

WEC

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Introducing the WEC Group of companies



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INTRODUCING WEC GROUP

Founded in 1979, WEC Group Ltd is one of the largest engineering and fabrication companies in the UK. With over 800 employees, 600,000+ sq. ft. of manufacturing floor space and the rarity of still being privately-owned, the Group consists of fifteen specialist divisions covering different aspects of subcontract engineering, plus its own in-house apprentice training academy.



600,000 SQ FT
of Manufacturing Floorspace

800+
Highly Skilled Staff

9
Manufacturing Sites

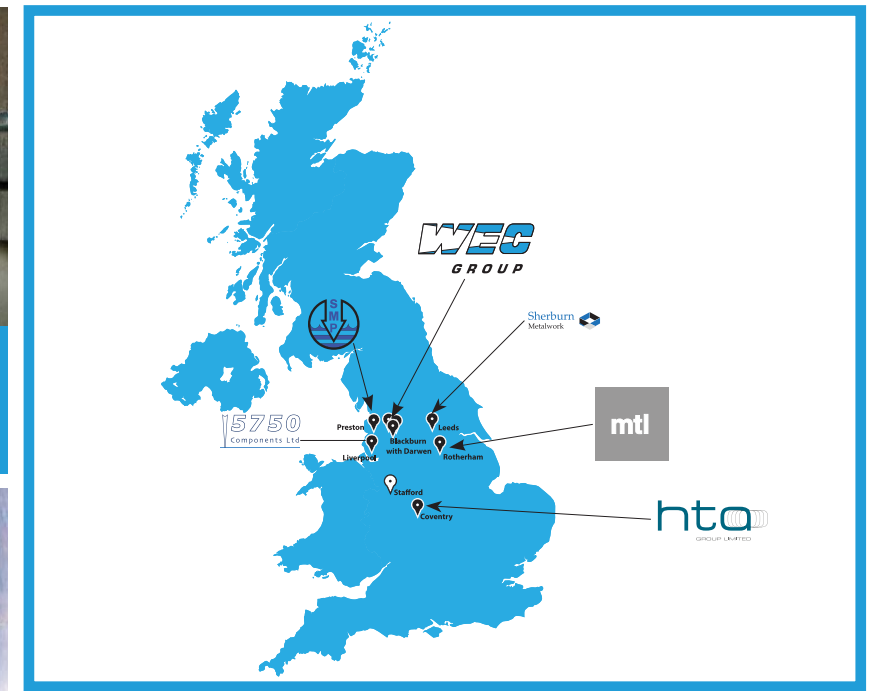
15
Specialist Divisions



150 Skilled Welders



60 Apprentices



29 Profiling Machines

23 Press Brakes

40 CNC Machines

12 Robot Welders





FABRICATION



WEC Fabrication

We offer a one-stop-shop service at our state-of-the-art facilities across the UK. Our skilled engineers are conversant with all aspects of fabrication, from fine-line sheet metalwork through to small, medium and large fabrications.

Our clients require both bespoke and batch work fabrication in various metals including mild steel, boiler plate, corten, 304/316/2205 stainless steel, monel, titanium, copper, nickel and invar; we've even been known to work in platinum!

Certified to ISO 9001:2008, RISQS verified and with over 35 years' specialised experience in dealing with all metals and alloys, WEC Fabrication provides a comprehensive computer design, manufacture and installation service to all aspects of the engineering sector.

Working to BS/EN 1090 standards and with over 150 skilled welders, craneage facilities of up to 30 tonnes and a wide range of modern fabrication equipment including robotic welding, we offer TIG, MIG and arc coded welding as well as sheet metalwork, large machining & heavy engineering.

All coded welding is assessed by PED assessment bodies such as Royal Sun, Lloyds and Bureau Veritas.

With an in-house design team utilising the latest software, we can provide support for any project from concept to completion. We also provide an installation service with CSCS qualified construction installers and PTS qualified rail installers.

Aerospace

We are well-versed in the manufacture and installation of aerospace equipment. We possess a wealth of experience in the fabrication of mould tools in invar, aluminium and mild steel, as well as the fabrication and inspection of specialist ground equipment. With skilled coded welders and NDT inspection in place, WEC Group is ideally placed to provide solutions for the aerospace industry.

Pressure Vessels

We have been involved in various pressure vessel projects over the years including nuclear fluorine cells. All work is carried out in line with PED 97/23/EC standards and manufactured to BSEN5500 and ASME standards, ensuring all pressure vessels meet the necessary quality levels.

We also manufacture diver's decompression chambers to BSEN5500 Cat 1 Vessel standards and various heat exchangers to ASME8 standards. We provide 3rd party notified body inspection, qualified NDT testing and hydrostatic/air testing.

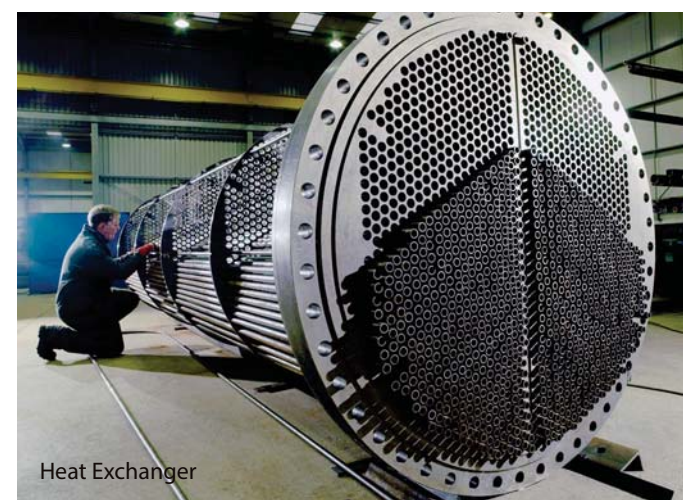
Nuclear

A combination of our highly-skilled workforce, detail design and 3D solid modelling techniques allow us to provide a fully comprehensive service to the Nuclear industry.

This is strengthened by a wealth of experience in lifetime quality records (LTQR) and non-destructive testing (NDT) methods, which together enable us to provide heavy engineering and large fabrication services to the industry.

We're also experienced in the manufacture of complex parts including containment vessels, pressure vessels, hoppers and chutes to name a few.

www.welding-eng.com



Heat Exchanger



Stainless Steel Pressure Vessel

“From sheet metalwork through to small, medium and large fabrications”



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LASER



WEC Laser

WEC Laser has grown from strength to strength and we are now one of the UK's largest sub-contract CNC laser cutting companies.

Continuous investment in the latest laser cutting technology is the key to the division's dramatic growth over the past few years, and our state-of-the-art CNC laser machines enable us to compete at the highest level.

In addition to our traditional flatbed laser cutting services, we also supply laser cutting of tube, box section and open profiles.

WEC Laser now boasts an enviable capacity list which includes 23 flat-bed lasers, 2 tube lasers, 23 press brakes as well as full in-house fabrication and powder coating facilities.

Our laser machines enable us to cut up to 20m x 3.2m sheet size and our new 7Kw laser is capable of laser cutting stainless steel and mild steel up to 25mm thickness as well as cutting aluminium up to 20mm thickness. Our tube lasers have the capacity to cut parts up to 6m long, 370mm diameter x 12.5mm thick.

WEC Laser has also recently invested in the latest fibre laser technology, a more environmentally friendly process, which gives us the cutting edge on thin gauge materials and also enables us to cut brass and copper sheets of up to 6mm thick.

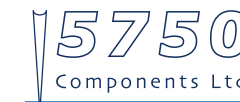
In our line of business, flexibility is key and we have long since adopted a 24/7 3 shifts working pattern at both our sites to maximize our productivity and therefore reduce the cutting costs for our customers.

CNC Punching

We also offer CNC punching as an alternative processing route to laser cutting, with the capability to punch components up to 3000mm x 1250mm with embossing, forming, countersinking, thread forming and engraving, reducing the need for additional operations.

www.laser-eng.com
www.5750components.co.uk

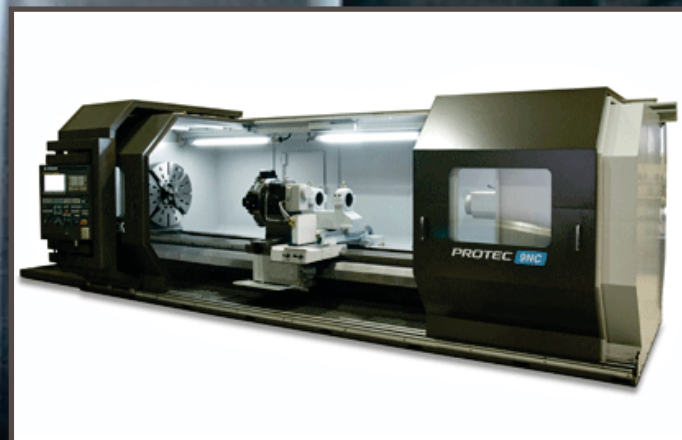
Companies under WEC Laser



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With 23 flat bed lasers and 2 tube cutting machines we are one of the largest laser cutting operations in the UK
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“Wide range of sub-contract multi axis machining”



WEC Machining

WEC Machining manufactures precision machined components and assemblies to customer specifications.

Following substantial investment in the latest CNC machinery, WEC Machining is able to offer a wide range of sub-contract multi axis CNC machining services. We provide our customers with a CNC Milling capability of up to eight metres in length alongside Horizontal Pallet loaders for cost-effective batch manufacturing. CNC lathes with both driven tooling and sub-spindle options provide turning capacity up to 3.8 metres in length, 920mm diameter.

We've also invested in CNC Mill Turn Centres with both driven tooling and sub-spindle options which enables the machining of complex parts in one hit. Complemented by a CAD/CAM system to minimise programming and downtime, the shop floor can provide a rapid response to customer requirements.

Recent investments in the latest sliding head turning technology also enable us to supply large batches of small turned parts at very competitive rates.

Over the past few years, WEC Machining has been going through an ambitious expansion plan which started with the acquisition of Nutter Aircrafts in 2010, a precision engineering company with over 70 years' experience.

This was followed by over £3,000,000 of investments to double our capacity and relocate to a larger facility with room for expansion.

Now operating from a purpose built 33,000 sq. ft. production facility purposely fitted out to create a highly modern, fully functional machine shop, WEC Machining carries out entire projects in-house. This allows us to provide a fast, comprehensive and cost-effective service, meeting the challenging specifications and schedules called for by our customers.

Complementing all aspects of component and sub-assembly manufacture, we have a comprehensive assembly facility providing mechanical, electromechanical and hydro-mechanical assemblies.

Clarendon by WEC (previously known as Hi-Spec Machinery) also manufacture a range of heavy duty abrasive workshop machinery such as grinders, belt sanders, brushes/polishers, dust extractors and metalworking bench presses for educational and industrial organisations.

Hi-Spec Tail Lifts also sits under WEC Machining, providing ambulance tail lifts and patient lifts for the emergency services.

www.wec-machining.com





Large and heavy machining services to the UK's highest standards

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LARGE MACHINING



WEC Large Machining

WEC Large Machining provides large and heavy machining services to the UK's highest standards.

The division continually invests in the latest machining equipment and a highly skilled workforce to ensure that the work produced is of the highest quality for our customers.

Thanks to investments in the latest floor-type milling technology, we now boast three large machines with maximum capacity of 11.5m x 1.5m x (2.5m + 0.45m).

We provide large and heavy machined components to a broad range of industries including niche sectors requiring specialist and high accuracy parts such as nuclear, defence, aerospace, oil & gas and marine.

The quality and accuracy of the milled components produced by WEC Large Machining is always of the highest standard.

Our increasing capacity enables us to provide a fast, comprehensive and cost-effective service and meet the challenging specifications and schedules called for by our customers.



www.welding-eng.com/large-machining





WEC Waterjet - Dynamic Waterjet Cutting

WECJet Ltd, trading as WEC Waterjet, is our specialist waterjet cutting division.

Utilising the latest cutting technology, WEC Waterjet is a great addition to the Group's already extensive range of subcontract engineering services. Based at a 17,000 sq. ft. factory in Blackburn, Lancashire, WEC Waterjet has been set up to complement the Group's existing laser cutting and machining divisions, offering cutting services on a broader range of material and thicknesses.

Heavy investments in industry leading dynamic waterjet technology mean that we can offer machined tolerances and quality to the UK's highest standards. The use of specialist 3D & computerised motion control software enables WEC Waterjet to produce highly complex shapes, and the capacity of waterjet cutting any materials up to 200mm thickness with a bed size of up to 12m x 3m bed and an accuracy that matches machined tolerances of + / - 0.1mm.

With the capability of waterjet cutting armoured plate and composite materials and our recent AS 9100 accreditation, WEC Waterjet has generated new opportunities for the Group in a broad range of industries including aerospace, defence, automotive, formula 1, construction, engineering, marine and oil & gas to name but a few.

www.wecjet.com

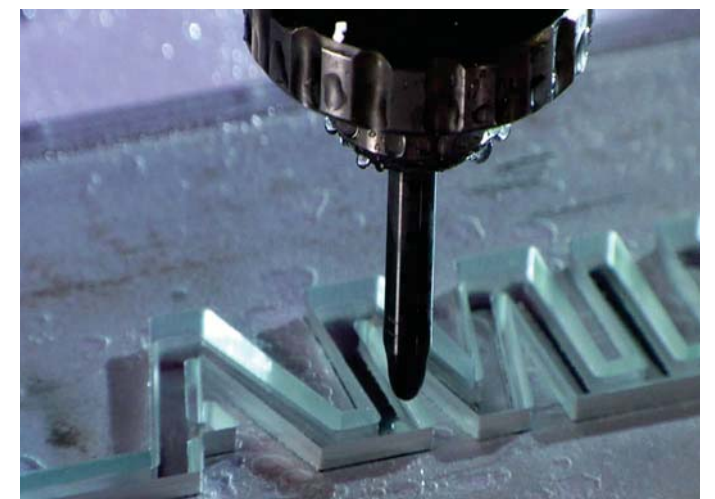


Cut ANY material up to 200mm thickness!

Copper	Acrylic	Glass	Granite
Brass	Plastics	Fibreglass	Limestone
Bronze	Carpet	Carbon Fibre	Marble
Carbon / Mild Steel	Cork	Wood	Slate
Stainless Steel	Foamex	Leather	Ceramics
Iron	Rubber	Silicone	Aluminium
Armoured Steel	Composite Metals	Bullet Proof Glass	Dibond

Benefits include:

- > High precision cutting tolerances
- > Reduce cutting time by up to 70%
- > High repeatability
- > No heat affected zones (HAZ)
- > Reduce waste materials
- > Massively reduced set-up costs
- > Burr free finish even with intricate designs



**“ Dynamic waterjet cutting...
... cut any material up to 200mm thick ”**



“ WEC Powder Coating boasts a 4 stage in-line pre-treatment plant, 2 automatic reciprocators with 6 powder guns and a 90% powder recovery system! ”



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POWDER COATING



WEC Powder Coating & Shot Blasting

WEC Powder Coating is one of the newest divisions of WEC Group Ltd, offering sub-contract powder coating services nationwide.

The division has been launched as a way of strengthening our supply chain, and our highly skilled, in-house powder coating team has many years' experience in the industry.

As a result of our investment in the latest technology, we are able to offer a high-end service to our extensive customer list across a wide range of industries including rail, automotive, nuclear and aerospace to name but a few.

Our state-of-the-art powder coating system boasts a 4 stage in-line pre-treatment plant, two automatic reciprocators with six powder guns and a 90% powder recovery system. The recovery system ensures the process is extremely cost-effective and environmentally friendly.

The range of colours available is virtually unlimited, and we also offer shot blasting and wet paint spraying services with a range of standard RAL colours.

Powder Coating Benefits:

There are many benefits of powder coating. Powder coated surfaces are more resistant to chipping, scratching, fading, and wearing than other finishes, meaning it's extremely durable. The process is also environmentally friendly as virtually no pollutants are released into the air.

Shot Blasting

We also offer a shot blasting service to complement our powder coating division. We have the capacity to shot blast components up to four metres long and two metres wide and use the finest abrasives to ensure the perfect finish.

We also have additional shot blasting capabilities of up to 15m long x 6m wide x 4m high at our Rotherham facility which is ideal for large scale projects.



“WEC Rail provides design, fabrication and installation of signal structures, walkways and bridges”



WEC Rail is currently a leading force in providing innovative design, fabrication and installation of signal structures, walkways and bridges as well as providing a rail repair service, electrification, rolling stock metalwork, CCTV mounting solutions and outdoor cabinets. We are also experienced in rail refurbishment, including the safe disposal of redundant equipment and structures.

SIGNAL STRUCTURES

WEC Rail offers a variety of structures to suit all requirements. We are specialists in signal structures, straight post signal platforms (912mm, 1272mm & 1500mm width), gantry and cantilever type structures, all designed with the view of 'ease of installation'.

We have a knowledgeable and experienced in-house team of designers to provide innovative design ideas for your requirements. Our design team also offer Form A, Form B, structural calculations and Cat 2 checks.

FOOTBRIDGES & ACCESS FOR ALL FOOTBRIDGES

WEC Rail also design, manufacture and install the most complex and bespoke bridges. We offer a variety of structures to suit all requirements, and are specialists in 'Access for All' bridges, walkway bridges and cable bridges.

We are proud of our team of highly skilled fitters, welders and fabricators, including our rail repair team, slinger banks men and IPAF accredited MEWP operators.

RAIL REPAIRS

WEC Rail has a dedicated PTS Skilled rail repair team who carry out a number of on-site repair operations such as structure and bridge repairs, station and canopy repairs/refurbishments, on-site steel repairs and rivet busting.

ROLLING STOCK METALWORK

From structural metalwork and under-frames through to electrical enclosures and body end cubicles, WEC Rail is experienced in delivering high quality rolling stock metalwork to the industry. We work closely with world leading train manufacturers and provide the highest levels of quality.

We are experienced in rapid prototyping and retro-fitting, working with customers to improve current products in a cost-effective manner.

ELECTRIFICATION

WEC Rail is also actively involved with Rail Electrification contracts and we are one of Europe's leading manufacturers of overhead steel poles for Light Rail Transit Systems and for overhead Electrification lines.

CCTV

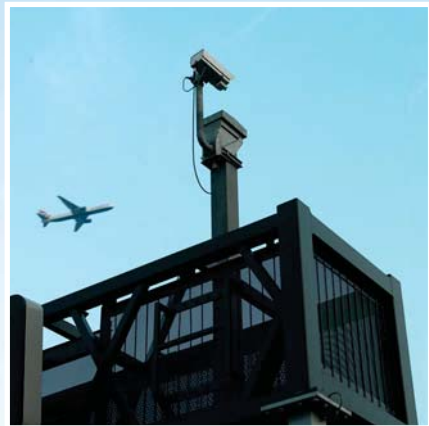
Our CCTV products are used all over the UK Rail Network and help prevent vandalism and trespassing on the railway. Our products can be found on most major station platforms, station car parks and signal crossings.

We also offer a wide and varied range of outdoor rail side cabinets, from standard off the shelf products to those tailor made to specific customer requirements.

Due to the critical nature of the products we manufacture, we are accredited to BS EN, ISO 9001:2008, RISQS and adopt the FAI approach in all we do. As with many projects a slight variance in design could lead to a significant change in the total project cost.

www.wecrail.com





“WEC CCTV are world leaders in the CCTV mounting industry today”



WEC CCTV

WEC CCTV is a world leading manufacturer of CCTV mounting products with over three decades of experience in the design, production and manufacture of CCTV columns, poles and towers from 4m - 18m in height. We produce a wide range of products and small ancillary items such as brackets and anti-vandal protection cages.

With a large number of standard items always kept in stock, we can provide products quickly and efficiently. We are a competitive source of supply for your CCTV mounting products and, coupled with a highly skilled engineering team, this ensures we are well positioned to meet the current and future demands of the CCTV industry.

Our engineers use computer aided design (CAD) facilities dedicated to the closed circuit television and associated industries and are able to channel their vast knowledge and skills to produce high quality camera mounting solutions.

Constant self-investment programmes have enabled us to acquire the very latest in laser cutting and metal forming technology. Our vast array of modern machines ensures that we remain market leaders by providing customers with the highest quality and accuracy manufactured by any company today.

The transport fleet at WEC not only offers a delivery service, but also provides a column delivery and placement service. We currently deliver and place columns up to 18 meters in height onto prepared bases throughout the UK and Europe.

Deliveries can be made to suit your needs. If the situation arises where you require evening, weekend or night time deliveries, our efficient transport department is always there to liaise with you.

Our bespoke services team are experts in helping you overcome difficult and awkward mounting solutions. We are able to work from all types of drawings, from photographs and simple sketches through to full engineering drawings. Production takes place seven days a week to ensure all special orders are on site with the minimum of delay.

EXPORT

We also have a dedicated export division understanding overseas installations and offering support from initial tender stage until project completion including supporting design documentation, full export documentation and shipping management.

Full logistic solutions are available to cover every region of the world by all modes of transport. Whether your requirements are by land, sea, air or multi-modal, we offer a professional service from origin to the final destination.

HIGHWAYS

We work closely with the Highways Agency and are accredited to supply motorways structures in accordance with the National Highway Sector Scheme 6. This encompasses the design, manufacture and installation of structures for camera mounting, including structures for traffic signals and camera systems.

www.wec.uk.net



“ MTL specialise in cutting, bending, machining and welding parts in large format and high strength materials ”

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MTL Advanced

MTL Advanced is our Yorkshire-based steel engineering and contract manufacturing company which operates from a 300,000 sq. ft. factory in Rotherham.

With an impressive range of state-of-the-art technology and equipment available, MTL acts as the manufacturing arm of large OEM's from leading industries such as defence and security, construction and quarrying, offshore & renewable energy, recycling and rail. MTL constantly invests in the latest cutting edge technology as a way of ensuring our capability and capacity consistently outperforms our competition.

With the capacity of cutting parts up to 20m long x 3.2m wide x 20mm thick, MTL's Messer is the largest laser machine in the UK. It is capable of cutting both chamfers and weld preps of up to +/-50 degrees, improving efficiency and productivity - reducing costs and lead times for our customers.

In addition, our facility houses a robotic tube cutting machine with capability of 1000mm diameter x 40mm wall thickness.

Thanks to investments in the latest welding equipment, we currently have 10 robotic welding cells and various automated welding systems in-house. We have also recently invested in state-of-the-art shot blasting and wet painting facilities with the capability to paint/blast components up to 15m long x 6m wide x 4m high.

MTL specialise in contract manufacturing and is one of the few profiling companies in the UK to offer four different cutting methods under one roof; laser and waterjet cutting, flame cutting, & high-definition plasma cutting.

We hold a vast range of stock plate material at our state-of-art-facility to meet our clients' needs, be it for meeting a ballistic threat level specification or relining a bucket from Hardox plate. Our relationship with the major steel mills in both Europe and the USA allows us to respond quickly to our customers' requirements using some of the best materials on the market.

Plates are readily available for a wide range of categories in numerous specifications and grades, up to 12 metres long, 3.2m wide and 200mm thick in the following materials:

- > Armour Plate
- > Hardox Wear Plate
- > High Strength Steel
- > Carbon Steel
- > Aluminium
- > Offshore Grade Steel



www.mtladv.com



New 15 x 6m x 4m Shot blasting & wet painting facilities

TRUMPF

TruBend 5130



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GROUP LIMITED



HTA Group

HTA Group is our Coventry-based subcontract manufacturing company specialising in laser cutting, CNC punching, CNC folding and fabrication.

Established in 1973, the company operate from a 95,000 sq. ft. state-of-the-art manufacturing facility and have made large scale investments in some of the world's most sophisticated machinery.

HTA's laser cutting machines operate 24 hours a day and are the most technologically advanced machines on the market. The machinery line-up includes 4m x 2m fibre laser cutting machines with automated storage, loading, finished part removal and sorting which have been reported to be unparalleled in the country.

HTA's capacity also includes 7 CNC press brakes capable of folding up to 4000mm x 230t as well as 21 production welding cells, 1 robotic welding system and 5 prototype fabrication cells.

In addition, HTA's CNC punching capability enables the punching of components up to 3000mm x 1250mm with embossing, forming, countersinking, thread forming and engraving.

Accredited to ISO 9001:2008 along with registration for Achilles Automotive and RISQS for rail, HTA ensures the needs of customers are always met to the UK's highest standards.

HTA is an approved Tier 1 supplier to numerous global OEM's across a wide range of industries including automotive, oil & gas, defence, rail, marine, nuclear, petrochemical and many more.

The company works with customers on prestigious projects from one-off orders through to high volume production, bringing the same level of expertise and professionalism to each one.

www.htagroup.co.uk





Sherburn Metalwork



Sherburn Metalwork Ltd is our Yorkshire based fabrication Company specialising in fabrication, sheet metalwork and robotic welding.

With an exhaustive range of state-of-the-art technology and equipment available on tap, we are ideally placed to cater for a diverse customer base with a broad range of demands and requirements, especially in the automotive industry.

Our highly experienced welders are fully trained in various coded welding disciplines, and we also have state-of-the-art robotic welding facilities on-site which are operated on a 24 hour basis, meaning we are able to provide a quick turnaround, alongside an in house jig design and build service.

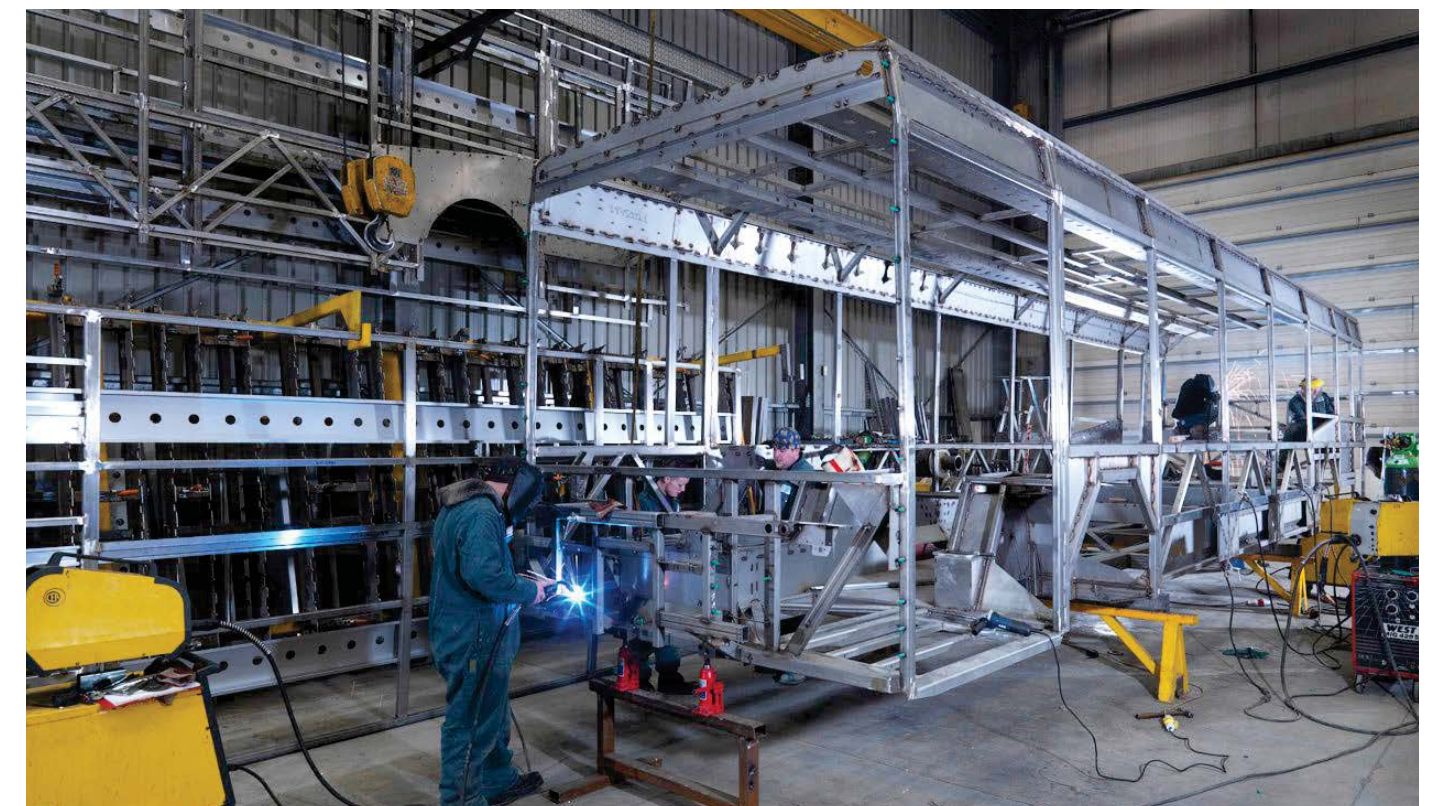
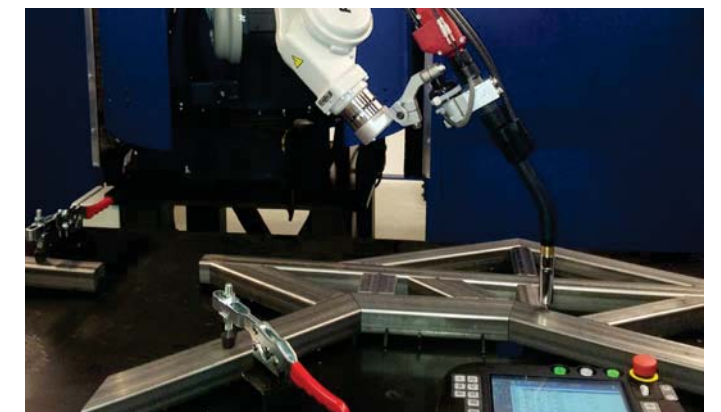
Our laser and waterjet cutting facilities alongside continuous investments in the latest technology ensure our capability and capacity are second to none.

Operating from purpose built facilities, we can carry out large batch works to individual one-off or bespoke pieces and projects. With the capacity to provide same and next day services, we are able to carry out entire projects in-house right through from the initial consultation to the assembly and installation of the completed product.

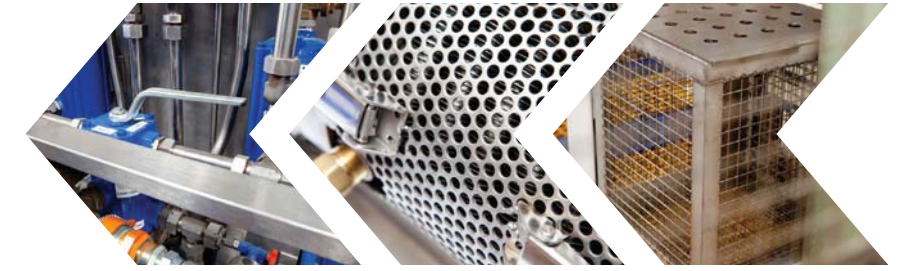
We work to ISO 9001:2008 standards with PPAP quality control and conform to the requirements of BS/EN 1090-1 CE Marking, a guarantee that you're in the right hands for all your metalwork and fabrication requirements.

AUTOMOTIVE

We operate a quality control system to ISO 9001 and BS/EN 1090 for structural fabrications and benefit from a wealth of experience manufacturing parts for the automotive industry. Our expertise lies in the manufacture of bus frames and chassis, as well as parts for various trailer and body work manufacturers, especially box vans and refrigerated trucks.



“Constant investments in the latest technology ensure our capability and capacity consistently outperforms our competition”



Submarine Manufacturing & Products

Submarine Manufacturing & Products (SMP Ltd) is our Preston-based company specialising in the manufacture of hyperbaric chambers, commercial diving equipment and customised subsea equipment.

With over 30 years' experience in the marine engineering, hyperbaric and military markets, SMP is recognised as a world leader in the design, manufacture and supply of commercial diving, subsea and hyperbaric solutions.

This includes the manufacture of specialist products such as diving decompression chambers, pressure vessels and heat exchangers in partnership with WEC Group.

Fully accredited to ISO 9001:2008 and BS EN ISO 14001:2002 for quality assurance and environmental management, customers include most of the major companies/institutions that use high value subsea equipment in the UK and overseas.

As one of the leading European manufacturers of commercial diving equipment, SMP also supply products such as Kirby Morgan diving helmets, breathing air compressors, underwater camera systems, underwater NDT equipment and more.

SERVICING AND REPAIR

We offer a full service and repair facility for all types of commercial diving equipment, ranging from air and gas analysis testing to gauge and instrumentation testing, calibration and repair, high pressure cylinders and volume tank inspections.

SMP also offers complete overhauls of air systems as well as full repair and refurbishment of diver's control panels, re-certification, overhaul and re-fits of decompression chambers.

Further to this, SMP supply offshore personnel to the oil and gas industry, including electrical and mechanical dive technicians experienced in programmed maintenance, upgrading and certification of offshore diving installations.

MEDICAL

SMP design and manufacture a range of CE certified medical Hyperbaric Oxygen Treatment chambers (HBOT) which are built to provide maximum comfort to patients and operators. The hyperbaric chambers are manufactured to customer specifications in-house, and can be adapted to suit the number of patients and/or the size of the building.

www.smp-ltd.com





“Stainless steel public art is our area of expertise, ranging from spiral staircases to complex sculptures and bridges”

m-tec

Specialist metal fabricators and consultants



m-tec

m-tec specialises in architectural metalwork providing a service aimed at the public art sector. Working with architects, public artists and regeneration consultants, we offer fabrication, design, consultation and installation services.

Stainless steel public art is our area of expertise, ranging from spiral staircases to complex sculptures and bridges. At m-tec, we have the necessary skills and capability to design, manufacture and install spectacular pieces of stainless steel architecture across the UK and overseas.

As a leader in bespoke metal fabrication, we have been involved in numerous projects including the design, manufacture and installation of the Mead's Reach Bridge at Temple Quay in Bristol. Weighing in at 75 tonnes and spanning 60 metres, the bridge was part of a £200 million pound regeneration project for the Temple Quay area.

www.m-tec.uk.com

Other projects include:

- The Abertillery Gateway Spires, South Wales
- WW1 Memorial Arch, Folkestone
- The Swirl, Didcot
- Rotating Wind Shelters, Blackpool
- Millennium Needle, St. Helens
- Tower of Light, Portishead
- Discovery Sculpture, Northampton
- South Beach Car Park Entrance, Blackpool
- The Seed Sculpture, Manchester
- The Braid Sculpture, Blackburn
- Special Canopies, Blackpool Central Gateway
- Flight of Fancy, Hucknall, Nottinghamshire
- The Wave Sculpture, Blackpool
- Minaret-like Sculpture, Brick Lane
- The O2 Ribbon, Telefonica Headquarters, Slough
- Airburst Sculptures, BAE Systems (various sites)
- The Concorde Nose Sculpture
- Stainless Steel Canopy, Cambridge
- The Trinity Mirror, Irvine





“Unique, modern and comfortable street furniture that is built to last”



Goose Foot Street Furniture

Goose Foot Street Furniture is a new range of high quality street furniture designed to be visually stimulating, whilst achieving outstanding functionality and durability.

Goose Foot is a coming together of the celebrated design skills and ingenuity of Ollerton Engineering Services and the manufacturing pedigree of WEC Group.

With a combined 70 years of delivering highly successful engineering solutions, nationally and internationally, this venture has been forged specifically to offer a fresh, new alternative to the street furniture options available today.

Built with inherently recyclable materials and fabricated to ISO 9001:2008 standards, the Goose Foot range encompasses seats, benches, bollards, bins and cycle stands.



Alongside the standard street furniture range, we work closely with local councils and architects on regeneration and urban realm projects.

We are able to supply bespoke street furniture built to your specifications, in batch orders or as one-off bespoke products. We work closely alongside our clients from initial concept through to completion to ensure that projects are exactly as originally intended.

As part of the WEC Group, Goose Foot also cater for the metalwork and fabrication needs of architects all over the world and specialise in the manufacture of architectural street furniture products, bandstands, tree grilles, shelters, canopies and modular curved seating solutions.

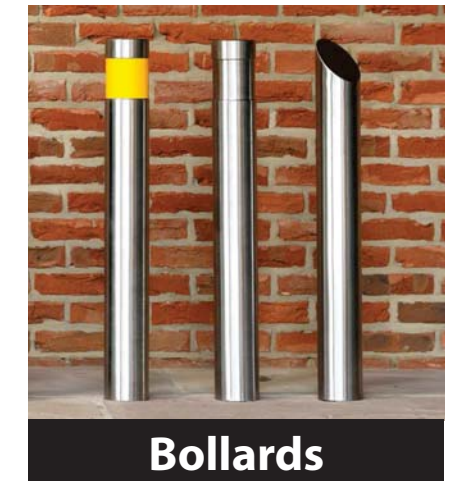
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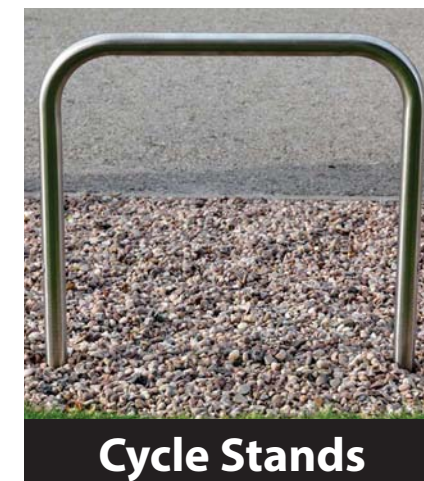
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Benches



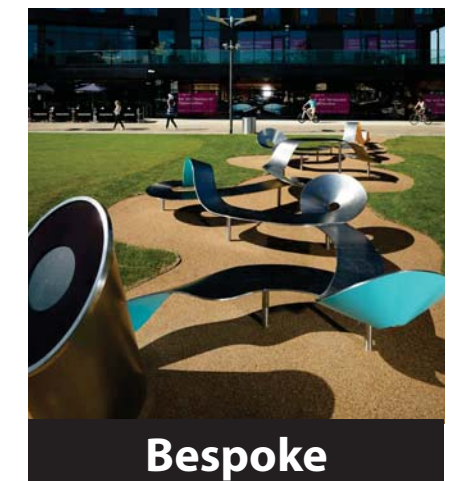
Bollards



Cycle Stands



Litter Bins



Bespoke



WEC Training Academy

Since its launch in 2006, the Academy has provided individuals in the surrounding area with an opportunity to gain welding and fabrication, CNC machining & sheet metalworking skills, whilst producing the calibre of workers WEC is looking for.

The only one of its kind in the UK, our Training Academy is recognised as being one of the top 3 in the country and it takes pride of place within our Group.

The Academy receives a high number of applications every year and candidates are put through a rigorous selection process. The apprentices are assessed on their qualifications and their practical ability for engineering.

The first year of the five year apprenticeship scheme is spent in the Academy under the supervision of our full time training and development manager. From the second year onwards, our apprentices move on to work on commercial projects in one of our specialist divisions, with a day release at college. Students work towards a nationally recognised NVQ level 3 qualification.

Our apprentices have constant access to our state-of-the-art equipment, enabling them to learn and utilise the most modern practises and techniques and mix with our existing staff to get a real taste for the workplace. All of our first year welding apprentices receive the high-end coded welding BS EN 287 qualification with a 100% pass rate, which we are particularly proud of.

Every year we enter our apprentices into the prestigious WorldSkills UK competition and we run welding/fabrication masterclasses throughout the year to prepare them for it. In 2015, five apprentices made it through to the WorldSkills UK final, with one winning a gold medal in Construction Metalwork (with the highest score ever recorded in the UK).

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Our students apply their new-found fabrication skills to a number of community projects which we manufacture free of a charge every year. Recent projects have included a Spitfire plane memorial sculpture for Darwen Town Centre, a weather vane for a local Church and the dug outs for the local football club.

To celebrate the success of our apprentices, an annual Apprentice of the Year ceremony is held to recognise their achievements. Attended by distinguished guests, family, industry and education representatives, the awards ceremony is the highlight of the year for the apprentices. The Academy is also proud to be an active member of the AWFTTE (Association of Welding and Fabrication Training & Education).

WEC Training Academy has recently been recognised as a Top 100 Apprenticeship Employer and won the BAE Systems Award for Large Employer of the Year in the Liverpool, Cumbria and Lancashire region finals. We also represented the North West in the national finals and finished in the top three.

Strong with this success, we are now in the process of rolling out our apprenticeship scheme to all other areas of the business.

“Our welding & engineering training academy is the only one of its kind in the UK”





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