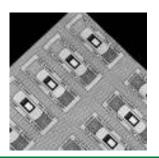


Protection and Finishing Products

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What We Do



We provide a hassle-free, reliable and competitive supply of

- low value
- often low volume
- non core

But essential products

Protection Products

- Simple parts for protecting
 - Holes
 - Threads
 - Hoses
 - OCTG
- From damage and the ingress of dirt during
 - Transit
 - Processing
 - Finishing
- Typical industries
 - Hydraulics/Pneumatics
 - Gas valves
 - Metal fabrication
 - General engineering
 - Automotive components











Finishing Products

- Functional components used to complete a customer's own product, primarily used in tubular and metal fabricated product
 - End caps/Inserts
 - Feet
 - Knobs/Handles
 - Fasteners and fixings
 - Washers and spacers
 - Clips
 - Wiring accessories
- Typical applications
 - Furniture
 - Point of sale
 - Lighting
 - Machinery
 - Electrical
 - White goods
 - Hospital equipment















Overview



- 81,000 customers worldwide
- No.1 in combined US/European market
- 893 employees 40% operational, 60% commercial
- Serving a very broad industrial customer base
- No customer more than 3% of revenue
- 41 operating units, in 14 countries
 - 34 distribution, 7 manufacturing



Approach to the Market



- Tailored to the sector
- 3.9 million direct mailings sent annually
- Catalogues, printed in 11 languages











- Over 232,000 samples despatched per year
- Over 900 million parts, 26,000 SKUs, in multiple stocking locations for same day despatch
- Over 767,000 order lines per annum

Operations



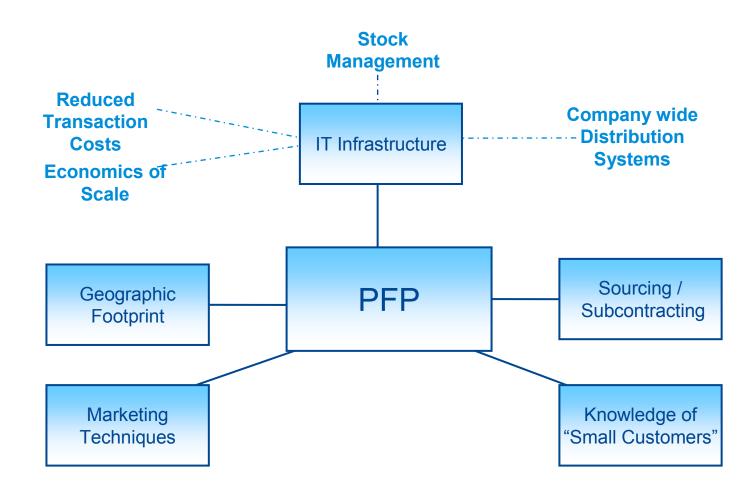
- Production facilities
 - UK Oxford
 - Holland Amsterdam
 - US Erie, Houston, Chicago
 - Mexico Veracruz
 - Brazil Sao Paulo



- 262 injection, 6 dip moulding machines
- 2 coating lines
- 20,000 moulds making 44 million mouldings per week
- Manufactured product from 2mm to 1.6m dia and <1g to 4.5kg

Core Competencies





Sources of Competitive Advantage



- Catalogues which support our market reputation/recognition
- Range with high stock availability
- Mould library
- Ease of doing business
- Low cost manufacturing and sourcing
- Integrated IT Systems
- Low transaction costs
- Marketing techniques

Competitive Position



- Large, fragmented, ill-defined market for customers and suppliers
- High barrier to entry
- Competition is predominantly local/regional or sector specific
- Global market >£1 billion
- Market leader
- We are well positioned to grow
 - organically geographically, range
 - through consolidation

The Way Forward



- Develop geographically, following our customers e.g.
 China
- Gain greater market penetration through
 - careful expansion of the product range
 - targeted marketing
- Consolidate and "in-fill" in existing territories
- Aggregate customer demand to drive
 - manufacturing efficiency gains
 - sourcing leverage
 - reduction in transaction costs



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