Complete CNC on the move to meet demand

By Rob Fletcher Consultant editor **Design link**



Complete CNC Solutions has opted to relocate to a larger premises close to its current headquarters as part of a move to cater for an increasing demand from the market for its expanding range of kit.

The new site features approximately four times as much showroom space as the existing facility, as well as twice as much office room. The company will also be able to benefit from a larger service workshop and warehousing space for parts, as well as stock routers and digital cutters.

In a statement, the firm says: "Complete CNC Solutions, perhaps best known as the UK distributor of Tekcel routing systems, now handles Protek Digital Cutters and Routers in the UK too. This, in addition to a growing service department and a bigger workforce managing the company's cutter business had began to put a strain on resources at the old headquarters.

"Since the launch of the Protek Unico TT Digital Cutter a little over a year ago, the visitor-count attending demonstrations at Complete CNC's showrooms has grown significantly



Complete CNC Solution's new Protek series of CNC router/cutters went down a storm at Sign and Digital UK

and the application-space the hardware addresses has similarly expanded."

The company had initially purchased an industrial unit next door to its older site, but the demand from customers and an expanding product portfolio meant the need to expand further. This new facility will help Complete CNC Solution, to continue on its current growth trajectory, and possibly expand both its portfolio and business even further.



bigger facility for Complete CNC

Bristol firm gives Insight into growth

By Rob Fletcher

Bristol-based Insight Print Media has invested in a new Zünd G3 L2500 digital cutting table and wide-format printing equipment as part of an effort to enhance its service offering.

The firm had been sharing a building and a Zünd G3 with another company for the past six years, but will now have full ownership of and control over the kit in its own, larger premises that it now operates from.

Kevin Davidson, innovations director and co-founder of Insight, says: "There's lots of creativity in Bristol at the moment. We appeal to the many design agencies who are looking for a partner with the expertise and equipment to develop their ideas.

"We cut everything on the new Zünd—re-board, Dibond, box board,



The Zünd G3 L2500 has already been put to work on several projects

acrylic, wood, cardboard—and it does everything perfectly, as we'd expect. It also gives us the flexibility to cut, rout or crease any material."

Elite make the simple beautiful

Estimates vary, but at least one informed commentary has noted that vehicle livery is capable of generating around six-thousand impressions an hour. Quite what happens next with those impressions is a little more difficult to establish, but in the case of fleet liveries produced by Elite Signs and Graphics in Bridgend, Wales, one such impression drove local decorator Jason Gunter to its door.

"Metamark M7 was used for the type. Cut and applied to the black vehicle it lends an impact that is out of all proportion to the simplicity of the job. The flag-swatch is printed on Metamark MD5 and only really resolves to detail on close examination. It could pass for a brush strike from a distance," explains Simon

James, director design and marketing at Elite Signs and Graphics.

Elite Signs and Graphics' work makes a broader point in livery design in general. It is that balance, contrast, and quality comprehensively outrank quantity and complexity every time, and on every level.

The crew at Elite Signs prescribed a design leaning toward the minimal, using contrast and colour, and greatly simplifying the type elements



Router investment helps form affiliate company

By Harry Mottram

A CNC router has been praised by a company involved in specialist exhibition signage work for helping it to single-handily increase its workflow, efficiency, and profitability.

Greg Shire of B2B Exhibitions says: "The increased volume of work it has now been possible to undertake has led to the setting up of an affiliate company called *cncwarehouse.co.uk*. This further utilises the router's massive capabilities and helped attract new customers."

The Essex based company was supplied with the machine from AXYZ International for use in building exhibition stands, promotional displays, point-of-sale constructions, and shop fitting units. The new kit employed is the AXYZ 6010 CNC router and is used in the processing of

medium-density fibreboard (MDF), melamine-faced board for high-end exhibition stand and special event display elements, and Perspex acrylic sheet.

The router has a processing area of 2,159 x 3,048mm and incorporates an automatic tool changing facility, and a system that ensures optimum material alignment and precise routing and cutting. It also has special pop-up pins on either side of the processing bed to ensure that successive sheets of material are firmly positioned during the routing and cutting cycle to improve accuracy

The AXYZ 6010 CNC router has been praised by Greg Shire for the impact it has had on his business

