

Lean Manufacturing

This award is for improved company performance through the adoption of lean techniques. Entrants were encouraged to show the involvement of staff at all levels and demonstrate tangible benefits



The company now looks forward to meeting the challenges ahead with renewed confidence

Winner **InterFlex Scotland**

This was a sound, well-structured and comprehensive submission that reflected a genuine commitment to an inclusive approach to lean – an approach that has successfully engaged the entire firm. Attention to the basics has built a good foundation for improvement projects.

Flexible packaging and waxed paper supplier InterFlex Scotland has a turnover of £15m and currently employs 90 people. It began to focus on lean in 2004, with five managers attending a training programme run by the European Flexographic Technical Association. This was followed by a Vision in Print (VIP) Premier Snapshot in December 2004, which resulted in recommendations and proposals for business improvements.

To keep momentum and tackle staff reticence about the changes, VIP was once again engaged in January 2006. Five bespoke Booster programmes were launched, aimed at improving sales, order processing and planning, workplace organisation, make-ready reduction, laminator process improvements and lean-focused maintenance.

The re-engineering and removal of wasteful activities in each of these programmes has made job roles easier and, in most cases, quicker, cut costs and boosted productivity and quality.

Finalists

Howard Hunt Group
Bezier

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