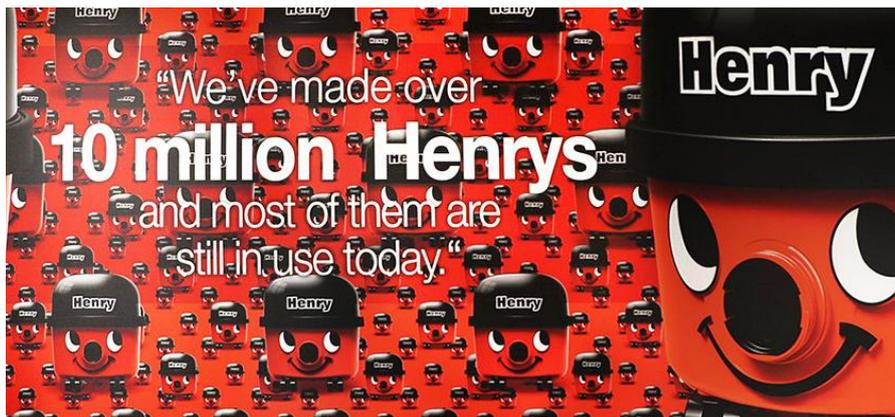


NEWS RELEASE**WITTMANN BATTENFELD UK
helps keep Henry smiling!**

The smiling red face of the “Henry”, made by Numatic, is now a common feature in British public life. Numatic was founded in Crewkerne Somerset in 1969 by Chris Duncan, and in 2017 it passed the 10 million mark for the numbers of Henrys made. The main Numatic manufacturing is now located in Chard, Somerset and market demand is necessitating a period of rapid expansion. Meanwhile automation and ancillary manufacturing equipment from WITTMANN BATTENFELD UK have lately been playing an increasing role in helping Numatic achieve its production ambitions and targets.



The Henry vacuum cleaner is one of the UK best recognized exports in the domestic appliance field.

In recent years WITTMANN BATTENFELD UK has come to be the automation partner of choice for the company; some twenty plus WITTMANN linear robots in a variety of sizes and functions are now helping keep production humming at Numatic. The most recent automation orders have featured the abilities and benefits of the WITTMANN **PRIMUS** robot.

Adrian Walters, WITTMANN BATTENFELD UK Engineering Sales Manager notes that “the **PRIMUS** robot is nothing if not versatile. We are delighted to be using its capabilities to the full in order to assist Numatic’s production needs and to execute manufacturing operations to the highest possible standard.”

Walters adds that “we are also more than happy to be joining Numatic staff in all the detail involved in creating an automated injection molding cell; helping design and install the necessary guarding, conveyors, temperature controllers and control systems in order to ensure faultless operations.”



WITTMANN's PRIMUS robot – helping optimize production of the Henry at Numatic in the UK.

Both companies have demonstrated a very public commitment to the environment; specifically with regard to energy consumption: All WITTMANN equipment – including the **PRIMUS** robot – has been designed for low-energy use and with this environmental aim in mind.

This policy chimes in perfectly with Numatic's stated commitment to the Plastics Sector Climate Change Agreement which commits Numatic to a reduction of energy usage per kg of material processed by 17% before the end of this year, based on 2008 levels. Numatic also meets its obligations under the Energy Savings Opportunity Scheme (ESOS). The company also diligently reviews the audit in order to implement as many of the findings as it practically can.

In terms of manpower and training both companies also have shown a commitment to bringing on youngsters through apprenticeship training. WITTMANN BATTENFELD UK and Numatic apprentices have both worked together in equipping production cells for automation.

WITTMANN BATTENFELD UK has been supporting Numatic's injection molding facility at Chard with automation and ancillary equipment for some 15 years. Planned expansion in this area is likely to mean further investment and further automation over coming years.

Again, in this area, Numatic is showing an impressive commitment to the environment. Since molding is responsible for such a large proportion of energy consumption Numatic has ensured that nearly all of its injection molding machines have been fitted with insulating barrel jackets – increasing the general efficiency of the process by some 10%. Numatic has a zero waste to landfill objective and typically recycles some 84 tons of polypropylene plastic per year.

In short, the WIBA UK contribution looks certain to promote and support the Numatic manufacturing and environmental agenda for some time to come.

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The WITTMANN Group

The WITTMANN Group is a globally leading manufacturer of injection molding machines, robots and auxiliary equipment for processing a great variety of plasticizable materials – both plastic and non-plastic. The group of companies has its headquarters in Vienna, Austria and consists of two main divisions: WITTMANN BATTENFELD and WITTMANN. Following the principles of environmental protection, conservation of resources and circular economy, the WITTMANN Group engages in state-of-the-art process technology for maximum energy efficiency in injection molding, and in processing standard materials and materials with a high content of recyclates and renewable raw materials. The products of the WITTMANN Group are designed for horizontal and vertical integration into a Smart Factory and can be interlinked to form an intelligent production cell.

The companies of the group jointly operate eight production plants in five countries, and the additional sales companies at their 34 different locations are present in all major industrial markets around the world.

WITTMANN BATTENFELD pursues the continued strengthening of its market position as a manufacturer of injection molding machines and supplier of comprehensive modern machine technology in modular design. The product range of WITTMANN includes robots and automation systems, material handling systems, dryers, gravimetric and volumetric blenders, granulators, temperature controllers and chillers. The combination of the individual areas under the umbrella of the WITTMANN Group enables perfect integration – to the advantage of injection molding processors with an increasing demand for seamless interlocking of processing machines, automation and auxiliaries.