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Evolution as a shared vision

Dear Customers,

Operating in a constantly changing market requires attention, adaptability and a clear vision. With this approach, the TAKA-WPR Group moves forward on its journey, building on consolidated expertise, long-lasting relationships and a constant drive for improvement.

Our approach is always the same: listening, supporting, building solutions together. Real value lies in relationships and mutual trust, especially when the market context requires careful choices and a long-term vision. Now more than ever, we are committed to supporting you not just as suppliers, but also as trusted partners.

Operating within our organisation entails the same sense of responsibility. Our employees are the beating heart of the

group: investing in their professional growth and paying attention to their well-being and needs, is not just a slogan for us, but a concrete commitment.

It is therefore no coincidence that the key word of this edition of Looking Around is **evolution**.

A positive and tangible evolution concerning our increasingly performing and innovative products; our Academy, created to share expertise and guide technical and cultural growth; the development of our teams, aimed at fostering energy, ideas and fresh perspectives.

Evolution also means creating opportunities for meeting and networking: from trade fairs, where innovation and discussion primarily take place, to environmental sustainability initiatives dedicated to the area in which we operate and live, such as the clean-up day organized this year.

We move forward with awareness and consistency.

For us, evolution also means improving what we are and what we offer every day, working along our customers, with responsibility, expertise and a shared vision.

Giacomo Costenaro
CEO – TAKA- WPR Group



ACADEMY TIPS 10 years of TAKA-WPR Academy

We are happy to announce this first major milestone of our TAKA-WPR Academy: 10 years of intense activity and significant achievements.

Since the Academy was started, we have been working to expand our training offer. What began as traditional training activities, then became part of a more structured and complete approach, comprising audits of the production department, classroom courses and hands-on training directly on the machines, all based on real data and accompanied by dedicated reports.

This methodology allows us to offer an in-depth, concrete training that can perfectly adapted to the reality and needs of each and every individual customer. Data analysis, in fact, enables a day-to-day control of company's performance and an implementation of targeted corrective

actions. An important study led by the Fraunhofer Institute in Bremen, analyzing a group of products subject to complaints, showed that 90% of problems arise from processes that are not under control. The activities carried out during the first ten years of the Academy have fully confirmed this data.

Some key figures about us:

- Over 400 training courses delivered
- More than 150 internal audits conducted

Over time, the staff of TAKA-WPR Academy has grown to include:

- 4 qualified technical support specialists for training
- 1 coordinator of the application laboratory for advanced courses at the Taka 3 headquarters
- 1 internal support staff member (back office)

Our team is highly qualified, with strong expertise both in the exterior sector lamination of PVC and aluminium profiles and in the furniture and furnishing sector.

Over the years, we have also combined training with a series of publications dedicated to trainers and participants, thus contributing to a more complete and efficient learning process.

The 10th anniversary of the Academy also marks a moment of change: from the 1st of July, our Director, Maurizio Carrer will retire. Stefano Dissegna, to whom we extend our best wishes, will take over the role.

To further strengthen training activities, especially the advanced courses developed internally, a new site of about 1,500 m² entirely dedicated to the application laboratory and training,

and called the Performance Hub will be inaugurated in the autumn. In the next issue there will be more details about this project.

Looking to the future, we have new initiatives and projects underway, which reflects our commitment to training and to the development of internal and external resources, a key pillar of TAKA-WPR.



IF YOU WISH TO KNOW MORE ABOUT OUR ACADEMY AND OUR NEW TRAINING COURSES, PLEASE SEND A MESSAGE TO: ACADEMY@TAKA-WPR.COM



STRATO EVO: The Evolution of Profile Wrapping is here

Unveiled at the end of March during Fensterbau trade fair in Nuremberg, the new STRATO EVO is designed to make PVC and aluminum profile wrapping easier than ever. Anyone daily involved in the wrapping of PVC profiles knows the challenges of the process: complex setup, precise temperature control and above all correct primer application. Just a few centimeters of uneven application can turn meters of profile into costly scrap. By the time the issue is detected, it is often already too late.

WPR dealt with all these issues and developed the new STRATO EVO. Here are some of its key features.

Visual primer inspection: a real breakthrough

The most important innovation is also the most revolutionary one: a visual primer inspection system featuring high-resolution cameras equipped with advanced optical filters. The system continuously verifies that the primer is evenly applied on every centimeter of the profile, thus detecting what is invisible to the human eye. At the first sign of any anomaly, the operator receives an immediate alert. Problems can therefore be corrected instantly, before producing meters of scrap.

An operator panel designed around operators

The user interface has been completely redesigned with a smartphone-inspired logic:

simple and intuitive. A split-screen mode allows operators to view process parameters and machine status simultaneously. Notifications are delivered proactively, ensuring operators receive critical information before a problem with the machine is even noticed.

An ecosystem of services always within reach

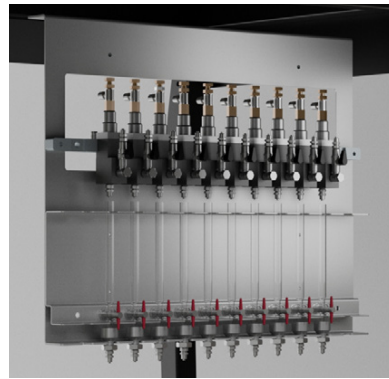
Directly from the control panel, users can access interactive video tutorials, the MyHub digital platform - featuring manuals, spare parts information and a 3D visualization of the machine - and EVA, WPR's virtual assistant trained on WPR's internal technical documentation. Just imagine having an experienced colleague available whenever you need support.

Modularity, safety, and practicality

The modular primer cabin can be reconfigured without costly interventions. The blower has been repositioned above the cabin, freeing up valuable workspace. The primer calibration system has been simplified, making operations faster and safer. New LED optical barriers can be managed via an app, while the sliding guides can be easily adapted to any profile type.

Want to learn more?

Contact us for further information.



Scan the QR code and watch the video.



TAKA and AKKOTEX: complementary expertise for technical textiles

When experience and specialization come together, new application opportunities emerge.

Broadening its horizons and engaging with new fields of application is part of TAKA's development path. In this context the collaboration with Akkotex, a company which supported TAKA's entry into the **textile sector**, has been developed.

Technical textiles are a constantly evolving field, characterized by increasingly specific requirements in terms of performance, reliability and versatility.

In this scenario, TAKA's know-how in industrial adhesives has found application in the lamination of materials for sportswear and workwear, thus contributing to the development of increasingly complex processes.

AKKOTEX, founded in 1990 and based in Brendola, employs 40 people. Using the most advanced technologies, it is active

in the field of fabric and foam bonding, as well as the sale of its own textiles.

Customer orientation, quality, flexibility and research are at the basis of the company's activities and enable the development of customized solutions, designed and developed through partnerships to achieve the best results in terms of performance.

The services offered include technical bonding processes applied across various sectors: **clothing and fashion, sportswear, footwear, furniture, nautical and automotive industries.**

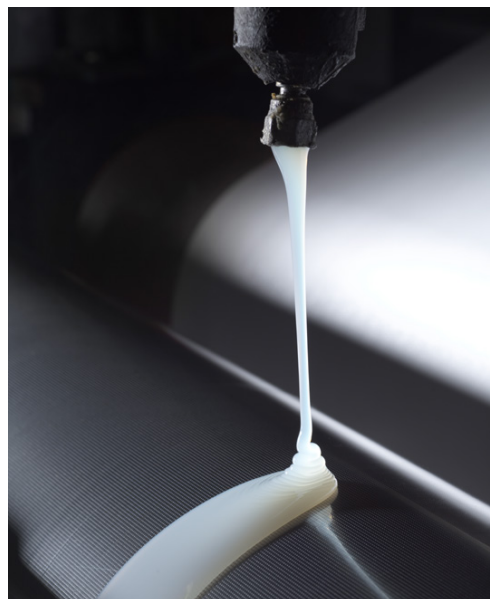
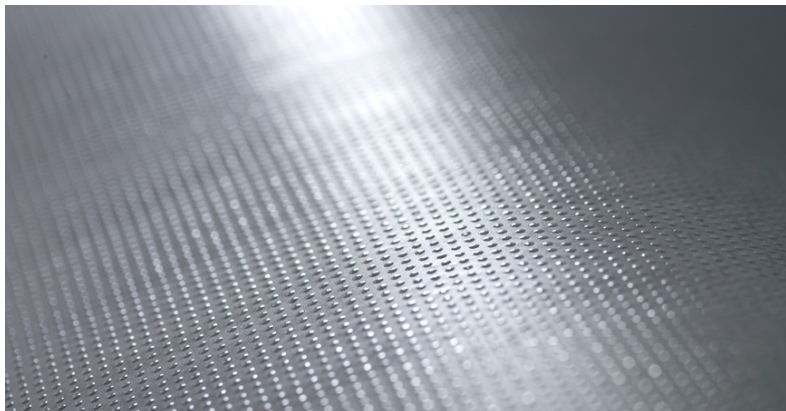
The relationship between TAKA and Akkotex has developed through a continuous exchange on application requirements and process needs. TAKA provides its formulation know-how, supplying adhesives designed to ensure adhesion, flexibility and compatibility with advanced textile materials, whereas Akkotex integrates them into its production

cycles, adapting them to meet the specific requirements of customers.

This approach enabled to enhance both companies' expertise, contributing to improved application performances and expanding the range of potential uses of our adhesives in advanced technical contexts.

TAKA's journey in the textile sector has also been supported by its participation as an exhibitor at **Techtextil 2026**, leading international trade fair for the industry, which represented an opportunity to engage with the market and present its solutions to a specialized audience.

The collaboration between TAKA and Akkotex is built on complementary skills and continuous dialogue: a concrete example of how integration between different players in the supply chain can generate value and support the evolution of the sector.



TAKA Application Laboratory: where resistance meets passion

There is a place at TAKA where every day is a concrete challenge, made of samples to be tested, results to be measured and solutions to be found. It is the application laboratory, where all adhesives are tested on a wide range of materials, working side by side with R&D in the development of new TAKA adhesives.

Resistance and durability tests, performance analyses: the laboratory speaks the language of data, but it is made up of people who bring far more than technical expertise every day.

Sandro dal Carobbo: order and innovation every day

If the laboratory works with rhythm and continuity, this happens because Sandro is behind the scenes. He manages work scheduling, ensuring that every activity has its space, priority and timing, and coordinates the team by organizing and updating the project list. He is also responsible for interpreting and validating data in order to provide clients with clear reports and practical advice.

Pietro Zanatta: from sample to report without

missing a detail

Pietro manages client communication from the arrival of samples through to the delivery of reports and supports the Academy in organizing training courses. Outside the laboratory, he enjoys cycling, hiking, Asian and fusion cuisine.

Maichol Ronzani: the glue that holds the team together

Maichol organizes the team’s daily activities, takes care of the working atmosphere and

ensures the quality of results. His energy is contagious: he is always smiling and loves working in a team. In his free time, you’ll often find him in the woods collecting mushrooms or following rally racing, his great passion.

Gilberto Moreno Arias: naturally optimistic

Precise and calm in carrying out the assigned tasks, Gilberto brings every day to the team and to interactions with Latin American clients the richness of his Dominican roots. He loves warm weather, the sea and Latin

dances. He also has an artistic side: he writes songs and reads romance novels.

Matteo Campagnolo: always on the move by inclination

Smiling, attentive to trends and full of ideas, he brings a lively energy to the laboratory. In his free time he plays tennis, padel and volleyball: he is always active. His real passion, however, is football, which he has been playing for twenty years.

Matteo Franco: determined and precise

A degree in sports science, fifteen years playing amateur football and a passion for the mountains, Matteo Franco does not wait for things to happen: he organizes them. Naturally proactive, he is precise and detail-oriented in the laboratory.

Six people, six different stories, one shared goal: ensuring that every adhesive passes the toughest tests!



Evolving through connections and networking: Fensterbau and Clean-up day

For us, evolution also means investing in opportunities for connection and networking: from trade fairs like Fensterbau Frontale 2026, valuable occasions to engage with clients and industry professionals, to environmental sustainability initiatives such as the Clean-up Day, thanks to which we contributed to the preservation of the territory where we operate and live.

Fensterbau Frontale 2026: innovations and networking.

Our participation in the Fensterbau Frontale fair in Nuremberg was a significant moment of engagement with

our clients. Right after the welcome area, visitors could see the new STRATO EVO machine, introduced on the previous page, and explore its various features, such as the interactive chat, with the support of our sales network.

The booth also featured a dedicated area for digital services, where visitors could explore our machines in virtual reality using a headset and navigate the MyHub spare parts portal. Our Academy trainers were ready to answer technical questions and discuss personalized training plans.

The experience we provided our clients would not have been complete without

the restaurant area with our Italian catering. Fensterbau 2026 once again proved to be an important opportunity for networking and strengthening relationships.

Clean-up Day 2026: waste collection as a symbolic gesture of environmental protection.

For us at TAKA-WPR, networking is not only participating in trade fairs or social events but also contributing to the causes we believe in, such as environmental sustainability. After last year’s tree-planting activity at the Piana di Marcesina, this year we organized

a Clean-up Day in collaboration with Marevivo association.

Many of our team members, accompanied by family and friends, cleaned the Boschettona Beach, located in the southern part of the Venetian lagoon, collecting 140 Kg of highly polluting material and thus contributing to the restoration of the area.

This day reminded us of the importance of environmental sustainability for future generations and the local territory, while also allowing us to enjoy moments of play, conviviality and fun.



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