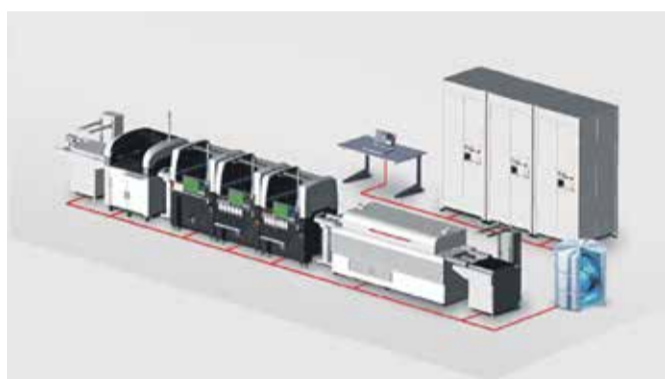


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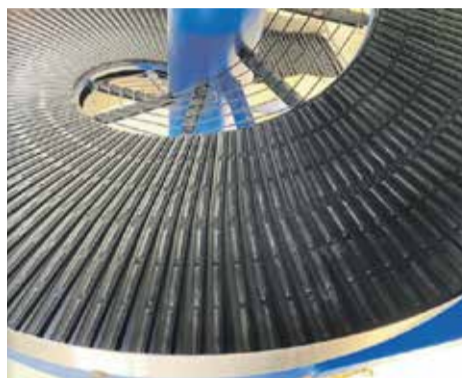


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The UK's Number One Manufacturer of Hinges

Within this issue of Best Practice, we have chosen to feature Gold and Wassall Hinges for our Best Practice Recommends Profile.

With an impressive history spanning over 200 years, Gold and Wassall Hinges was first established in 1790. From the company's manufacturing facilities based in Tamworth UK, Gold and Wassall provides a range of services for design, production and manufacture of hinges, all produced in house and distributed throughout the whole of the UK. An industry leader in its trade, Gold and Wassall Hinges has established itself as the UK's number one manufacturer of hinges.

Gold and Wassall Hinges provides a fully comprehensive design and manufacturing service, offering a wide range of hinges including piano hinges, butt and backflap hinges, standard, heavy duty and bespoke made to order hinges.

With an extensive range of stock on offer, Gold and Wassall Hinges is equipped to meet any hinge requirements and all of its stock is available for immediate dispatch.



"All our hinges are UK made; we are the only hinge company in the UK which can offer this. We offer a bespoke design and manufacture service, which means we can create virtually any hinge from a simple idea," commented Scott Bareham, Sales and Marketing Manager.

One of the main focuses of Gold and Wassall Hinges is to provide first class customer service. Ensuring that from initial inquiry to delivery and aftercare, Gold and Wassall Hinges' team engages with each customer to find out their specific requirements, measurements, application and style, to ensure they find the right door hinge for the customer.

While providing an impressive range of off-the-shelf hinges, Gold and Wassall Hinges understands that for some projects a custom built hinge is needed. Whether it's a simple design alteration such as rounded corners or a more complex design with multiple bends, the team at Gold and Wassall Hinges is dedicated to providing the right hinge solution for you, providing a bespoke custom-made hinge solution.

"Our bespoke hinge service is ever



growing in popularity; it really gives the customer flexibility when designing a product," Scott said.

Boasting years of experience and design and manufacturing skills, Gold and Wassall Hinges has created over 250,000 unique hinges and continuously develops new patterns produced on a daily basis. The company is well equipped with the knowledge, skill and tools to create solutions for any application and has the ability to meet mostly any hinge size or shape requirements.

Another example of the company's customisation services, Gold and Wassall Hinges provides a range of finishing options for its customers. Able to customise colour, add branding and create a smooth premium finish. The company's array of finishing options is perfect for increasing protection, matching the application or to create that smooth premium finished look.

In terms of specific finishing services, Gold and Wassall Hinges provides powdercoating, plating, polishing and engraving services.

Powdercoating has grown in popularity within recent years and is a great alternative to using traditional solvent based paints. Better for the environment and creating a durable finish, Gold and Wassall Hinges provides powdercoating in any RAL Colour and offer a choice of different textures.

With a history spanning across centuries, Gold and Wassall Hinges has seen many tribulations for the world and its industry since its fruition and has been able to maintain its production and dominate its industry.

During the uncertainty for many industries during the on-going COVID-19 Pandemic, many manufacturers saw a halt in production and in sales. Demonstrating its renowned manufacturing capabilities, Gold and Wassall Hinges maintained production and were approached for providing hinges for the Nightingale hospitals.

We spoke to Scott about how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected the company; he told us that, "We worked all the way through. We experienced some demand for hinges for the Nightingale hospitals, as well as a customer who is involved in the manufacture of food delivery vans." Scott continued, "Although our sales obviously went down during the pandemic, we feel that we are making steady progress coming out the other side. We have managed to keep our workforce whole, with no redundancies."

Indeed, coming out of the other side of the pandemic, Gold and Wassall Hinges plans to continue its dominating presence in the industry. Scott stated, "We plan to continue doing what we have been for so long - if it isn't broke, don't fix it!"

For any further information on the company or to view its extensive range of products, please see the details featured below.

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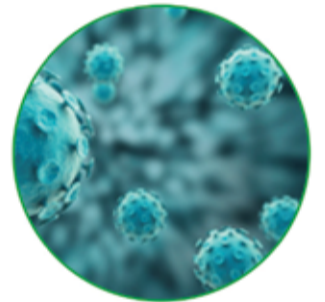
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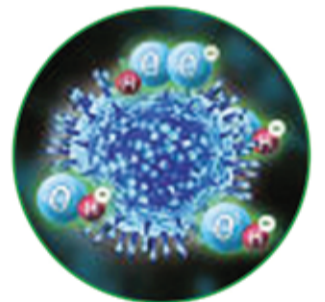
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Bind it, pack it, sort it: your machinery experts

Best Practice is proud to feature Perfect Bindery Solutions for our BP Recommends profile. Through the company's most recent venture, Risetec UK Ltd, it is helping to bring outstanding parcel sortation, bookbinding and packaging machines to customers across the UK, with a growing focus on sustainable and eco-friendly solutions.

Founded in 2005, this family run business specialises in technology and equipment for print finishing, bookbinding and stationery production,



and its impressive portfolio of machinery has been selected to address many of the post-press requirements for Digital and Litho. Perfect Bindery Solutions carefully selects its manufacturers to be proactive and innovative, meaning that through discussions with its customers and suppliers the company can improve, design and modify existing and new machinery to suit customers' needs.

With a team of highly dedicated staff, Perfect Bindery Solutions boasts in-house experts in marketing, graphic design and technical skills, ensuring efficient and high quality services for its customers. The team will actively seek out machinery and solutions that add value to customers' products and that save time and manpower.

Not only do Perfect Bindery Solutions' products improve productivity, quality, and efficiency, the company's machinery is specifically for materials such as paper and



board, ensuring a highly sustainable and eco-friendly approach to production.

Thanks to Perfect Bindery Solutions' expertise involving paper and board production, the company expanded into the packaging sector and set up its Perfect Box Solutions division.

"This enables us to offer equipment for the production of luxury boxes, with a new range of high-tech solutions for short to medium runs," explained Hannah Giddins, Graphic Designer. "Due to the strong demand for luxury packaging, we have recently purchased a number of machines for stock to enable faster deliveries – we have discovered that there is significant growth in this area."



To continue its growth, the company incorporated a new business in May 2020 called Risetec UK, the UK sales office for Risetec SRL based in Northern Italy who manufacture bespoke parcel sortation systems and machines for the bookbinding and packaging sector. These systems are built specifically to customers' requirements, featuring automatic volumetric weighing, bar code scanning, and parcel labelling. Many of these systems are successfully installed across Europe, and the technology is an excellent solution for couriers, warehouses and manufacturers in the UK.

In fact, Risetec SRL have recently completed development of an all new small order packaging machine, the E-Pack, which is designed to be eco-friendly. "This means that the power consumption of the machine is minimised due to the elimination of shrinking film to secure the product in the box, which was



used on a previous system. "The machine secures the product inside the box using environmentally friendly plastic film by stretch wrapping the product to the box. This eliminates filler and enables three standard box sizes to be used for a wide range of products, which could include books, cosmetics, confectionery, electrical components, and more."

There are two types of film available for this machine, Polypropylene and one developed from waste sugar cane. It allows you to automatically pack up to 10 boxes per minute with just one operator,



Minolta. This is also a service that we will be able to offer to third parties."

And, although the COVID-19 pandemic and Brexit have created numerous challenges for companies across the globe, there have been some positives for Perfect Bindery Solutions over the last few months. "We have noticed a significant increase in machine sales since August 2020, in both the book and packaging markets," Hannah said.

"We believe this has been caused by people purchasing books and online deliveries during the various lockdowns. Also, the government grants and low interest loan schemes have resulted in many customers investing in new technology for the future. Another factor is the cost of transport from the Far East, delivery times, quality and global warming issues. The Brexit scenario has also increased the desire to manufacture more products in the UK, so we have also noticed more investments for in-house production."

If you would like to find out more information on Perfect Bindery Solutions and Risetec UK, head to the website or get in touch directly using the details below.

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including documentation and automatic labelling for the delivery.

Building on over 15 years of success, Perfect Bindery Solutions is currently re-designing its showroom to improve the machine demonstration experience for its prospective customers, once face-to-face meetings are possible again. "We will also be launching a new website and catalogue, which incorporates Augmented Reality technology supplied by Konica



Premier hydraulic equipment from Interfluid



We are proud to feature Interfluid Hydraulics Ltd for our BP Recommends profile.

Interfluid Hydraulics is a bespoke hydraulic equipment manufacturer, specialising in standard & bespoke hydraulic cylinder, powerpack & system design, manufacture & repair.

Offering a huge range of hydraulic equipment from standard off-the-shelf items to bespoke cylinders and systems designed to exact customer specifications, Interfluid has the engineering capability to deliver.

Established in 2001 by highly experienced hydraulic engineers, Interfluid Hydraulics is one of the UK's premier hydraulic equipment manufacturing companies, committed to providing excellent products, backed up with first-class service.

Their standard range of hydraulic cylinders have a working pressure of 210 bar, while their heavy-duty range is rated to work at 350 bar, ensuring they can operate in the most arduous of conditions.

These cylinders can be supplied with a huge range of mounting options and fitted with a range of electronic position sensing devices, from simple proximity sensors signalling extremities of stroke, to internally fitted infinite resolution linear transducers with a variety of output options. Crucially, Interfluid Hydraulics can also manufacture their entire range of cylinders in full stainless steel.

Most recently, Interfluid

Hydraulics introduced a few brand new ranges, including tie rod, mill type, heavy duty compact and light duty compact hydraulic cylinders. The tie rod cylinders are available with magnetic sensors, and all standard ISO mountings are available in several seal configurations, depending on application conditions and desired performance.

All cylinders are tested in compliance with ISO 10100 standard. The range also provides a comprehensive selection of rod materials, including standard chrome plated EN8/EN14, NIKROM500 & chrome plated 316L or AISI329 & F51 Super Duplex Stainless Steel.

Although the COVID-19 pandemic has had far reaching effects, Interfluid Hydraulics has been even busier than usual. "We've continued to do repairs and works for the medical industry, working with the NHS and emergency services," explained Keith Ingram, Managing Director.

"We also designed and manufactured hydraulics to power a press for cutting plastic aprons for nurses. This would normally take six weeks but we turned it around in just one."

If you would like to find out more information on everything Interfluid Hydraulics offers, head to the website. Alternatively, get in touch using the contact details below to find out how they can help you.

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Let's Wash Our Hands Of It

Safety Signs Manufacturer and Safety Products Supplier Spectrum Industrial have launched a campaign 'Let's Wash Our Hands Of It' to help raise awareness of the amount of germs lurking in the workplace and have published an infographic with key facts and stats, which demonstrates the growing importance of workplace hygiene.

According to research published it is a fact that people can spread cold and flu in the workplace by as much as 40%* and during 2018/19 it cost the economy £2.9bn!*

The cold and flu season has traditionally cost employers around £570 and 5.6 days lost per employee / per year*, however with the additional concern of Covid-19 this year,

it's even more important that businesses ensure they have measures in place to help reduce the spread of viruses amongst staff, visitors and customers this winter.

With approximately 80% of common infections transmitted by touch*, one of the best ways to help combat this is with hygiene reminder signage.

From hand washing reminders, cleaning surfaces and equipment to wearing of PPE, these reminder signs have been proven to increase the frequency and length of hand washing in particular*.

Spectrum Industrial have been manufacturing health and safety signs for over 25 years as well as recently introducing hand sanitising stations to their range. Inhouse manufacturing facility also enables them to provide custom designs or simply add your logo.

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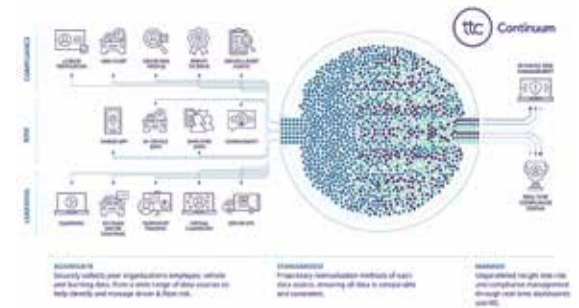
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By using TTC Continuum, you can easily and quickly manage your entire driving community from a single online platform, ensuring real-time compliance with HSE legislation and that your organisation

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TTC Continuum platform manages driver Risk & Compliance

TTC Continuum is the future of driver & fleet risk management solutions, integrating data from many sources including telematics, driver behaviour and in-vehicle technology, to deliver unparalleled insight into driver risk and compliance management through real-time dashboards and Management Information.

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The platform recognises that each driver is a unique individual, ensuring that any training meets drivers' exact needs and adapts as their needs change, lowering collision risk exposure and the related costs you might incur. Furthermore, you can tailor training to match your business needs by starting with compliance and then building a programme to deliver real business benefits, such as collision cost reductions, improved employee retention and stabilised insurance premiums.

The effectiveness of this training can decline over time unless it is reinforced on a regular basis, so TTC Continuum also offers a suite of post-training interventions, such as micro-videos, that keep driver risk at the forefront of every drivers' mind.

What's more, by combining driver-declared driving history with real-time telematics data, TTC Continuum offers customers the opportunity to use multiple data sources to drive fleet and driver risk decision making.

Of course, the risk exposure for drivers changes day by day - it can be increased in poor driving decisions or reduced by targeted and personalised training. TTC Continuum helps to identify changes in risk profile and discovers opportunities for additional remedial action.

Other solutions included within the TTC Continuum include Driving Licence Checks, which feature a digital e-declaration and results within seconds. Results are stored by TTC Continuum and help to identify the highest risk drivers, being a key element of the driver Risk Profile Score. This is in addition to a Driver Risk Profile, with a 40-question Driver Risk Assessment. Scores are produced by market-leading risk score algorithms created by industry experts and validated by data scientists, with an easy dashboard view of Driver Risk Profiles.

This is just a snapshot of TTC Continuum's comprehensive features, and readers are urged to get in touch with Licence Bureau for a demo to discover first-hand how TTC Continuum can improve your driver and fleet risk management.

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Valves for a Salty Life

The planned refurbishment of an effluent treatment plant on the Atlantic coast was required whilst maintaining full operation, however difficulties were realised at the planning stage, as three critical isolating valves had non-standard face to face dimensions and required to be resistance to the salt laden air. The first consideration was to replace the adjacent pipe work to allow the fitting of standard sized valves, but this was soon ruled out as this would result in major civil work and operational interruption, which could not be tolerated on a sensitive site.

Consulting T-T Flow (a division of T-T Pumps) for help,

T-T's engineers reviewed the problem coming up with a rapid engineered solution, which included introducing manganese bronze stems and further salt resistance materials.

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Promstahl launches in UK



A prominent European loading bay manufacturer has launched to the UK market with the recruitment of two leading lights in the industry.

Joint managing directors Tom Langley and Paul Harrison (both ex-Hörmann Group) have strong reputations in the UK loading bay sector. They will run the UK branch of Promstahl.

Promstahl has been supplying products to the UK trade for the last nine years and the products have been well received, said Tom. Part of the rationale for the establishment of the UK operation of Promstahl is to give our trade customers better support. In addition, given the experience of the joint MDs, the firm is also targeting their own project work in the UK loading bay sector and is busy building relationships with developers, contractors and architects.

Tom & Paul spoke to Best Practice about the exciting new launch. "We've used the relative quiet of last six months in the wake of the pandemic to set up the

business in the UK. Now we have it where we want it to be, and we are ready to go to market," explained Tom.

These are uncertain times. The market is quiet, with some companies reluctant to commit to decisions and investments but this is against a background of increased warehouse activity as trends such as eComm have come to the fore during the pandemic.

Paul was asked how he saw prospects for 2021. "We obviously had the lockdown initially last year but then things started to pick up again, with construction sites re-opening. That said, Covid is still around, it's lasted longer than anyone expected. No one can say with 100% certainty we will be in a different position later this year.

"But from our point of view we are starting small; we're not looking for the big numbers. We're focusing on working with good clients, rather than being a production machine, our aim is to offer a superior service, and good quality products well implemented."

Poland-based Promstahl focuses on loading bay equipment for the commercial sector. It specialises in the design, manufacture, installation and service of loading dock equipment including - hydraulic dock levellers, mechanical dock levellers, dock shelters, dock houses and a wide range of loading bay accessories. It partners with major European manufacturer Alpha Deuren on the supply of industrial doors.

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HMG launches Colour Box for distributors and customers

Colour choice has never been easier for HMG Paints' distributors and customers thanks to the launch of the new ColourBase Colour Box. The new paint colour identification tool presents over 2,400 colour chips, displayed in chromatic order within 20 fan decks. The ColourBase Colour Box is a multi-function tool, in the sense that each colour not only has a chromatic code that identifies its position in the colour sequence, but it also corresponds to a colour existing on the market for reference.

HMG Paints innovative Unit Lite Colourants and ColourBase have been a key tool for the company and its nationwide distributor network for the last decade, and combined with the new ColourBase Colour Box, distributors can provide even more outstanding colour choice



across a number of HMG systems. The Manchester-based business has invested over £150,000 into the Colour Box project, helping its distributor network add increased value and providing fast and easy colour identification, ensuring the right colour every time.

"Ever since 1930, HMG Paints has been obsessed with colour, we still even have our first ever colour formulation book in the archives, we truly understand its importance to the customer and the ColourBase Colour Box is a great new resource for our distributors and their customers," commented Danny Cleary, HMG Sales Director.

The colours contained in the box, available in a counter top version

or carry case, are sourced from a number of popular colour systems, including RAL, British Standard, Commercial Vehicle Fleet Colours, Agricultural, Industrial, Afnor and more. Additionally, the box contains colours with chromatic continuity to ensure that distributors can find the perfect colour for every customer.

The ColourBase Colour Box has already been put to good use by a number of customers who are using HMG's Acrythane 4C. Up and down the UK vehicle fleets are using colours from the ColourBase Colour Box and seeing exceptional results using the high gloss, high solids acrylic polyurethane coating developed to meet and exceed the stringent requirements of the commercial vehicle market.

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Casella, expert manufacturer of smart monitoring technology, is launching an innovative, technology-forward solution to simplify social distancing in the workplace with the launch of the Orbi-Trace smart tag – a flexible social distancing solution that provides simple proximity alerts all the way up to full effective contact tracing.

The body-worn Orbi-Trace smart tag is simple to operate, with a stop/start input and single LED power alert. It gives the wearer fully configurable vibration and audible alerts whenever a 2m safe distance is breached, and can operate indoors and out, with a battery life of up to seven days.

The sophisticated Ultra-wideband (UWB) connectivity is accurate in detecting distances down to 10cm accuracy – making it 20 x more accurate than Bluetooth and 50 x more accurate than GPS. The connectivity will not cause interference with WIFI or other RF technologies.

When combined with the wall-mounted anchor unit and proprietary, free to use Infection Insights software, the Orbi-Trace can be used to generate connection graphs and risk and contact assessments, should an employee test positive for COVID-19. Adding additional anchor units to the system expands this to full real-time contact tracking, giving users access to

heat-maps of areas where social-distancing may be consistently challenging and a full contact tracing history, making enforcing controls much more straightforward. For those mediating employee privacy concerns, the Orbi-Trace system is also fully GDPR compliant.

“The Orbi-Trace smart tag is a combined solution to the challenges employees and employees alike face in ensuring a COVID-secure, compliant workplace; maintaining social distancing, enforcing the correct control measures, contact tracing where needed and, most importantly, giving workers and workplaces vital peace of mind that their safety is top priority.”



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The groups comprehensive tooling services are facilitated by Pentagon's highly experienced technical team with services including Tooling for in house production, Tooling support for moulders, Maintenance & Servicing, Repair & Modification. They are one of the few UK based moulders to also provide their customers with full on-site mould tool manufacture.

The moulding division is home to 12 injection mould presses ranging in size from 22-280 tonne with a maximum shot weight capacity of 450 grams. The operation is spread across two shifts ensuring production



capacity is maximised and enabling a flexible approach to scheduling. Boasting a wealth of experience, the mould setters are technical experts allowing them to process low to medium volume injection mouldings to exacting standards.

There are huge benefits to working with a company such as Pentagon where all elements of an injection moulding project are catered for from one site. Continuity throughout the life of a project, accountability for all work carried out, core understanding of your project from the outset, and one central point of contact for all stages of your project.

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New from Litemax, the SSD4805-Y from the Spanpixel (LCD resizing) series. The 48" TFT-LCD display offers a very wide screen, suitable for sunlight readability and displaying informative messages, promotional content and high resolution imagery.



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Summit Systems' defence screens

The MP for Tamworth has described a unique new range of protective plastic screens being produced by Summit Systems as "a fantastic example of some clever innovation and skill".



Christopher Pincher MP visited the manufacturer, located on the town's Vanguard Industrial Estate, to find out more about how the 'Summit Defence' range of screens, designed to keep social settings safe from - & even prevent - COVID-19 are produced as lockdowns ease. The screens are made using a special type of flexible film and a unique magnetic click-release mechanism to enable easy attachment to desks, walls or workspaces.

Unlike many of the existing protective screens on the market, they are not made from rigid plastic and use a material that is in ready supply, making lead times shorter. Summit has so far supplied variations of the screens to schools, NHS trusts across the country and businesses overseas.

During the visit, Mr Pincher heard from Summit's Managing Director, Mike Jordan, who came up with the idea for the screens, about plans for further expansion, as a result of orders increasing week-on-week. The MP then had a tour of the company's assembly line and shared ideas as to how he could help boost business.

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At the forefront of innovation, Imtex Controls' key offerings are its smart monitors and the Valve Diagnostic Monitoring System (VDMS).

"For over five years, we have been supplying valve monitoring and testing solutions that are easily implemented into both new and ageing assets, to enable operators to log data from shut down valves. These solutions enable operators to meet their HSE commitments and help improve operational efficiencies," explained Jenny Myers, Marketing Manager.

Imtex Controls has also developed the Valvescan™ Diagnostic System, which is an end-to-end solution that captures data from every valve operation, analyses it and provides

targeted alerts on the valve health without any requirement for involvement from plant personnel or any potential impact on the asset real-time control integrity.

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wherever they are, not just on the actual plant itself. It is a true IIoT solution for automated valves and it can revolutionise the way plants maintain and run their systems in the future.

In addition, Imtex Controls is constantly working on improving its hydraulic, pneumatic and electro-hydraulic offering, including linear and low power solutions. Its Camtorc Actuators provide a highly efficient, backlash free operation which in turn helps to maintain the lifetime of the seals and components. They provide high actuation efficiency in a compact design, limiting the space envelope and associated costs of an installation. They also have the longest lifetime value of all actuators; Imtex Controls still has products that are operating in the field after 30 years.

Camtorc Actuators, along with Imtex Controls' Valve Communication products, can also be employed for use in Blue and Green Hydrogen Production systems, Carbon Capture and Storage schemes, Biofuel Production Processes and Waste to Energy projects.

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procurement stage in 2021 and we feel that our products should be considered. With our prevalence in this industry and our quality products, this is an area that we feel we can really offer lifetime value for money as well as products that can help these projects achieve their end goal of a reduced carbon footprint."

Of course, COVID-19 has caused a number of issues for the industry this year, with closed borders and face-to-face business meetings impossible for the foreseeable future. However, as a manufacturer, Imtex Controls are considered key workers, and remain open and operating as usual. "We are not restricted by anything COVID-related and we are set up to operate a COVID-safe factory and business."

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Boost process efficiency and production output with automation

When David Rybacki founded DRG Manufacturing in the Chicago suburb of Lake Zurich in 2015, he started off with nothing except a commitment to manufacture total solutions for his customers. Since he was not basing his production process on existing equipment, he set out to incorporate automated systems and processes that would provide him with the highest levels of productivity.

DRG serves the firearms component industry, and the shop's commitment to quality has yielded dramatic results. In three years, it has grown from six to 40 employees and has increased its business eightfold.

"Business has been very good to us," Rybacki said. His commitment to making parts that exceed expectations has much to do with that success. DRG creates parts to three specific, equally stringent sets of specifications: their own internal specs, MIL-SPEC prints that constitute industry standards, and custom OEM prints supplied by individual customers.

The company approaches every new product and component build as an opportunity to produce it with the most effective process possible. One of the keys to that productivity has been DRG's fully automated gundrilling and reaming cell from UNISIG.

Before Rybacki invested in this cell, he evaluated several other gundrilling machines. "Most were limited to manually operated equipment that would not accomplish Rybacki's objectives. Only UNISIG offered a robotically run cell that could provide the functionality and flexibility DRG required," said a company spokesperson.

"Many companies in our industry put an operator in front of every machine," Rybacki explained. "Instead, our UNISIG automated cell gives us about a 150% production increase over such manual operations."

DRG's automated cell runs barrel blanks with chamfers at each end. A robot picks up a blank from an infeed system and loads it into a dual-spindle UNISIG UNE12-2 gundrill machine with a 12mm maximum part diameter capability. After the drilling process is completed, the robot moves the blank to a dual-spindle UNISIG UNR20 reamer.

Once the automatic reamer completes its part of the process, the robot moves the blank to a blow-off station to clear oil from inside the barrel. From there, the robot transports the blank to the outfeed station, where it exits the cell to be rifled. All aspects of the cell are automated, including the vision system with automatic compensation that allows the shop to quality check every part before human hands ever touch them.

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At DRG Manufacturing, a dual-spindle UNISIG UNE12-2 gundrilling machine, with 12mm maximum part diameter, drills barrels for the shop's automated operations

and multi-month purchase orders for 1,000 or more barrel blanks. That workflow makes production planning easy because the company can establish shipping dates and work backward to create the build schedule. To meet their commitments, DRG normally runs three shifts-two attended by an operator and one unattended at night. Including the UNISIG cell, DRG has a total of five automated cells within the factory that operate a full 24 hours of every day.



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When DRG receives a purchase order, it processes half the part total up front so larger volumes can enable them to amortise set-up costs over longer runs. In addition, DRG's Kanban inventory system enables the shop to maintain a replenishable inventory of high-demand parts for same-day shipping. Because the shop must be highly responsive to changing customer demands, inventory makes it possible to source smaller orders that DRG otherwise would refuse.

Originally, DRG outsourced profiling and barrel manufacturing work. But large orders and stringent specifications called for specialised equipment. For this reason, DRG acquired its UNISIG drilling and reaming cell in 2017 to produce raw rifled blanks.

Although DRG has the option of running the UNISIG R-2A rifling machine as part of its automated drilling and reaming cell, that is one process Rybacki prefers to keep manual. "We run rifling manually so we can QC it and make certain that all aspects are perfect," he said. "DRG's QC department air gauges everything the company makes, although the cost of the QC equipment is steep: about \$12,000 per caliber."

Among the other attributes that set DRG Manufacturing apart from its competitors is its commitment to automated equipment. Rybacki realises that some companies may shy away from implementing automated cells because of the



DRG relies on its UNISIG equipment to achieve the shop's quality targets with part materials such as 416R pre-hardened chromium stainless steel and 4150 Chrome-Moly Vanadium (CMV)

upfront time involved in development and set-up.

"It is about being patient to achieve the results you want," Rybacki said. "We can buy machines from UNISIG, put them on our floor and run them manually - or we can wait about six months longer and buy a fully automated turn-key system that runs perfectly." He noted that the extra time investment enables DRG to double its production without adding personnel or shift hours.

When it comes to workpieces, DRG works with some challenging materials and tight part tolerances. It manufactures most of its parts from 416R pre-hardened chromium stainless steel and 4150 Chrome-Moly Vanadium, or CMV. On a 17" rifle blank, for instance, total indicator runout is kept to under 10 thousandths, with diameters at under one thousandth and size within a couple of 10 thousandths.

UNISIG's application support plays a key role in DRG achieving its quality targets with tough part materials. As Rybacki pointed out, "They are experts in deep hole drilling, and they taught us everything we needed to know. The learning curve was just a matter of mastering tool life, which they gave us suggestions on. After receiving guidelines on how to start we just took it from there. It is not trial and error because of UNISIG's expertise. It is only trial and error if you do not listen to them."

For the immediate future, further expansion at DRG will have to wait. Although DRG has not reached volume capacity, its growth and success has led to no available shop floor space. Automation has enabled DRG to increase its process efficiency and boost production output. But Rybacki is quick to point out that robotics only work in a shop with the right people to operate them. "You still need people," he noted. "People can grow into new opportunities. Robots do not take over completely."

UNISIG is also exhibiting at the EMO show in Milan, Italy from 4-9 October 2021. Further information on all machines of the UNI, UNR and R-2A series and the complete UNISIG machine program is available at: www.unisig.com or follow the company on LinkedIn and Twitter (@UNISIG).



The user-friendly UNISIG deep hole drilling system control helped DRG shorten its learning curve

Brisk partners with Equip sme to deliver healthcare support to small businesses and the self employed

Business insight and protection platform Brisk has teamed up with Equip sme in a move that's set to open up flexible and affordable health insurance to small businesses and the self-employed who didn't know it was an option.

Brisk brings together big business functions in a secure online dashboard designed specifically for small businesses and sole traders. Through it, members can monitor finances, security, people processes, suppliers, compliance and reputation - and access relevant products and services from insurance to cyber-security assistance.

Members can get a quote and buy insurance through Brisk's digital platform.

Equip sme plans for SMEs start at just £7 per person per month, and include practical benefits people are actually encouraged to use - like 24/7 video and phone GP consultations, as well as professional physiotherapy advice which can easily be completed at home.

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IFL increases its warehouse storage facilities in the Midlands



International Forwarding Ltd has added a new and sorely needed 27,000ft² storage facility in the centre of Birmingham, West Midlands, to its portfolio of warehousing space, offering long or short term flexible warehousing and storage solutions. The site has a range of modern handling equipment including 2.5 tonne capacity container spec forklifts. This is in addition to a 2,000m² secure warehouse storage facility which opened in the Midlands last May as part of the company's growth plans and quickly filled up.

The now full unit opened in May 2019 and almost doubled IFL's warehousing space at the time. The storage facility is part of a larger two acre site, which the company took over in April. The site includes 24 hour security and yard space for vehicle parking and trailer storage. It is located next to IFL's existing offices and hub in Coleshill, Birmingham, close to the M1, M5, M6 and M42, and 10 minutes from Birmingham International Airport.

Extra warehouse storage at Birmingham hub

The timing of this major expansion in the company's facilities is particularly opportune as several existing customers require additional warehousing to protect their supply chain against Brexit-related issues. It also gives the sales team the tools to acquire additional forwarding and pallet distribution contracts from new UK and overseas-based customers. The existing management team will control the physical freight handling and the back-office functions for the new site.

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A recent research paper—Pandemic danger to the deep: The risk of marine mammals contracting SARS-CoV-2 from wastewater—showed how COVID-19 in wastewater could infect aquatic mammals, serving as a reminder of the environmental risks posed by unsterilised wastewater.

While the UK's wastewater treatment infrastructure mitigates most of this threat, some buildings require on-site wastewater disinfection integrated into their drainage system. Examples of this include sites working with genetically modified organisms or dangerous microbes, or any site discharging wastewater into environmentally sensitive locations.

Historically, wastewater has been disinfected in Chemical Effluent Decontamination Systems (EDS) using a hazardous and aggressive chemical sterilants. These substances require specialist storage, regular renewal, and manual handling. Once the wastewater has been sterilised in a holding tank, disinfectant neutralisers—which carry their own risks and requirements—must be added before wastewater is disposed of. Alongside the health risks of this sterilisation method, there are other shortcomings. While the procedure eradicates most micro-organisms from effluence, hardier bacteria and viruses may survive. Furthermore, harmful sterilants and neutralisers can remain in the effluence, potentially contaminating downstream watercourses.

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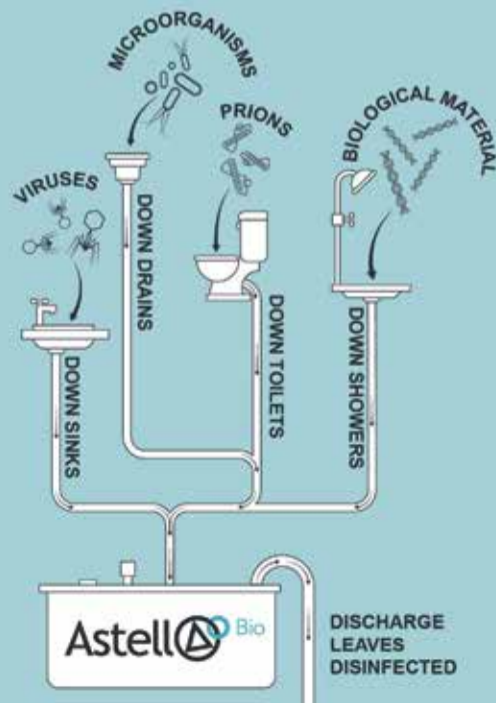
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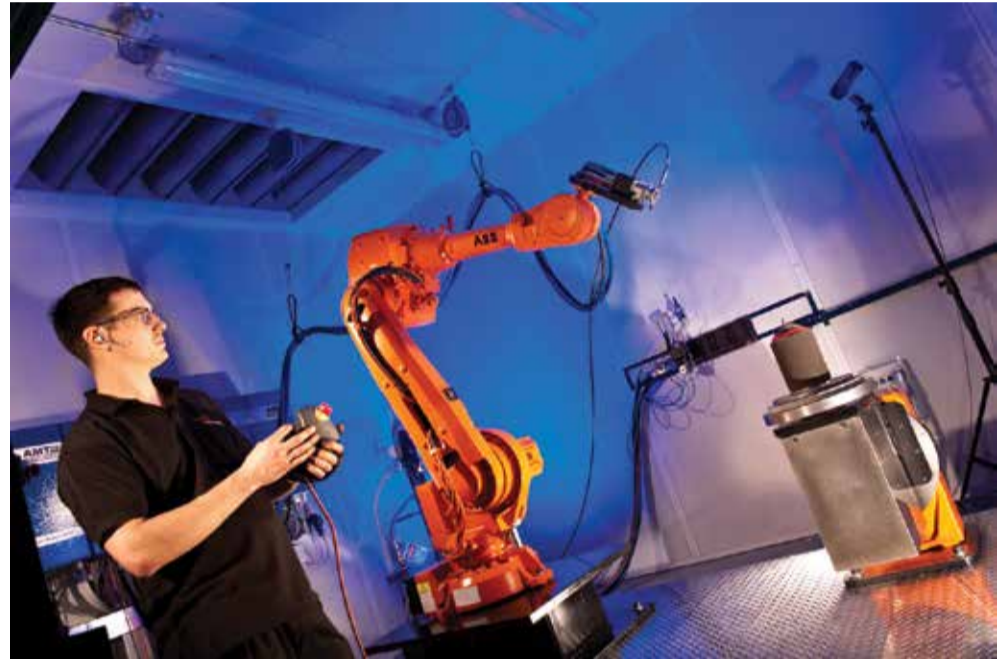
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Rapitainer provides significant savings

Andy Lomax (Dir., Maxim Product Solutions Ltd.) explains how its innovative reusable transit pack 'Rapitainer' can provide significant savings to businesses. Rapitainers are manufactured in heavy duty twin flute plastic which is lightweight, durable, waterproof and extensively reusable.

Bullen Healthcare Ltd. was the first adopter, using Rapitainers to ship goods from their main DC to their satellite hubs. Bullen had previously spent around £200K each year on 'ever replaced' one trip corrugated cardboard cases, with around £25 worth of cases used on every pallet shipped. Richie Bell (Bullen Warehouse Manager) explains.

We were spending a great deal of money on single trip corrugated cases and wanted to make changes to our operations

in order to reduce our costs. We looked at various returnable packaging solutions but they all seemed expensive to us.

Maxim's Rapitainer was far more affordable and looked to be the most commercially viable option and so we trialled a few units back and forth to one of our satellite hubs.

The product performed very well and after just one month, our data showed a saving of £1,200. We ordered 100 Rapitainer units to service other hubs. Several months into roll out, our data projects savings for the year in excess of £120K (a near 12 fold ROI).

For Bullen, the elimination of the cost of single trip corrugate offset the cost of their Rapitainer units after just 4-5 pallet trips. Customers also benefit from reduced product damaged in transit due to the superior

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Rapitainers incorporate innovative tapeless closure mechanisms further improving efficiencies - see Maxim's web site for further details.

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New Titanium swivel produced by Rotaflow

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The swivel is a bespoke design with 3 inch nominal bore size and additional bearing races to handle the high loads required by the end user. The swivel also has integral flanges for easy installation and to allow the swivel to carry the high pressure and flow rate.

Titanium has excellent corrosion resistance properties, especially when dealing with long term exposure to sea water. It is light weight yet incredibly strong & able to cope with the extreme water pressure and weather conditions it'll be exposed to over many years. The customer advised the swivel absolutely had to be constructed from titanium. It was in May 2020 that the order was agreed. The swivel was manufactured in house, fully tested and delivered to the customer early July. Installation & full use occurred shortly after.

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50 Year old product makes dramatic comeback to help beat the virus

When the Melaphone Speech Unit was designed 50 years ago for the booking offices at British Rail stations, nobody could have predicted that half a century later it would suddenly be in such high demand. The current Corona Virus Pandemic had created an urgent need for all protective equipment -both for personal use and in the working environment. This is the reason the Melaphone has come into its own again. Its unique design, with its resonating membrane and air-sealed constructions, make it the ideal device to install in any situation where face-to-face communication occurs. It not only offers protection from air-borne viruses and pathogens, it also enhances and clarified the frequently muffled sound when people speak through a screen.

Its protective credentials have been certified to ISO 14644-1 Class 5 -indeed, it has often been specified by architects and designers for use in hospitals, laboratories and clean rooms or anywhere hygiene is of paramount importance. It is a simple but really ingenious invention which requires no servicing, wiring or electrical supply. And it is very easy to keep clean and safe with an antiseptic wipe.

The Melaphone has now been built into the new Defender Virus Screens produced by the company and numerous doctors' surgeries, medical centres, clinics and pharmacies in the UK have had these screens installed-the considerable success and approval. The screens are individually made and every component is of the highest quality, giving a clean, sleek and professional appearance in any health-care environment.

The Melaphone is still available as a stand-alone unit for installation into walls, glass or plastic screens, windows or doors. It can easily be retro-fitted into existing structures and requires no special skill to install. The range has been expanded to meet the growing demand for the units. In addition to the original brushed aluminium model there is a stainless steel model, a white powder-coated aluminium model and the newest and highly successful Himacs acrylic-resin model, which is at a very popular price. All of these models are available from stock and can be purchased from Melaphone VisAudio. Even after 50 years, we're proud to still be able to say 'MADE IN THE UK' at our London production facility.

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A new twist on vibration monitoring!

Turn your motors into vibration sensors with Model-Based Voltage and Current (MBVI) systems to reveal hidden benefits

By Geoff Walker, Operations Director, Faraday Predictive

Condition Monitoring of rotating equipment can bring big benefits through avoiding unexpected breakdowns and enabling more efficient maintenance, with one of the most widely used techniques being Vibration Monitoring.

But some situations that are getting more

common in industry such as variable speed drives, with the resulting varying loads and electrical distortions, can make vibration monitoring more difficult. And hidden problems in sound-proof enclosures, remote-mounted, duct-mounted or submersible equipment can all make it difficult taking a vibration reading using a conventional accelerometer.

A new way of getting vibration readings in

all these difficult situations can be provided by turning your electric motors into vibration sensors by using Model-Based Voltage and Current (MBVI) Systems. They detect the torsional vibration that is excited by a wide range of phenomena inside equipment, not just rolling element bearing faults. They also monitor energy consumption and calculate the energy being wasted by these faults. So your motor can actually tell you more about your equipment

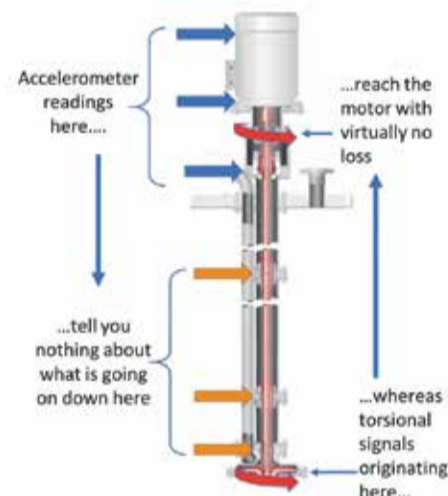
condition than conventional Vibration Monitoring. For a deeper insight into how this technology works, see: www.faradaypredictive.com/technical-education/mbvi-technology/

Torsional vibration

Conventional vibration sensors measure radial or axial movement of the shaft whereas torsional vibration is movement of the shaft twisting along its axis. The motor driving the equipment 'sees' this vibration as subtle variations in the torque required to drive the equipment, which in turn results in subtle variations in motor current relative to voltage. This can be detected and automatically analysed by an MBVI system to provide a broad range of fault diagnostics and condition monitoring.

These systems also detect electrical faults and operational problems, eg is it being damaged by being overloaded or stopped and started too often?

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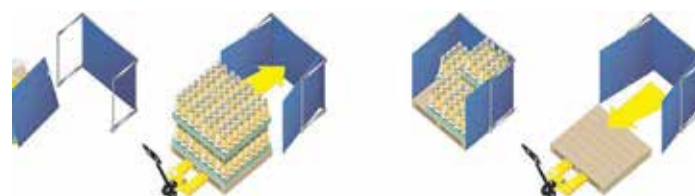


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Schmersal presents prototype for wireless data transmission in heavy industry

In cooperation with aconno GmbH, the Schmersal Group has developed prototypes of an Industry 4.0 switch capable of wireless data transmission over distances of several kilometres for use with extended conveyor systems. The integrated wireless transmitter in the HDS series switches transmits status data for each individual switchgear unit via a common wireless mesh network to a cloud system. The prototypes are currently undergoing practical tests.

The new HDS switchgear series has been developed specifically to meet the requirements of the bulky goods industry. The switchgear unites a range of functions into a single platform, making it suitable for an extremely wide range of applications. Typical application areas include emergency-stop shutdown, belt misalignment monitoring in the transport of bulky materials, end position monitoring in steel making and level monitoring in material silos.

The emergency-stop and belt misalignment

switches in the HDS series now accommodate wireless transmitters made by aconno, allowing diagnostic information to be transmitted from the switches more quickly and with much greater efficiency. The switches have been integrated into a mesh network to enable status data to be transmitted from one node to the next over distances of up to 250 metres. This in turn facilitates communication over several kilometres and will greatly simplify switchgear monitoring in large-scale conveyor systems in particular.

All switching operations can be monitored in real time and online via a web browser on a PC or smartphone. The data from the cloud can be transmitted directly to the control centre or a smartphone in the hands of maintenance and service technicians on site using the web interface or APP.

Malfunctions in conveyor systems are recorded in the cloud immediately and actuated switchgear units can be uniquely assigned,



despite their series connection, allowing for rapid troubleshooting by maintenance personnel. The development makes lengthy searches for faults in conveyor system command and operating chains a thing of the past, minimising the disruption caused by production outages and raising machine availability.

Furthermore, depending on the distance and the environmental conditions of larger conveyor systems, the investment costs for this Bluetooth solution with a wireless mesh network are only a fraction of the system costs of conventional fieldbus systems with decentralised structures.

The German start-up aconno develops customer-specific hardware, Bluetooth and sensor solutions, including Bluetooth chips and a development platform for individual Industry 4.0 applications. The Schmersal Group owns 26% of aconno GmbH.

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How to Implement RFID



RFID has enormous potential to improve the efficiency of warehousing and retail operations. At TEC-RFID, we specialise in helping companies implement RFID projects that really make a difference to their business. Every RFID implementation is different and requires thorough planning and testing before implementation begins.

There are five steps to implement RFID:

1. Planning

This stage involves reviewing the current processes in the company that can be replaced by RFID. It will determine whether RFID is practical and whether it will bring positive ROI.

2. Scoping

The scoping stage is where you determine what you want to achieve with RFID. This stage allows you to set the goals of a project early on to prevent scope creep, where a project continually takes on more requirements.

3. Testing

When it comes to RFID, it is essential to test the readers and tags in the environment where they will be working. There are many factors that can affect performance, such as materials, the proximity of tags to each other and radio signal interference in the environment. The first step is to do an RF survey of the site to determine potential sources of interference. The second step is to test different readers, tags and antennas to determine what combination will offer optimal read rate.

4. Implementation

Now comes the time to put this planning to work and start harnessing the power of RFID. You buy hardware and begin implementing the new processes in partnership with an integration partner. It is best to start with a small pilot program, to train a small number of staff and identify potential problems, before rolling the program out across the business.



5. Evaluation

It is critical to evaluate and improve your RFID project after implementation. In conjunction with a partner, you can find the weaknesses in the system and find ways to improve your processes.

RFID is a powerful technology but it requires meticulous planning, testing and evaluating to implement it properly. At TEC-RFID, our team of experts are knowledgeable about the entire RFID process.

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