



Linx 8900 delivers consistent code quality onto plastic components

Leading Scandinavian plastics processor Nordic Plastics Group is benefitting from the ability of the Linx 8900 to print quality codes onto plastic items, even when used intermittently.

Based in Trelleborg and Helsingborg in Sweden, the company is the Nordic region's largest supplier of machine-processed components and semi-finished plastic items. Its customers include large global organisations as well as small and medium-sized businesses operating in many different sectors, such as automotive, steel, food and medical technology.

“Our customers are demanding higher marking requirements, meaning that both text and logos need to be clearly visible,” explains Nordic Plastics’ Production Manager Daniel Rubin.

As the printer is not in continuous operation, but used to code individual customer items once or twice a day, a further essential requirement was ease of set-up and changeover.

Equally important, with periods of inactivity, the ability to deliver high quality codes immediately after each start-up was vital, and this was something that the previous machine was also unable to deliver.

The solution for Nordic Plastics – supplied by Linx distributor Logimark, based in Malmö – was the Linx 8900. It incorporates Linx’s proven autoflush system which thoroughly cleans the printhead every time the printer is shut down. This feature ensures a fast and clean start-up whenever it is next required, and has delivered a noticeable improvement in print quality.

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Mattias Nilsson, Nordic Plastics Group

Nordic Plastics Group

Key Facts

Country

Sweden

Industry

Plastics processing

Product coded

Plastic components

Code change frequency

Intermittent use - twice a day

Linx printer

Linx 8900

Ink used

Linx Black PE 1130

Key Product Benefits

Linx 8900

- Flexible coder with 3 line and barcode printing capability
- Large colour touch screen
- Self-service
- Quick-change fluid cartridges
- Real-time output measurement and line stoppage logs.



Machine operator, Victor Persson explains:

“We need to produce logos as small as possible, but with the last ink jet printer these became merely a black spot. The Linx 8900 by comparison achieves this without any problems.”

The 10 inch high-resolution, colour touch screen provides simple and error-free operation and can store multiple line settings for fast and easy setup. For Nordic Plastics, the operator simply calls up the coding requirements for each product, including logo and text, on screen. Items are coded using a hand conveyor and the speed of the printing process – less than a second each time – delivers a consistent quality of code.

As Mattias Nilsson, supervisor, and Carl-Johan Nilsson, operator, at Nordic Plastics conclude:

“The best thing about this machine is that it is very easy to use by anyone. Our previous machine was very complicated, meaning there were only three or four people who could use it. With the Linx 8900 everything works perfectly and it has simplified production.”

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