside companies such as eurolaser. We need to ensure that our products can be successfully processed on the equipment which our customers' use.

"By collaborating with the world's top manufacturers of wide format and flatbed printers we can ensure that our products are continuously evolving and performing to the highest standards and kept up to date with the latest technology advances."

The test were carried out on eurolaser's M-800 laser cutter but the products can be successfully cut on all of the company's equipment, each of which hold settings for the Brett Martin products in their software.

www.brettmartin.com
www.eurolaser.com

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Blaze Signs adds new capabilities to the Hexcite Group

The Hexcite Group has acquired Blaze Signs Holdings Ltd (Blaze) from private equity firm Mobeus. Based in Broadstairs, Kent and with a substantial manufacturing and service centre in Birmingham, Blaze designs, manufactures, installs and maintains high quality signage for well-known brands including Lloyds Bank, Vision Express, Tesco and Sainsburys.

During the pandemic Blaze has been providing social distancing and signage solutions for its customers. Blaze joins Kesslers International in Stratford, East London and Gardners in Cardiff, as part of the Group.

The acquisition includes Blaze's trading subsidiaries Blaze Signs and Cygnia Maintenance. Cygnia is a leading provider of sign maintenance, sign repairs and image protection services. The management team led by Clive Knight, Chris Abbott and Fraser Burns will continue to lead the business following the acquisition.

CEO Clive Knight comments: "We are delighted to be joining forces with the Hexcite Group businesses and excited about accelerating the growth and development of Blaze by working closely with numerous likeminded colleagues who understand the vital importance of innovation, quality and first class service for our many retail and brand owning customers."

Michael Rice, director of Hexcite Group, says: "By becoming part of the Group, Blaze will add new capabilities that increase the ways we can help our customers as well as growing our network of retailers and brands. One of the things that links Blaze, Gardners and Kesslers is



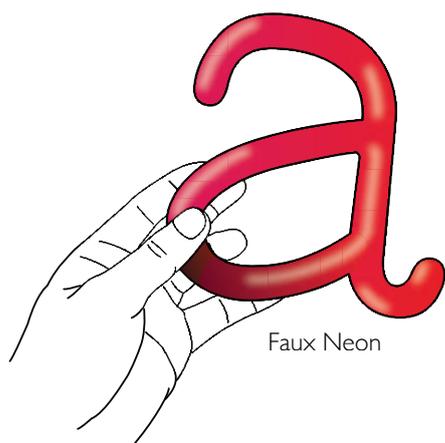
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a belief in first class customer service. All three businesses have demonstrated this focus during this challenging time. They have rapidly adapted their products and services to address the needs of their customers including developing social distancing solutions.

"Together, we look forward to growing our share of the marketplace and would embrace opportunities to add other compatible businesses to the Group."

www.blaze-signs.com



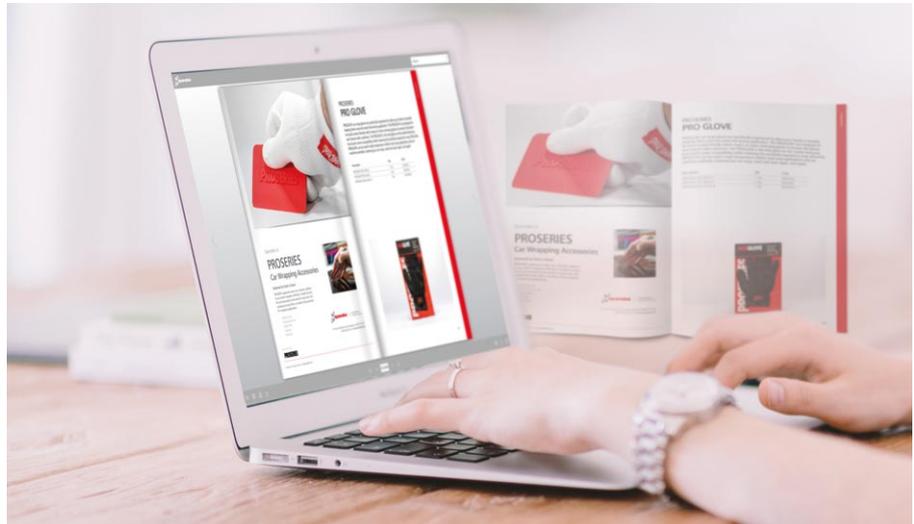
Sign component supplier for sign making professionals

Accessories product guide from Spandex

Spandex has launched a product guide that showcases the complete range of sign making accessories and tools from leading brands including 3M, Avery Dennison, ORAFOL, ImagePerfect and PROSERIES. This guide includes vehicle wrapping tools, squeegees, gloves, cutting equipment, cleaning/removal products and many other useful tools and products that make the job easier.

The guide is available both as a printed and an interactive version that allow users to quickly access all the necessary information they require including data sheets and videos to decide which accessories will be best for certain applications.

Sales director Ben Scammell comments: "Accessories are of vital importance to all sign makers. They can be the difference between an easy application and a difficult one. We have created the guide to help assist with any decisions or information our customers require."



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Sign makers and graphic producers can request a copy or download the guide from the Spandex website.

www.spandex.co.uk

Digital sign and display products catalogue

Following the merger of Promic Display Systems and Jansen Displays in 2019, Showdown Displays Europe has combined all products of both portfolios into one digital catalogue. Resellers can use the catalogue as a reference book for technical specifications. In addition, it aims

to inspire resellers to use solutions in a different way than before, providing various practical examples.

This first catalogue features new products including hand sanitisers, acrylic glass walls and safety floor stickers.

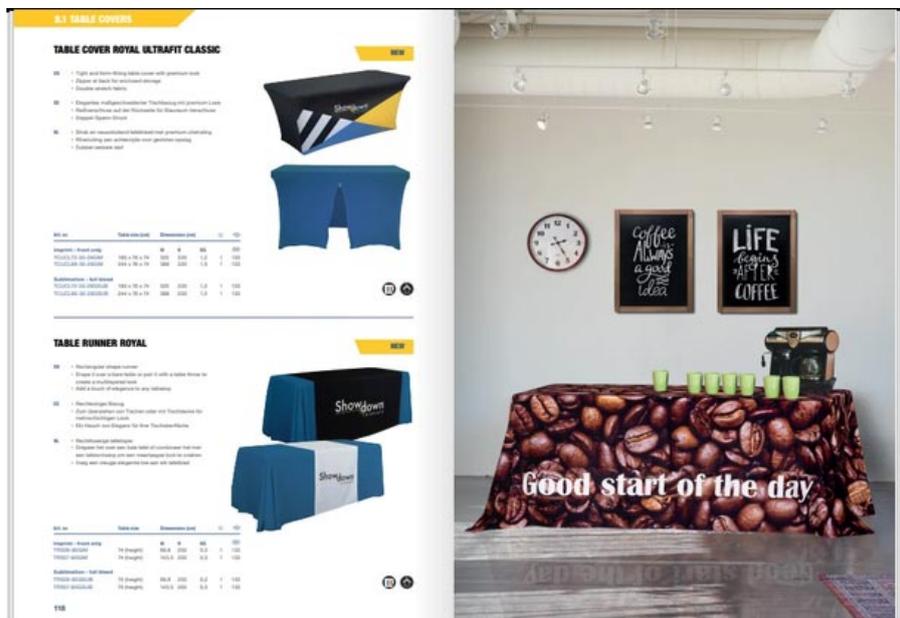
Vice president of sales Rob Wijnen says: "With this new catalogue I believe we demonstrate that Showdown Displays Europe provides one of the most comprehensive and mature offerings in the sign and display industry.

"Together with our newly combined sales team, I look forward to expanding our footprint further in the European region by supporting our clients to be successful through a legendary customer experience."

The range of flags on offer has been complemented with the Promo Flag Moon and Promo Flag Leaf along with two types of hanging banners: the Suspended Flag Banner and Zip-Up Round and Square, which are said to guarantee maximum exposure. The new Brightbox Double was added to the range of Light Boxes with competitive pricing.

In addition, the new T-Frame Wall Model, T-Frame Suspended Model and T-Frame Freestanding Model have a LED option and can be used to either hang on the wall, from the ceiling or to build walls.

www.showdowndisplays.eu





Foamalux performs well on Nyala 3 printer

Brett Martin and swissQprint UK have announced a highly successful test of Brett Martin's Foamalux products on the Nyala 3 flatbed printer at swissQprint's new demo centre in Bracknell. The newly established UK subsidiary printed a striking 1220x1220mm image of macaroons in beautiful pastel shades which highlighted both the quality of the printing equipment and the Foamalux substrate.



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swissQprint UK's managing director Erskine Stewart comments: "We knew that Brett Martin's Foamalux White would print well due to its bright white colour and smooth, even surface but we wanted to try it for ourselves. The quality of the printed images speak for themselves. We are confident that any of our customers using the Foamalux products will be pleased with the end results."

The collaboration is part of Brett Martin's Approved Partner Programme whereby the manufacturer works closely with renowned printing and cutting machine manufacturers to test and showcase the

printing and routing capabilities of its semi-finished product portfolio.

Simona Firth, semi-finished product manager, says: "Our Programme is central to our product strategy. It is important for us to work alongside companies such as swissQprint and prove to the market that our products are compatible with the most popular printing machines available.

Working alongside the world's leading manufacturers of wide format and flatbed printers gives us valuable insights into the latest technological advances from which allow us to ensure that our products are continuously evolving and performing to the highest standards."

www.brettmartin.com
www.swissqprint.com

Help for outsourcing sign installation

Brownings has launched a directory to support signmakers in outsourcing their fitting work. With in-house production, Brownings caters for all bespoke signage needs with a range including flex face signs, tension fabric systems, light boxes, trough lighting, snap frames, menu case and Slimlock notice boards.

"Recognising an increase in signmakers outsourcing their fitting work, the company has responded with the launch of the Sign Fitters Directory," says Brad Robinson.

"We introduced the Directory after being asked by our customers constantly if we could offer installation for the products we supply. As a trade-only manufacturer, we don't offer any kind of installation work because most of our customers are signmakers and aim to install themselves.

"However, it's becoming more common for signage companies to look to outsource fitting work. This is because either they are over capacity or it's not feasible for them to travel to the other side of the country to a job. It's much easier for them to contact a local signage installation company and ask them to cover the fitting job.



"This in turn saves them transport and accommodation costs as well as emissions. We introduced the Directory to enhance our offering to our customers and are now able to point them in the right direction of companies capable of installing our products.

"After an overwhelmingly positive response on social media and from signage companies and sign fitters themselves it was clear that the sign industry has been missing a scheme like this and we hope it will become a useful resource for the whole industry."

Feedback to date has been extremely encouraging: Chris from Trend Installations says: "this is something we are definitely interested in as it would boost our workload and company throughout the UK" and Jason of JD Sign Installations acknowledges: "we would be interested in something like this as there is nothing for our industry."

Whether users are buying their products from Brownings or not, the directory is in constant development and it is hoped it will improve further over time.

"For signage installation companies who would like to be listed it's free to be included but we do ask that you link back to the directory from your company website," concludes Brad.

"This helps to aid the growth and development of the directory and in return send those listed more work. Please contact me for more details.

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The products are imported from China as and when needed, so no need to hold stock (at least not until well established). David would be there to help with sales enquiries, and business handover but nothing else.

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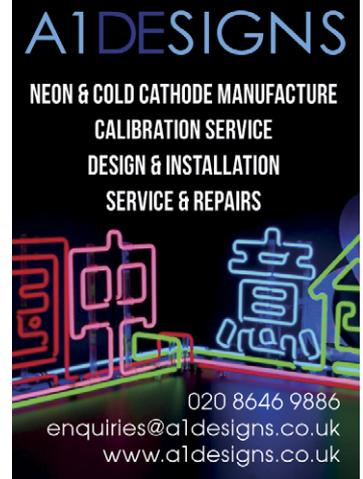
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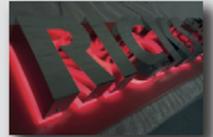
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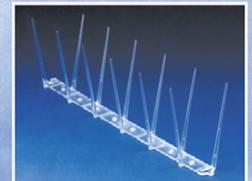
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