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BeA Beats the Competition

BeA Fastening Systems Limited, one of Europe's leading suppliers of performance led pneumatic tools and fasteners, has supplied furniture manufacturer Olympia with an automatic clipping machine which has revolutionised the production process and has already significantly increased output.

As part of a production overhaul, Olympia specified the Vertex VersaClipper to apply spring location clips to sofa rails. The state-of-the-art automatic clipping machine, which requires only one operator, replaces two manual semi-auto clippers, slashing production costs dramatically. The new system has the capacity to clip up to two times faster than semi-automatic machines and up to six times faster than manual clipping procedures. With a holding capacity of 1500 versaclips, the system which requires limited reloading has dramatically increased output and clips up to 200 rails per hour.

"Aside from increasing output, the fact that the VersaClipper is CNC programmable for quick and easy changeover to accommodate our complete range of sofas is a major advantage," commented Gary Williams, production manager, Olympia. "The computerised control box has download programmability for storage of more than 5,500 rail and clip spacing configurations which means that it is completely flexible."

Additional features of the system include an adjustable rail height and width control, a clipped product exit rail stacker, flip-up conveyor chain lugs and push button chain reverse.

BeA Fastening Systems Limited has been successfully supplying Olympia with an extensive range of tools and fasteners for over three years. Recently, the production line was totally upgraded with the installation of more than 160 BeA staplers throughout the frame assembly and upholstery process. It is estimated that a staggering total of 737.1 million staples per annum are used for the production of the upholstered sofas.

Further benefits of the ongoing contract include the extensive technical support package offered by BeA. The fleet of service vans will continue to provide regular onsite support and preventative maintenance in order to reduce product downtime. The external network is comprehensively supported by a fully-equipped service department and engineering tool room at the East Yorkshire-based head office.

BeA Fastening Systems Limited is at the forefront of fastening applications, with a comprehensive range of products that are lightweight, accurate, easy-to-use, reliable, weight balanced around the trigger, not to mention easy-to-load. The company is renowned when it comes to product performance and longevity.

For literature and pricing information on the complete range of equipment and materials available from BeA contact the sales office on 0800 0935154 or log onto www.bea.uk.com for further details.

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