

The environment: An absolute priority

Walter Vergari, in charge of quality, safety and the environment, is responsible for implementing the main regulations in the chemistry sector and works to promote an environment of quality and safety within the company with an eye toward environmental protection.

"Never before has there been such a global awareness of issues related to respect for and protection of the environment."

As a result, TAKA has increased the use of renewable energy at its production sites and is working to achieve ISO 14001 certification.

This certification sets out the requirements of an environmental management system

for any organization with an aim of integrating environmental aspects into an industrial setting. This results in benefits such as the reduction of pollution risks and the ability to cope with often complex requirements.

Obtaining the ISO 14001 certification not only helps a company manage certain production processes, but also allows it to extend the sustainability commitment to its suppliers and collaborators, increasing the collective awareness of this delicate issue that affects much wider areas than the industrial one.

Regarding the use of renewable energy, the installation of a second photovoltaic system has recently been completed in the TAKA plants and a further system is being planned

to cover all three production sites. In addition, TAKA has an active recycling policy that includes careful waste management.

The purchase of raw materials obtained from cleaner sources and recycled materials has also become a preferred channel that underscores Taka's profound commitment to environmental protection."

TAKA considers sustainability a human and social obligation.



WALTER VERGARI
QUALITY SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT

ABOUT US

Technical Training of Agents

Last December the WPR - TAKA Academy launched its first technical training course for our sales force.

Our technicians, agents and distributors worked hard together for 3 days, and found it an excellent opportunity to share their experiences and spend a little quality time together.

2 CLASSROOMS
10 COUNTRIES
30 PARTICIPANTS

During the three days of technical training the participants were able to consider the myriad technical and scientific facets of the wrapping process applied to PVC, aluminium and wooden profiles and panels. Theoretical lessons alternated with practical workshops that allowed them to participate in all the phases of the application process including a focus on troubleshooting and problem-solving activities.

THE CORE OF THE WPR-TAKA PHILOSOPHY IS KNOW-HOW SHARING, WHICH MAKES THE ONGOING TRAINING OF OUR STAFF A PRIORITY.

TO DISCOVER THE MANY COURSES AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES OFFERED BY OUR ACADEMY, PLEASE INQUIRE BY E-MAIL AT ACADEMY@WPRTAKA.IT



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We woke up one morning, and, without any warning, we were living in a world completely different than a few hours earlier!

down and we still need to somehow make it to work...

Living in geographical areas with a high number of people infected by the virus is frustrating. Even if you are healthy you are considered "dangerous to the global community" and this is a heavy burden to carry. This feeling of being an outcast has led us to some deep reflecting and is teaching us a big lesson about civilisation and humanity. For what it's worth, our sympathy goes out to all the people who are on some level discriminated against, singled out or isolated.

We are aware that the precautions we are subjected to right now are necessary to contain the spreading of a virus that's bringing our health system to near collapse but we are confident that with a united effort of all nations we can solve this situation in a timely manner.

From a business perspective, we are ma-

ning this emergency to the best of our abilities. WPR TAKA has a professional task force of united people who are seeking concrete solutions and ways around hurdles.

Our commitment is relentless. Signs of a solid future can be found right in the content of this magazine:

TAKA invests in procedures and technology to protect the environment and to keep Clients up to speed with the ever developing Reach guidelines

WPR invests in resources and technology to provide "just in time" technical support One of our dearest UK clients, Epwin Group, confirms that the WPR automatic technology, Luna, does provide the promised flexibility (they are on their second WPR Luna machine) improving sustainability thanks to reduced scrap, reduced material and energy consumption.

Wpr-Taka Academy continues to train their

partners, agents and technical team to get the highest possible skilled team to support any client or market request

We thank all our business partners and friends for their empathy, worry and caring about how we do as people.

We hug you ...at a distance ☺

Franca, Andreas and Luciano

We found ourselves shifted from absolute freedom to managing an emergency situation that is affecting even the simplest actions in our daily life: a dinner with friends or family, a well deserved break at the gym, a prayer at the church, a visit to a museum or a night out at a bar. And what to do with our kids since schools are shut



NEW LEGISLATION ON DIISOCYANATES: TRAINING IS KEY!

New regulations on the use of diisocyanates, amending Annex XVII of REACH Regulation (EC n. 1907/2006) are going to be published soon in the Official Journal of the European Union.

A breve verrà pubblicato in gazzetta ufficiale europea il nuovo regolamento inerente alla restrizione sull'uso dei diisocianati che modificherà l'allegato XVII del regolamento REACH (CE n. 1907/2006).

The restrictions aim to reduce the incidence of occupational asthma connected to the use of diisocyanates. The regulations state that diisocyanates cannot be

used either in their own right, or as components of other substances or in mixtures for professional or industrial use, unless:

- THE CONCENTRATION OF THE DIISOCYANATES, ON THEIR OWN OR IN COMBINATION, IS LOWER THAN 0.1% IN WEIGHT
- THE EMPLOYER OR CONTRACTOR MAKE SURE THAT THE INDUSTRIAL AND/OR PROFESSIONAL WORKERS HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED A SUITABLE TRAINING COURSE ON THE SAFE USE OF DIISOCYANATES.

Reference documents available on the internet site of the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) imply that training courses should be job-specific and take into account the job-specific exposure of such workers using diisocyanates.

More specifically, three training paths have been created (so-called "measures groups"), of increasing duration, that should provide health and safety training to operators involved in industrial and/or professional activities that require the use of such substances.

The basic course is 4 hours long and can be administered in e-learning mode. In the case of activities requiring increased exposure, courses with a duration of 8 or 12 hours are required. Training must be repeated every five years.

The training materials shall be supplied by diisocyanates producers and the courses, apart from those in e-learning mode, shall

be taught by a teacher with experience in the occupational health and safety field who has received specific training on the safe management of these substances.

Training shall be provided to diisocyanates users within 24 months from the date of enactment of the new restrictions, falling 20 days after their publication in the Official Journal.



Therefore, if products with a diisocyanates content in excess of 0.1% in weight are used, workers using them must be adequately trained.



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ONLINE SPARE PARTS SERVICE – Full Service

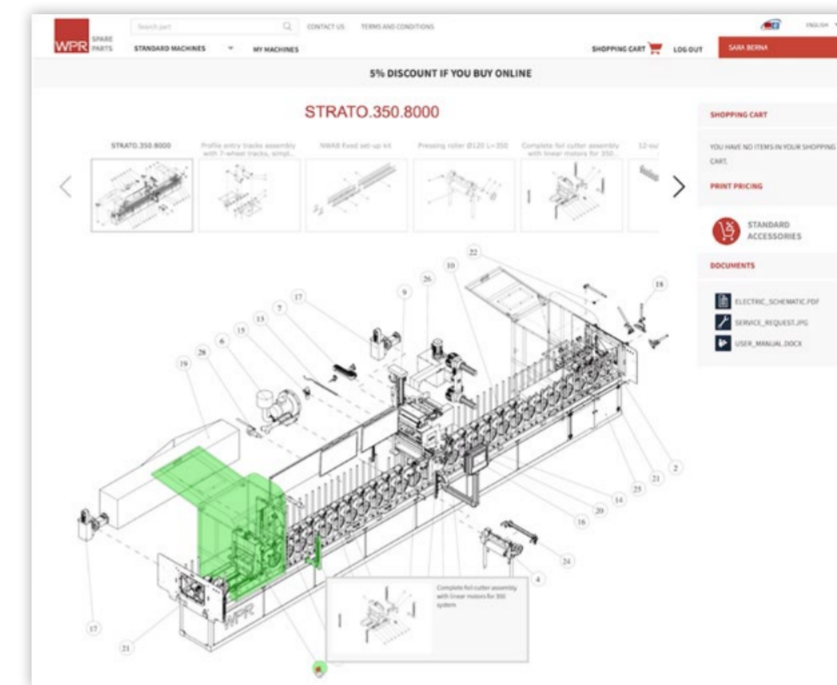
Buying a profile wrapping machine is always a unique experience.

Buying a profile wrapping machine is always a unique experience. Choosing the right system for every need, with specific accessories designed for the production of profiles and panels can lead to the creation of a fully customised machine.

At WPR this experience is further enriched by the space we reserve for each customer on our portal: there, customers can see their individual machines and order specific spare parts.

Each of our customers can log in to the reserved area of our website with a dedicated password and browse through their own recently purchased systems and order spare parts.

They can order the required parts online in a few easy steps with complete autonomy at any time with the knowledge that our technical staff is available and ready to support them by checking every order.



Some advantages of our Online Spare Parts Service:

- ✓ CUSTOMISED ACCESS WITH DEDICATED USER NAMES AND PASSWORDS
- ✓ INTERACTIVE SITE, EASILY BROWSED THANKS TO ABUNDANT TECHNICAL DRAWINGS
- ✓ OPEN 24 HOURS A DAY, 365 DAYS A YEAR
- ✓ GUARANTEED ANSWER BY THE NEXT BUSINESS DAY
- ✓ GUARANTEED DELIVERY WITHIN 24/48 HOURS FOR MOST SPARE PARTS
- ✓ NO MINIMUM QUANTITIES

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE ADVANTAGES OF THIS SERVICE, PLEASE WRITE TO RICAMBI@WPR.IT, AND OUR TEAM SHALL BE GLAD TO PROVIDE PROMPT ANSWERS!

THE CUSTOMER'S VOICE

Epwin Window Systems – It's a wrap

Epwin Window Systems has taken delivery of the world's first Luna R automatic profile wrapping machine.

The Luna R is reportedly able to wrap even the most complex profiles perfectly. In addition, the machine is said to reduce set up times, providing additional capacity and

product accuracy.

Gerald commented:

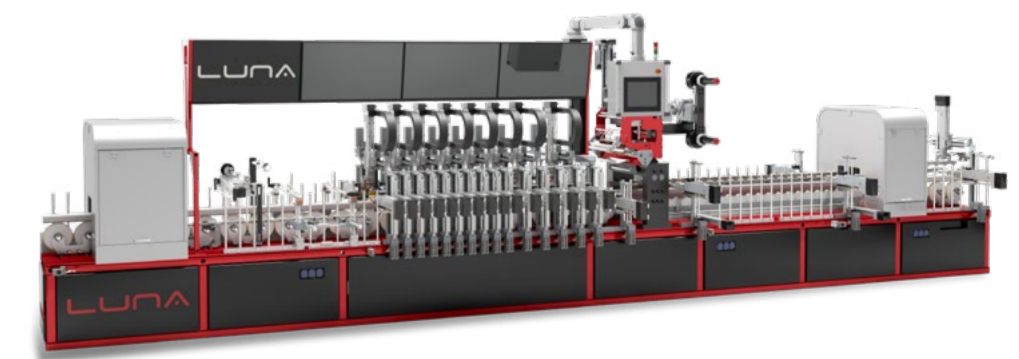
"As coloured profiles continue to grow in popularity, fabricators and installers will need to match customers' increasing expectations. For any fabricator and installer wanting to capitalise on the oppor-

tunities that colour offers, we will soon be unveiling our new colour offerings to help our customers tap into the growing trend for colour which offers a powerful selling point. The Luna R means that Epwin Window Systems will be supplying the state-of-the-art in coloured profile quality". In 2019, Epwin Window Systems increa-

sed its extrusion capacity by 40% and its foiling capacity by 30%. It is also about to open a brand new 300,000ft2 warehouse and distribution centre in Telford.

Gerald Allen, marketing manager at Epwin Window Systems, said:

"We are very excited to be the only systems house to currently have this latest technology. Together with our investment in two new twin lines earlier in 2019, we are setting a new standard for foiling in the industry."



Epwin Window Systems