

STRETCHING THE BOUNDARIES WITH LINX

Fabprene, based in Bolton, has been producing vulcanising rubber extrusions for over 30 years. The company designs, develops and manufactures elastometric extrusions and fabricated components for the automotive, glazing, building and construction industries.

The production line is made up of a continuous length of rubber extrusion operating at a speed of 40 metres per minute. Fabprene was looking for reliable and easy to use printers that were able to print at high speeds, so they purchased two Linx 4900s. The Linx 4900 is capable of printing up to two lines of text and logos on high speed production lines and can print onto virtually any material. The printer has a unique curved stainless steel case and an IP55 washdown rating, making it safe and clean to operate in all production environments.

Joe Heywood, Product Development Manager at Fabprene, commented: “We needed printers that were reliable and produced quality codes. We also wanted printers that didn’t need continuous assistance from the production line operators, so features such as the self cleaning printhead and automatic refill function are a real bonus.”

In addition to needing reliable machines and quality codes, Linx was also chosen over two competitors because of the excellent customer service provided. There was also an opportunity to trial the printer on the production line before purchase. “As a result of the trial, we were able to monitor the print quality and see what was involved in setting the printer up. We were very impressed with the Linx 4900 printer as it was able to do much more than we could possibly have imagined. Its most appealing feature was that it basically looked after itself, which improves production line efficiency.”

Fabprene uses its Linx 4900 printers to code single lines of alpha numeric text onto rubber extrusions. The codes measure between five and seven millimetres in height and indicate the customer name, product name and date. Printing onto black and white surfaces, Fabprene uses Linx yellow pigmented ink 1039 to ensure clarity and contrast with the rubber.

Joe concludes: “We have never had a machine before which is so straightforward, all you need to do is switch it on and watch it print. All that is required of our operator is to position and select the text to be printed. The reliability of the Linx printers ensures maximum up-time on our production line.”

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Notes to editors

Linx 4900

The Linx 4900 is the most advanced two-line printer to date. The most striking feature is its tough and curvaceous stainless steel enclosure which looks good and allows liquid to run easily off the printer. There are no dirt traps, so it is ideal for food, pharmaceutical and washdown environments.

The Linx 4900 has a best in class IP55 rating. This means that, as well as meeting the requirements for washdown, the printer also works reliably in almost any production environment without the cost and other disadvantages associated with factory air. In addition, ink and solvent refilling are mistake proof and mess free.

The new Linx 4900 incorporates many of the much valued functions and features of other CIJ printers in the Linx range. The robust, sealed print head protects critical components from risk of damage or mis-adjustment that could affect print quality. The mistake proof Linx design ensures that the user never needs to open the enclosure. Running parameters are automatically adjusted and the printer provides clear on-screen diagnostics. The simple menu-driven screens give fast access to all printer functions. The bright, clear screen, full six keyboard and WYSIWYG message display mean that messages can be created, selected, edited and printed right, first time.

About Linx Printing Technologies

Linx Printing Technologies is a leading global supplier of continuous ink jet (CIJ) printers, impulse jet printers and laser coders. Linx printers and coders are used across many different industries where product identification codes, batch numbers, dates and barcodes are required.

Distinguished by reliability, robustness and ease of use, the Linx products code and mark millions of items every day, ranging from bottles, packages and cans of consumer goods to pharmaceutical products, cabling, electrical components and car parts.

The LINX logo is displayed in a dark blue rectangular box. The letters 'L', 'I', and 'X' are white with a red dot above the 'I'. The letter 'N' is white with a red dot above it. The letter 'X' is white with a red dot above it.

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