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IRISH BUILDING SERVICES NEWS

Energy Training Facility Demonstrates Value of All-Industry Cooperation

Ihe opening of the Fas
Energy Training Facility
in Cork recently clearly
demonstrates the value and
effectiveness of all-industry
cooperation in devising and
developing systems and
facilities which will benefit all.

The state-of-the-art facility was purpose-designed and fitted out using products and equipment presented to Fas by some of the leading suppliers in the building services sector. Their generosity helped enormously in getting enture off the ground, as each input of The Irish Energy Centre, the IDHE, Bord Gáis, the LPG suppliers, OFTEC and the Domestic

Heating Oil Council.

This new Energy Training
Facility is the first of its kind in
the country. It caters for the oil
and gas industries and is
essential if the highest standards
of efficiency, safety and
operation are to be established
and maintained across
industrial, commercial and
domestic installations. It will
also ensure conformity with the
rigorous environmental
standards and regulations now
governing the energy sector.

Full story pages 26/27.

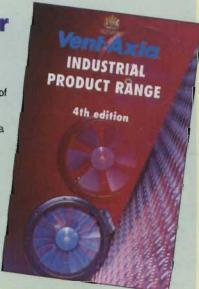


Christy Cooney, Manager, FÁS Training Centre, Cork with Paul Fox, IDHE Development Officer; Minister for Enterprise & Employment, Mr Richard Bruton, TD; Colin Sutherland, OFTEC; and Peter Brabazon, Manager, Best Practice Programme, Irish Energy Centre.

Vent-Axia: Biggest Ever Catalogue

Vent-Axia has added yet further additions to its 300-strong range of heavy-duty commercial fans. Evidence of this expansion is highlighted by the latest Vent-Axia Industrial Product Range Catalogue which contains 244pages detailing the entire range with full-colour photographs and complete technical information comprising performance data, graphs and installation drawings. The objective is to make fan selection as simple and as easy as possible. Copies from Vent-Axia

Ventilation. Tel: 01 - 450 4133.



Air Management Special

The whole area of air management is becoming fraught with regulatory controls and directives. However, far from being a problem for the industry, product suppliers and contractors should welcome these developments.

Professional companies whose product quality and service/contracting quality is as it should be have nothing to fear. Indeed, if anything they stand to gain from a more orderly marketplace where tender prices will be judged on like-for-like presentations, no short cuts being possible under the new system.

The emergence of the newlyestablished Irish Ventilation Association is part of this progressive development. The rules and regulations and administrative details are currently at an advanced stage of formulation with product suppliers, contractors and the Environmental Health Officers Association working closely together.

As part of this process this month's BSNews has a special feature on Air Management, with an introductory article by environmental health officer Siobhan Grace. Her duties include carrying out inspections and here she offers advice and guidance on ensuring compliance with the regulations and directives (page 17).

Innovative Technology in Heating Circulators



From the Company who patented the first circulator back in 1929 and introduced the first electronic circulator back in 1989 comes a heating circulator with completely in-built pump management.

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The Registered Heating Contractors
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(MEETA) which incorporates energy managers
and maintenance managers;

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INSURANCE — MAKE HAY WHILE THE SUN SHINES

Making contributions to your pension fund NOW is your wisest option.

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AIRCON — SERVING & SAVING 24 HOURS A DAY

This special, 4-page, full-colour, feature details Aircon's growth to date and clearly illustrates the client benefits available which specifiers and end-users alike find so attractive and cost-effective.

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Siobhan Grace, B.Sc. (Hons.) Environmental Health, MEHOA gives an environmental health officers view and some pointers and advice on how to go about meeting the requirements.

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FAS CORK ENERGY TRAINING FACILITY

A state-of-the-art Energy Training Facility – the first of its kind in Ireland – catering for the oil and gas industries was recently opened by The Minister for Enterprise and Employment, Mr Richard Bruton, TD at the FÁS Training Centre, Rossa Avenue, Bishopstown, Cork.

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DANFOSS GOES "BLUE"

Following the purchase and take-over of Maneurop s.a. by Danfoss A/S, the latter's long-term representative in Ireland J J Sampson & Son Ltd now offers an extended range and synergised products package of both Danfoss and Maneurop.



LEFT: Maneurop reciprocating and scroll compressors, and condensing units

Peace of Mind with Carrier SerView

Carrier Air Conditioning has

introduced SerView, an intelligent HVAC monitoring system, to help building managers maintain equipment efficiency and avoid unnecessary service calls and downtime. Initially, SerView is being introduced on Carrier's 19 series centrifugal and 23 XL series screw chillers, with a phased introduction planned to cover Carrier's full range of chillers and HVAC equipment. SerView is a remote-monitored prognostic alert management system which records, analyses and troubleshoots chillers on a 24-hour basis. The system operates through a series of prepackaged diagnostic sensors, which can be easily installed on new or existing machines. Unlike conventional alarm systems, Carrier SerView can identify potential operational problems before they develop into costly system failures.

Austin McDermott, Managing Director of Irish distributors Core Air Conditioning, says: "SerView has been designed to provide building owners and managers with complete peace of mind and to help reduce the cost of ownership by reducing on-site labour requirements. With Carrier's SerView system, it is possible to identify symptoms of problems earlier than ever before, hence providing a faster response to any problem that does occur". Contact: Austin McDermott/ Greg Devitt. Tel: 01 - 294 3110.

Heatmerchants Do it with Style

The Heatmerchants golf outing took place recently at the CityWest golf and country club near Saggart, Co Dublin. Over 85 golfers from Dublin, Kildare, Athlone and Meath came together to take on the might of this magnificent Parkland golf course and afterwards relaxed in the restaurant where they tackled the excellent menu prior to the presentation of prizes.

The course was bathed in beautiful sunshine and a warm southerly breeze wafted among the trees and lakes in what was a truly memorable day. The board of directors of Heatmerchants was represented by Jim Casey, Michael Lucitt, Michael O'Brien and Brian McTernan, who incidently supplied the smiles and the speech after the dinner.

The benign conditions called for plenty of suncream and liquids to be taken on board and, as is the usual course of affairs, everybody entered into the spirit of things. The winner was Stephen Morrissey

of "Bathrooms Complete" who paid tribute to the course and his playing partners, stating it was in "great shape and the lads kept me going". He took home a one-off piece of hand-cut Tipperary Crystal commissioned specifically for the day. This is a perpetual trophy and Stephen assures us he will be back to defend it again next year!

Right: Heatmerchants at CityWest – Overall winner Stephen Morrissey (centre) with Philip Morley and Brian McTernan of Heatmerchants



Arro Initiative Means 100 New Jobs

The Minister for Justice, Nora Owen, TD announced the creation of 100 new jobs when she performed the official opening of the new showrooms at Reynolds ARRO DIY Superstore, Ballinamore, Co Leitrim last month.

Reynolds ARRO DIY Superstore is part of a new marketing initiative called ARRO which has been devised by the directors of National Hardware, a wholly Irish-owned, independent company. The objective is to improve group identity and to establish a uniform image throughout the country.

The ARRO initiative is being supported by an £11 million group marketing/promotional spend which will result in the creation of 100 new jobs within ARRO-member companies. Employment within the group currently stands at 185, the collective annual

turnover being £35 million.

Contact: Derek Lambert, National Hardware. Tel: 01 - 830 9122.

Right:
Derek Lambert, Arro,
pictured with
Minister Owen and
Peter Reynolds,
Reynolds Arro DIY



RACGS Golf Results

Golf outing at St Margarets Golf Club

Overall Winner: Matt Butler (6) 33pts;

Class 1 – Winner: Che Banwell (11) 31pts;

Runner-up:

John Brogan (8) 29pts

Class 2 – Winner: Nick Gill (18) 32pts;

Runner-up:

Tom McDonald (18) 32pts;

Class 3 - Winner:

Jim French (19) 32pts;

Runner-up:

Frank O'Sullivan (20) 30pts;

Front Nine: Darren Anderson

Back Nine: Michael Clancy

Visitor: Michael Cleary

Most Exciting Performer: Jim Chambers

Airedale 600 Cassette the 'Answer'

Airedale International Air Conditioning has extended its "Answer" cassette range with the addition of a new 600 model with a duty range of 2 kW to 4Kw cooling. The unit fits into the area of a standard 600 x 600 mm ceiling tile making it easy to install and maintain in commercial, retail and leisure applications.

The "Answer 600" features a slimline profile, a multi-speed, low-noise centrifugal fan, microprocessor control, condensate pump and fresh air and branch duct connections. Options include electric resistance heating and electro-mechanical control. A DX heat pump model is available where required.

To complement the new 600 cassette, Airedale has developed a lightweight, low-profile, high-efficiency, air-cooled condensing nit which can be supplied as a reverse-cycle heat pump for year 'round heating and cooling. A pre-charged option is available to reduce refrigerant handling on site.

Airedale's "Answer" range now includes models from 2 kW to 12 kW, in both DX and chilled water variants, with a wide variety of control options.

Contact: Brendan Kilgallon, Coolair. Tel: 01 - 451 1244.

New Dwyer Turret Housing

Manotherm has introduced Dwyer Instruments' new turret housing, popular for industrial oplications of the Model 100B and 7112B Spirahelic® Pressure Gauges. The gauge is enclosed in a rugged 5.9" (14.9cm) diameter by 3.1" (7.9cm) deep polycarbonate body and includes dual-size 1/2" NPT male / 1/4" NPT female process connection, and crystal clear window. The Turret Housing allows bottom or back mounting of all 4-1/2" Spirahelic® gauges and is available in four ranges: 0 to 60 psig, 0 to 100 psig, 0 to 200 psig and 0 to 600 psig.

Model 7100B and 7112B Spirahelic® Pressure Gauges employ a unique triple wound spiral/helical Bourdon tube for precise measurement of

compatible gases and liquids. Pressure measurements meet ASME Grade A and 2A accuracies. Spirahelic® Gauges are constructed with premium-grade wetted parts, including Beryllium Copper or Inconel® X-750 Bourdon tube and brass or 316 stainless steel connection block.

For complete information with prices, contact: Bob Gilbert, Manotherm Ltd.

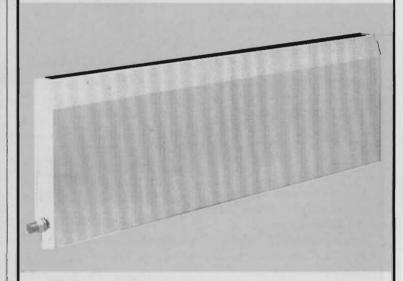
Tel: 01 - 452 2355.



Dwyer Instruments new spirahelic turret from Manotherm.

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Betherma Compact LST



- Very low water content offers energy savings
- Extremely fast heating and regulation with TRV
- Pleasant and even warmth
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RDL Dublin and Cork Presentations

RDL recently held two very successful trade evenings and product presentations which were attended by a very broad cross-section of the air conditioning and refrigeration industry. The shows were held in conjunction with its principal suppliers, participants including Searle, Copeland, WJ Furze, CPS, Frigotech, Ysolis, Kabel Metal, ESK, Aspera and Alfa-Laval.

Approximately 130 attended the Dublin event which was held at the Doyle Green Isle Hotel. Delegates travelled from as far afield as Belfast, Donegal and Sligo, in addition to Dublin and greater the Dublin contingent.

In Cork the venue was the Country Club Hotel and here the attendance was approximately 100 delegates from Cork city, the surrounding districts and as far afield as Clare, Limerick and Wexford. Additionally, Cork also hosted a special presentation for Fas apprentices earlier in the day.

They included a mix of apprentices, half of whom were finishing their course while the remainder were just about to begin theirs.

Contact: Michael Nolan, RDL. Dublin Office: Tel: 01 - 450 600; Cork Office: Tel: 021 - 968 494.



Air conditioning and refrigeration students at the RDL exhibition in the Country Club Hotel, Cork.

Condair's CP Card Concept from Aircon

Condair's new CP range of steam humidifiers is now available in Ireland from Aircon Sales and Service Ltd. The key to the latest concept is the CP Card which defines and controls the amount of steam generated by the unit to the kg/hr, thereby matching the customers actual requirements.

Thus, when the unit is ordered, the price is determined by the required output which is stored on the card. The capacity of the unit can then be changed cheaply and quickly without changing the unit, simply by changing this "credit card". The humidifier can be supplied with an exchangeable cylinder or with Condair's environmentally-friendly cleanable cylinder.

Outputs range up to 360 kg/hr and units are equipped with an intelligent regulator.

Contact: Philip McEvitt, Aircon Sales & Service Ltd. Tel: 01 - 830 7132.

IDHE Diploma Course

Details of the Institute of Domestic Heating and Environmental Engineers (IDHE) Diploma Course for the coming season have just being unveiled.

To be held in Bolton Street, the course content is designed to upgrade and develop the knowledge of industry personnel, especially trade counter, sales and stores staff.

Meanwhile, the newest addition to the already-expansive range of Baxi products was unveiled to a large turnout of IDHE members the most recent technical evening in Clyde Road. Baxi was represented by Joe Fisher whose "no-nonsense" approach and "hands-on" presentation was particularly refreshing to this very knowledgeable audience.

Coming from an installer/fitter background, Joe was able to get his message across, without the usual padding that is becoming more the norm in sales/technical evenings of this kind. Brian McTernan of Heatmerchants was very happy with the evening and said that the industry is about to enter a new era in combi boilers. The Genesis comes in 80,000 btu and 96,000 btu outputs and is designed to be user-friendly. After the presentation Joe was on hand for an informal chat during which the refreshments were served.

Contact: Maureen Cullopy, IDHE. Tel: 01 - 836 1083.



Joe Brennan, Linde Refrigeration with Pat Cummins, Managing Director, RDL and Dave Croft, Searle, at the Doyle Green Isle Hotel in Dublin.

GEC Appointment

GEC Distributors
(Ireland) Ltd has
appointed Denis
Begley as Product
Sales Manager to the
Lamps Division. In his
new position he will
be responsible for the
nationwide sales and
distribution of the
Osram product range.

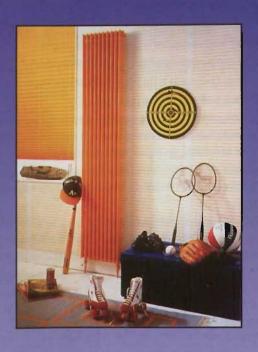


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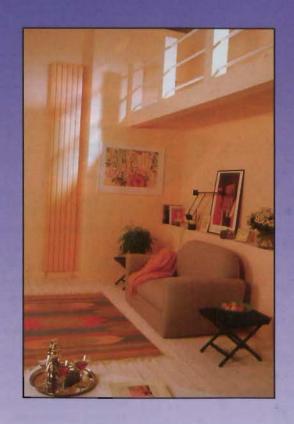
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Walkair Moves Panasonic U51 Series

"Demand for the new Panasonic U51Series packaged split air conditioners is surpassing all expectations", says Walkair's Vincent O'Mahony. "These new heat pump cassette types are proving extremely popular, not least because of their compact installed due to its light weight;

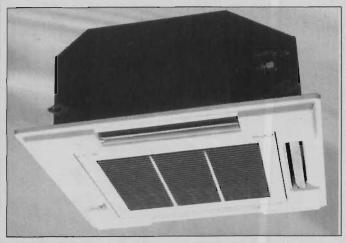
Electric wiring – In the terminal boards, power supplies and signals are separated.

Wiring works are easier;

Long refrigerant piping length – All pipes are routed to the rear of the unit to reduce the total space required;

1.5HP 2HP 2.5~6HP

Height difference 13m 20m 30m Equivalent length 20m 30m 50m



Panasonic U51 Series cassette type packaged split air conditioner from Walkair

size and high-efficiency outputs, made possible by the new lightweight heat exchanger and three-dimensional turbo fan".

Installation and maintenance is easy, thanks to various innovative features. These include:—

Refrigerant Chargeless (1.5HP ~ 4HP) – Additional refrigerant is unnecessary up to the equivalent piping length 20m; Installation work – The unit can be easily carried and

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Smudge proof – A new type outlet grill is applied, reducing smudging (dirty by outlet air) and dirt of the ceiling. The decorative panel is hair-less laminated.

Long life filter – Anti-mould finished long-life filter does not require frequent maintenance. The filter is fitted to the decorative panel, and can be easily changed and cleaned.

Easy drain check – The water filling port for checking the drain pump is provided. Drain test can be made in working stage. The drain connection port is of transparent pipe, enabling easy checking of draining state.

Contact: Vincent O'Mahony, Walkair. Tel: 01 - 456 8070.

Vent-Axia LoWatt: Up to 80% Savings

Following an intensive development programme and applying the latest patented technology and manufacturing techniques, the new Vent-Axia LoWatt range is now available with four carefully-developed performances for every domestic application – WC's, bathrooms, utility rooms and kitchens.

Benefits include:-

- ☐ New super efficient motor with ultra-low energy usage (up to 80% energy saving);
- ☐ Low sound levels;
- ☐ IP44 long-life motor lasts 10 times longer;
- ☐ Unique patented shutter silent instantaneous opening;
- ☐ Meets Document F Building Regulations requirements;
- ☐ Panel, wall and ceiling mounted.

The Vent-Axia LoWatt range incorporates the most sophisticated patented shutter system yet devised. It requires no additional power to operate, giving instant opening and positive closing. For even more energy efficiency the range incorporates timers, humidistats and PIR sensors which operate the fan only when required.

LoWatt fans are quick and simple to fit using reversible grommets and easy-wire terminals. They are suitable for wall or ceiling mounting at any angle. The telescopic wall kit uses no

screws on the outside grille, and the range is suitable for all safety extra-low-voltage uses in new, retrofit or SELV applications.

Contact: Michael Randall, Vent-Axia Ventilation. Tel: 01 - 450 4133.

Right: The new Vent-Axia LoWatt fan from Vent-Axia Ventilation



Faral Betherma from HDL

Betherma built-in elements from the Faral Radiator collection consist of sheet steel fins with a right-angled return at each end. The fins are fitted to a standard steel pipe which is then expanded to ensure a continuous fit between fin and tube. The return edge forms totally enclosed sides to the

element, adding additional strength to the assembly.

The strength of this assembly also means that cleaning can be carried out without danger or damage to the fins, allowing maximum efficiency to be maintained during the life of the product. A steel manifold box is fitted at each end. Pipe connections and air vents are fitted to the manifold boxes.

The Betherma Mini comes complete with telescope legs, sheetsteel casing and



Betherma Mini from the Faral collection. Details from Heating Distributors

aluminium covergrill.

e standard valve supplied with the convector has a manual valve body which screws directly into the element manifold. An optional thermostatic valve can be supplied.

The convector elements are constructed from 0.5mm thick

cold rolled sheet steel. The tubes are manufactured in accordance with DIN 2393. Casings are made from zinc-coated sheet steel and powder-coated to RAL 9010. The outlet grille is formed from extruded aluminium and powder coated to RAL 9010.

Contact: Heating Distributors. Tel: 01 - 837 5144.

HRP Reinforce Service

HRP has reinforced the quality and scope of its service and product offering with the appointment of three new personnel, extended opening hours and the addition of new product lines to its alreadyextensive portfolio.

A very significant management appointment is that of Don Munn as Sales Manager. Don is widely known and respected nationally throughout the refrigeration industry and his joining HRP is something of a coup.

On the service side Darren Lowndes brings a wealth of experience and technical knowhow to the company while Shay Carroll's influence on stores and internal sales will further strengthen the overall service provided.

Opening times have been extended to include 9am to 2pm on Saturdays.

Contact: Ray Nardone, HRP. Tel: 01 - 830 6565.



Don Munn, newly-appointed Sales Manager at HRP Wholesale.



Home Heating with Oil – The Facts

- ♦ Oil is safe.
- ♦ Oil the most popular central heating fuel in Ireland for 30 years.
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- ◆ Oil is environmentally friendly.
- ◆ Oil is a smokeless fuel, approved by the Department of the Environment.
- ◆ Oil does not come from a monopoly supplier.
- ♦ Oil gives you a choice of many suppliers.
- ♦ Oil does not come from a state owned body.
- ◆ Oil boilers are high tech and efficient.
- ♦ Oil gives you security of supply.
- ♦ Oil in your tank is yours to control.
- ◆ Oil heating makes good sense.

Before you even consider using other heating fuels consult The Domestic Heating Oil Council.

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- Classic is the ideal choice where appearance, performance and capacity dictate the use of a rainwater system, other than half-round or square.

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Domestic Heating Oil Council Offers Installers Profit Package

The Domestic Heating Oil Council's initiative in encouraging installers to promote oil has proved extremely successful to date. Now it is set to enter a new phase with plans for an increased awareness campaign aimed at the trade to further strengthen the message that encouraging clients to opt for I has very definite advantages for both customers and installers. The Domestic Heating Oil Council is the representative body of the majority of heating lin area. It was formed to promote the "real facts" about heating oil and, secondly, to provide professional advice to the public on all matters relating to heating oil, with particular reference to safety, economy, cleanliness, efficiency of service, and its

oil suppliers in the greater Dub-

environmental friendliness.

The Domestic Heating Oil Council has produced a very professional information pack which outlines in great detail — but succinctly and on

separate sheets

the many reasons why consumers should choose oil over any other fuel. Plumbing contractors and installers can tap into this information pack and use it to great effect in winning over prospective customers.

The information contained within the pack will also reassure prospective customers as to the bona fides of the

contractor/installer. It clearly illustrates and prompts the more pertinent questions

> consumers should ask and, in doing so, creates an image of professionalism and competency on the part of the contractor.

The different information sheets address all aspects of how to go about choosing a heating system, choosing an installer, and making cost comparisons between

the various fuels. Titles on the information sheets include: Oil — The Most Economical Fuel; Specifying a Heating System: Buying A New Heating System; Keeping Warm At Lower Costs; and Maintenance Routines For Heating Systems.

Contact: The Domestic Heating Oil Council.

Tel Freephone: 1-800-390 390.

"More and More Joining in the Chorus"

Following its introduction this year, Potterton Myson's Chorus range - which was developed specifically for the specification sector - has made significant inroads with consulting engineers, mechanical contractors and architects.

Managing Director, Sean Hanratty says: "We're extremely pleased with the response to date. It's obvious from market reaction, and specifies in particular, that we have gone the correct route with the Chorus range.

"Apart from the quality of the product, the four different model types, and the extensive choice in dimensions and colours, has undoubtedly hit a cord with the industry. Soon everyone will be joining in the Chorus!"

Contact: Fiona O'Neill/Vincent Broderick, Potterton Myson Ireland, Tel: 01 - 459 0870.



Vertical panel radiator from Potterton Myson's new Chorus range.

New Balls Please

Cristopia Energy Systems, a leading supplier of encapsulated ice and eutectic latent thermal storage systems to commerce and industry, has introduced a new generation of spherical encapsulations designed specifically for the air conditioning market.

Traditionally, these high density polyethylene (HDPE) "nodules" have been manufactured in two diameters: 76mm for industrial applications, and 97mm for commercial air conditioning applications.

Over the past 10 years there have been tremendous developments in new polymer blends and catalysts; many have been designed specifically for application to satellites, TGV, aircraft and motor vehicles. This technology is now applied to encapsulated ice storage systems with the release of the Cristopia AC00 ice nodule.

The design of the Cristopia AC00 ice nodule has been optimised specifically for the air conditioning market. It has an external diameter of 98mm and the polymer blend, when compared to HDPE commonly used in encapsulated ice and other types of ice storage systems, has improved life expectancy, stress, chemical ageing, and viscoelastic properties.

Contact: Cristopia Energy Systems UK. Tel: 0044 181 330 1403.

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Bush Nelson announce the 200 Series electric wall heater. available in four outputs ranging from 1kW to 2.24kW. These wall-mounted slimline panel heaters feature an element with a very high finning area which is claimed to combine long service life with low



surface temperatures. Inlet and outlet grilles are hidden behind the front cover, shielding the user from potential hot spots. The Bush Nelson electronic thermostat ensures accurate temperature control and economic operation.

Contact: Jim Casey, O'Neills Electrical. Tel: 01 - 874 6013.

FILLING COMPORTABLE WITH QUIAILITIANIR QUIDOS

A visit to the dentist can be daunting but hot, humid treatment



rooms often makes the experience worse for staff and patients alike. Eaton-Williams Qudos air-conditioning units installed at the 12,000 patient Wilson House Dental Practice have improved both air quality and patient morale. The Oudos split heat pump system has infra-red remote controls, allowing staff to adjust air quality while treating patients, who are reported to be more at ease during their visits to the surgery.

Contact: Peter Dewdney, Eaton-Williams Air Conditioning. Tel- 0044 1732 869416.

BUDMASTER PLUIS 5 MAIKES ESTIMATING BASHRIR

Estimation Ltd has launched version 5.2.7 of its BidMaster Plus 5 estimating system, operating within the new Windowsbased ContractMaster Plus environment. The new release is combined with a rebate offer letting existing customers

upgrade to the Estimation Digitizer electronic drawing board at a significantly-reduced price. Claimed to make estimating easier, the Digitizer package allows the estimator to measure quantities directly from the drawing board with material items easily identified without complicated codes or abbreviations.

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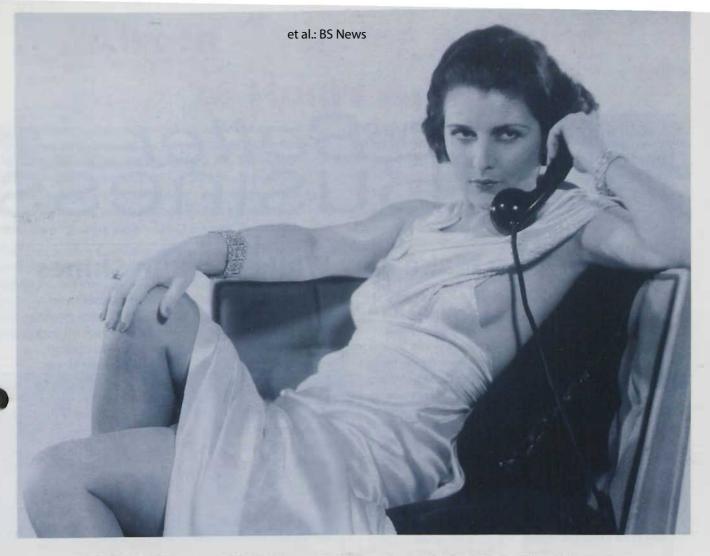
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BSNews Better Business

Make Hay While the Sun Shines

t's 6.30pm on a summer's evening in Dublin as the jaunting cars line St
Stephen's Green. Sly Stallone has been and gone, having honeymooned with Mrs
Stallone. Other movie stars are wandering around searching for old castles as holiday homes while the aroma of continental dishes fills the Temple Bar air ... having replaced the pong from the sewers. Dublin is buzzing!

Every eight year old girl has the full Boyzone CD collection courtesy of her mammy's bulging purse and the boys ponder the rumour that Posh Spice will buy the house on Killiney Head between the racing car drivers.

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Dublin city dwellers have become wealthy property owners overnight. The EU continues to pump money into the country to improve infrastructure and create a climate for growth. Some day, you can be sure they will ask for it all back.

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As Catholic Ireland and pulpit power declines, sex education and divorce will cause the population to decline. The coming decades will produce average families declining from 2.4 kids to 1.5 or even less. Mary Robinson's diaspora probably won't come home since their roots are firmly planted in foreign parts. Emigration is not a problem any more but the late 1980s "brain drain" of youth and talent could seriously affect our lives in the long term.

The present workforce will, in 20 years time, be

approaching pension age while the reduced population in the workplace will carry the tax burden. Medical science is striving for the pensioners longivity. I fear that the economic alarm bells would "go off" if there were twice as many pensioners as workers in 2015.

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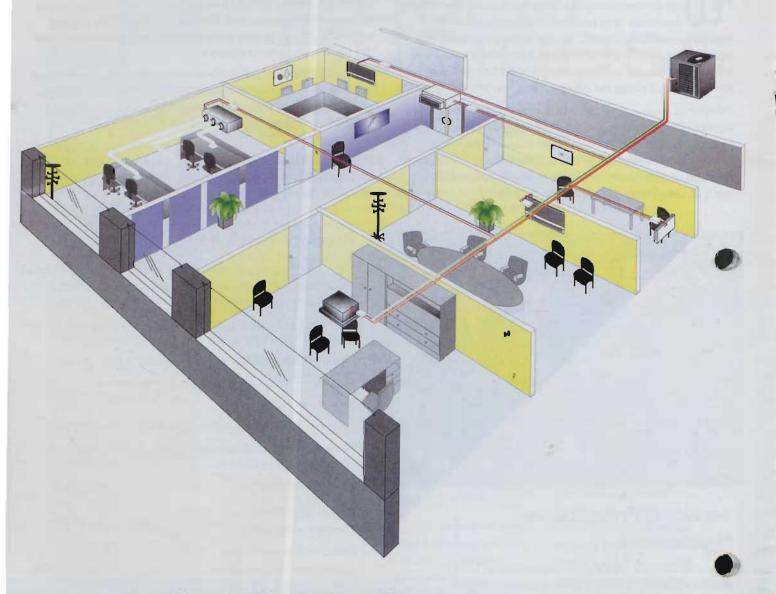
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Ventilation

An Environmental Health Officer's View

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Adequate ventilation is necessary in all buildings to ensure comfort of staff. However, it is of particular importance to Environmental Health Officers in food premises because high temperatures and a dirty atmosphere will promote bacterial growth in highrisk foods which could ultimately result in food poisoning.

Environmental Health Officers working in the food hygiene sector have no specific standards to work from in relation to ventilation. The Food Hygiene Regulation 1950 - 1989 mentions only that "suitable and sufficient" ventilation must be provided in food premises. This may at first seem like a disadvantage but, in fact, it does allow the Environmental Health Officer some lee-way to deal with each individual premises on its own merits. A uniform approach - while good in theory - may not be ideal in practice. However, there are certain minimum requirements expected of retail food premises.



Ventilation in a kitchen must comprise mechanical extract ventilation, vented directly to the outside air. It must be provided over all steam-emitting and cooking appliances. A stainless steel canopy with grease filters must also be provided. The canopy must extend outwards to a distance of 225mm beyond the rims of equipment.

Mechanical intake ventilation must also be provided. A minimum of 15-20 air changes per hour must be achieved. All external ducting must extend 1m above eaves level.

Pipework and ducting should be insulated and chased into the wall or the floor to minimise drips from condensation onto food/surfaces and the collection of dirt and dust.

The vegetable store should have ducted mechanical ventilation if it is

not situated on an outside wall. The dry goods store will also need ventilation.

The main problem Environmental Health Officers find in relation to ventilation in food premises is the practice of drawing dirty air through a clean area, eg, drawing air from the sanitary accommodation through the kitchen.

Dining Area

A mechanical system of intake and extract ventilation must be provided in all dining areas to ensure a minimum of 10-15 air changes per hour.

Sanitary Accommodation

A permanent vent-opening vented directly to the external air may be acceptable in the water closet if the opening is not less than 5% of the floor area or 0.1m², whichever is the greatest. Where it is necessary to provide a mechanical extract ventilation system, it must be ensured that a minimum of three air changes per hour is achieved.

A lobby ventilated directly and separately to the external air must be provided between any water closet and a food room by way of a ventilator having an opening of at least 0.1m² or a permanent ventilation opening having a cross-sectional area of not less than 6500m². If a mechanical aided system of intake ventilation is required, it must be capable of achieving a minimum of two air changes per hour.

Not all premises are governed by the Food Hygiene Regulations but Environmental Health Officers' Association guidelines are applied as in Table A (right).

The Tobacco (Health Promotion and Protection) Regulations 1995 are slightly more specific than the Food Hygiene Regulations, in that they

TABLE A

Room/Building	Air Changes
	per hour
Assembly rooms	4-8
Bakeries	20-30
Bathrooms	6-10
Battery charging rooms	5
Bedrooms	2-4
Boiler houses and engine room	s 15-30
Cafes and coffee bars	10-12
Canteens	8-12
Cellars	3-10
Changing rooms (main area)	6-10
Changing rooms (shower area)	15-20
Cinemas and theatres	10-15
Club rooms	12
Conference rooms	8-12
Dance halls	10-12
Dining and Banqueting, Restaura	ants 10-15
Drying rooms	up to 5
Entrance halls and corridors	3-5
Factories and workshops	8-10
Garages, public parking	6 min
Garages, repair shops	10 min
Glasshouses	25-60
Gymnasiums	6 min
Hairdressing salons	10-15
Hospitals, operating theatre	15-17
Hospitals, treatment rooms	6
Hospitals, post mortem rooms	5
Kitchens, domestic	15-20
Kitchens, hotel and industrial	30 min
Laboratories	4-6
Laundries	10-15
Lavatories and public toilets	6-8
Lecture theatres	5-8
Libraries	3-4
Living rooms	3-6
Lobby	2
Offices	4-6
Public house bars	12 min
Schoolrooms	5-7
Shops and supermarkets	8-15
Shower baths	15-20
Stores and warehouses	3-6
Sculleries and wash-ups (large s	cale) 15-20
Swimming pools, changing areas	
Theatres	6-10
Utility rooms	15-20

specify special designated areas which are required to have a "No Smoking" section and in these areas the "ventilation or other system is adequate to prevent, as far as is practicable, the circulation of tobacco smoke into the area where smoking is prohibited - at least one quarter of the seating area. Such confirmation may only be issued following written application by the owner, manager or person in charge of the premises concerned, and inspection of the said premises and its ventilation or other system by an officer of the health board, and shall be subject to review by the chief executive at any time he/she considers appropriate.

Public Houses & Pre-Schools

The Environmental Health Officers' Association has drawn up its own policy documents on ventilation in public houses and pre-schools.

The policy document on ventilation in public houses was initiated due to the increased number of complaints to Environmental Health Officers regarding the uncomfortable smoky atmosphere in many public houses. There was a public demand for improved ventilation of public houses.

It is recommended in this document that a mechanical extract ventilation system capable of achieving 12 air chages per hour (minimum) is provided. Ventilation by means of an openable window only is unacceptable as it will not achieve the minimum required number of air changes.

A system of mechanical intake ventilation must also be provided to replace the air removed from the room with clean, fresh air. In some cases (in small pubs only) secure permanent openings having a total unobstructed area of at least 6,500mm² are acceptable as a means of intake ventilation. The intake fan, if used, should be positioned adequately so as to ensure the maximum flow of air through the room, leaving no pockets of unchanged air.

The position of the extract fan is also very important. It should not be positioned behind the bar as it will only draw the smoke into the bar area which will, in turn, cause problems for the bar staff. Factors which must be considered when deciding the position

must include the size and shape of the bar, the direction of the prevailing wind, and the position of external walls.

The guidelines on "Environmental Health Standards for Full-time Preschool services" has been adopted nationally by the EHO in which specific ventilation requirements are also mentioned. These premises do not necessarily have to have a mechanical-aided system in place. Permanent openings having a total unobstructed area of not less than 4000mm² opening directly to the outside air may be adequate. The provision of a mechanical ventilation system may be necessary in some cases. The following guidelines are mentioned in the document.

Area	Air Changes per
Laundry areas	10-15 air changes per hour
WC's, sluice rooms etc	3 air changes per hour
Lobbies, stairways, and other access areas	2 air changes per hour

Sick Building Syndrome

Other sources of concern in relation to ventilation which do not usually occur in a food premises but more commonly in office blocks are sick building syndrome (SBS) and Legionnaires disease.

Play and rest areas 3 air changes per hour

Inadequate ventilation has not been sourced as the sole cause of SBS but is, in a majority of cases, the largest contributing factor. The syndrome seems to be most prevalent in buildings with re-circulating ventilation or air conditioning systems.

The symptoms of this illness are as follows:- eye irritation; nose irritation; throat irritation; skin irritation; headache; lethargy; irritability; and lack of concentration.

It is important that a sufficient supply of fresh air is made available as it is required for respiration, to dilute contaminants, and to reduce odours, all of which are related to SBS. There are several reasons why a ventilation system in a building may be inadequate, ie the system may be badly maintained, badly designed or ill controlled. It may simply be

malfunctioning. Whatever the cause, when any or all of the aforementioned are involved, the distribution of fresh air will be below the minimum specification required.

Legionnaires Disease is separate to SBS and has been known to occur in hotels. It is a form of pneumonia. Susceptible people would be: the elderly; those ill with respiratory or heart disease; those ill with kidney disorders; people on immunosupressant drugs; diabetics; alcoholics; and smokers.

Men have proven to be more susceptible than women.

There are many places in which Legionella can survive. These include air conditioning equipment, jacuzzis, swimming pools, whirlpool baths, and wet cooling towers. The source which has caused most public concern is the typical cooling tower used in many office blocks today. Disease occurs when conditions favour growth and multiplication of bacteria, eg stagnant water.

Environmental Health officers in Ireland do not have a direct responsibility in relation to either SBS or Legionnaires disease. These are dealt with by the Health and Safety Authority under the Health and Safety and Welfare at work Act, 1989. However, suitable and sufficient ventilation is the concern of EHOs and, as SBS and Legionaires Disease are symptoms of inadequate ventilation, they are of some relevance to the profession and as such cannot be disregarded.

I would like to conclude by suggesting that when a new system is being designed, the district EHO should be contacted as soon as possible and brought into the planning process to avoid any problems that may arise in the future.

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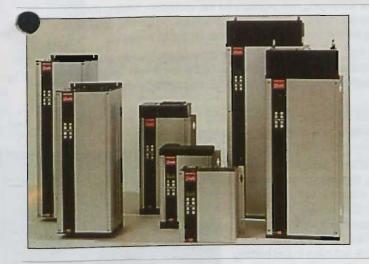
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Two speed motors are therefore often used in conjunction with a simple flow control method like a damper. The damper control is a quite simple system giving little energy saving.

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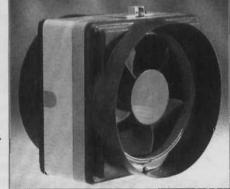
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Vent-Axia products feature "intelligent" monitoring of indoor temperature, humidity, air pollution and occupancy levels via automatic electronic control to deliver a healthier indoor climate. This also minimises energy consumption, both in terms of electrical power and warm air extraction, contributing directly to a reduction in fuel burning and lower CO² levels in the earth's atmosphere.

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Right: Vent-Axia T-Series in-line duct fan from Vent-Axia Ventilation



AIR FILTRATION

The Many Facets of AAF Air Filters



21st Century Filter Technology

AAF offers the most comprehensive engineering and manufacturing capabilities in the industry. With advanced in-house facilities in Singapore, Holland, and the US for testing and engineering air filters, we are unsurpassed in our ability to design air filters to any specification. All AAF products are guaranteed to meet rated performance standards based on industry accepted test procedures. Rigid quality control procedures ensure consistent performance. Quality control inspections are conducted throughout the manufacturing process from incoming raw materials to random checks on finished goods.

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Irish Ventilation and Filtration

Irish Ventilation & Filtration Ltd iwas formed in October 1995 but the combined experience of key personnel amounts to 30 years and takes in all aspects of ventilation design, product manufacture and installation. Its product portfolio is extensive and includes many brand-leading names. Typical examples are Rosenberg and Interfilta.

Rosenberg

The Rosenberg range of short cased axial flow fans offers the benefits and experience of the very latest motor technology and production techniques.

Powered by the Rosenberg external rotor motor, the fan is of a compact design and has the advantage of 100% speed controllability via either transformer or electronic devices, offering a distinct advantage over conventional axial flow fans.

All Rosenberg fans are statically and dynamically balanced in accordance with VDI standard 2050, quality Q 2, 5 giving peace of mind for long, quiet and trouble-free operation.

Fans sizes – 200 to 300 – have impellers that are manufactured from high-quality galvanised steel with black epoxy coating applied. From size 315 to 630, the impellers are fibrereinforced plastic with sizes 710 to 1000, the impellers are die-cast aluminium.

The versatile of the Rosenberg centrifugal roof extract unit is suitable for a wide range of applications from kitchens, toilets, department stores, garages to warehouses in horizontal

discharge version. The "DH" is used for less dusty air.

All units utilise high-efficiency backward curved impellers equipped with the latest generation of Rosenberg external rotor motor which are 0 to 100% speed controllable by either transformer or electronic control devices.

The cowls are manufactured from substantial gauge corrosion-resistant aluminium while the base is mild steel with an epoxy paint finish.

The impeller is suitable for open inlet conditions but really comes into its own where a ducted system is required with higher static pressures.

The Rosenberg Zero-Box range of single fan units is designed for applications where quiet operation is a prime consideration.

For more details on fans contact Kieron Ryan at Tel: 01 - 492 5003.

Interfilta

Interfilta's Intersafe PM is a range of medium to high-efficiency extended surface bag filters designed to benefit installations by combining high aircleaning efficiencies with long-installed filter life (dust holding capacity).

Filter media can be impregnated with toxic anti-microbial chemicals, but there will always be the risk of these agents leaching into the air stream to the potential detriment of people's health.

By contrast, the Intersafe PM media achieves the desired result of preventing microbial colonisation without the use of added chemicals. Made from specially formulated polypropylene fibres which have an inherently anti-microbial characteristic, the media has been tested and certificated by a leading independent

test house in the USA.

The product design and careful selection of filter materials ensures that heavy weights of dust are trapped over extended maintenance intervals. There is a range of efficiencies to choose from designed to:-

- ☐ Protect equipment in general air conditioning plant;
- ☐ Ensure long life protection for fabric decoration;
- ☐ Achieve the levels of air cleanliness required in the manufacture of many products.

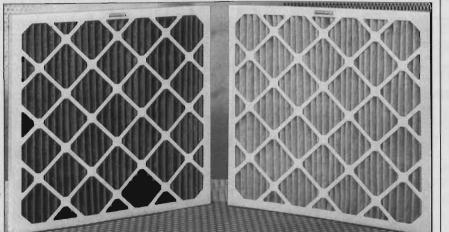
For more details on fans contact Tony Humphries/Claire Reid at Tel: 01 - 492 5003.

Hotchkiss Spiral Tubes

Hotchkiss Spiral Tubes are specialist manufacturers of spiral and flat oval duct systems. Their expertise is based on many years' experience gained from their association with ductwork contracting through their sister company, Hotchkiss Ductwork Ltd. This enables them to truly understand the contractor's problems.

To complement the spiral ducts, a comprehensive range of stock fittings is maintained in all popular standard sizes. For the larger sizes, fittings are products to client's specification.

Contact: Dan Chambers/Jim Bollard, Dan Chambers Ltd. Tel: 01 - 830 3222.

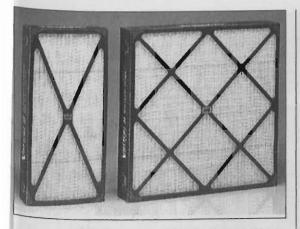


Interfilta's Interpleat pleated panel filters are available from Irish Ventilation & Filtration

J&E Hall Meeting the Global Challenge

AAF began marketing its products globally more than 40 years ago. While many other American manufacturers were focussed on only the US market, AAf had the foresight to develop a worldwide market for air filtration and environmental products.

Today, American AirFilter and AAf brands are recognised throughout the world as the trusted names in clean air, and as a symbol of excellence. They



VariCel II compact filters featuring the AAF Slimline design concept which are available from J&E Hall

are distributed throughout Ireland by J&E Hall.

As a member of the Hong Leong organisation, AAF benefits from the resources of a multinational conglomerate involved in financial services, real estate investment, and the manufacture and distribution of industrial, consumer, and high-technology products. Worldwide production facilities are specifically

designed to manufacture and test complex air filtration and air pollution control products. During the entire production process, operations are governed by the quality assurance programme and are ISO 9001 certified.

The product portfolio includes everything from high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filters for cleanroom environments, to residential air filters, to the latest cartridge dust collectors.

In conjunction with AAF, J&E Hall offers the most advanced technology and skilled application expertise for cleaning air in facilities and processes as diverse as hospitals, industrial plants, gas turbines, and nuclear reactors.

Contact: Caroline Fagan, J&E Hall. Tel: 01 - 492 5340.

Roof Units from Dan Chambers

The name Roof Units and Roof Units Ltd are of course synonymous. Roof Units Ltd are now part of the Air Movement Group and they in turn are part of Smithe Industries. Against this backdrop of growth and take-over, Dan Chambers Ltd has, over the past 20 years, been the Irish arm of this phenomenal success story.

It doesn't stop there, however. Dan Chambers Manufacturing Ltd has been manufacturing a substantial part of the Roof Units Ltd range for many years. Glass fibre roof cowls are now manufactured here in Dublin; as are the very successful and popular "Mixed Flow Square" in-line fans; Viking air handling units; and single and twin inline centrifugal fans. It all adds up to being that much more competitive and reduced lead in times.

Fire Dampers/Volume Control Dampers/Air Distribution Grilles and Diffusers

Dan Chambers Manufacturing is now celebrating 10 years of manufacturing the complete range of NEA and fire fuel fire dampers and blow duct



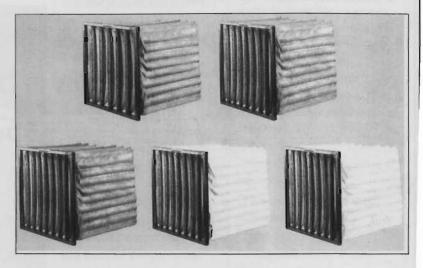
BENEFITS & FEATURES

- Manufactured from synthetic materials (no glass fibres used as in traditional highefficiency equivalents). Ideal for use in the Food, Pharmaceutical and Electronics industries;
- Media is mechanically much stronger than glass media, reducing the risk of accidental damage during intallation and throughout service life;
- Will generally have a lower pressure drop which will give (a) energy saving and
 (b) longer life;
- ☐ Inherently anti-microbial
- ☐ Competitively priced;
- ☐ Available in a range of efficiencies from EU4/5 (55%) to EU8/9 (95% plus)





INTERSAFE PM SYNTHETIC BAG FILTERS

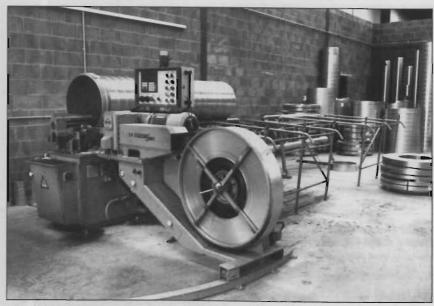


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CLAIRE REID & TONY HUMPHREYS Irish Ventilation & Filtration Ltd, Unit C, 390 Clonard Road, Crumlin, Dublin 12. Tel: 01 - 492 5003; Fax: 01 - 492 5005 volume control dampers. Every firedamper is tested before leaving the factory. Quality control is a must and is implemented by a vigilant production manager in the form of Peter Coughlan.

Spiral Ducting and Fittings

It is hard to believe that only six months has elapsed since Dan Chambers Manufacturing opened the door of its new factory for forming spiral ducting and fittings. An additional 6,000 sq ft seemed more than adequate at the time yet the success of the venture means there is now pressure on space. Of course the new Spiro Forming machine - together with Gore Lockers and other associated machinery - does take up a lot of room, not to mention storage space for the finished product and heaps of fittings. Dan Chambers laughs and says: "we just can't keep sufficient numbers of fittings in stock", and then goes on to marvel at the success of



The advanced computer-controlled spiral tubing machine at Dan Chambers Manufacturing

the operation. "It was a major and painful step forward", he says "but it has been worth the effort. It's great to get the support of the trade. Hopefully, we can continue to meet the demands

that are made on us".

Contact: Dan Chambers/Jim Bollard.

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TRADE NEWS EXTRA

New Product Introductions from MFP Sales

With the extraordinary growth in the construction sector continuing unabated, the demand for new – and more specially innovative and problem-solving products – has never been greater. One of the companies which has responded to this challenge is MFP Sales Ltd. Among its most recent introductions are the following:-

MFP Eavemaster and Classic – the perfect combination

With years of expertise and perience in the development and manufacture of PVC-u materials, MFP can justifiably claim to be among the leading suppliers of quality fascia, soffit and guttering products to Ireland's construction industry. The company's comprehensive range of systems meets all the demands of modern construction.

MFP Eavemaster – MFP
Eavemaster is the most complete
fascia and soffit system on the
market. It is notable not only for
elegance of design, but also for
ease of installation.

Competitively-priced, maintenace-free and totally weatherproof, the Eavemaster system includes easy-to-fit internal and external angles, gable boxes and finials. It's decorative ogee moulded fascia and board-effect soffit will enhance the appearance of any new or existing building.

Hardly surprising then, that in the two years since its introduction, Eavemaster has gained a large share of the Irish and Export markets – a share that continues to rise.

MFP Classic – Classic is an elegant, ogee style rainwater system, with a choice of external fascia brackets or concealed internal brackets and either



Eavemaster and Classic have been specifically designed to complement each other, both in visual appeal and in efficient performance. Separately, the two pride excellent results, but together, Eavemaster and Classic are the perfect combination.

square or circular downpipes.

Anchored at outlets, angles and unions to control the effects of thermal movement, Classic is the ideal choice where appearance, performance and capacity dictate the use of a rainwater system other than half-round or square.

Marley Alutec

Now available from MFP, Lucan is Marley Alutec, the Ogee profile to the Aligator 'Snap-Fit' rainwater drainage systems, suitable for use on all domestic, commercial and industrial sites, especially those installations where the building is long-life and lowmaintenance.

Ogee is a 150 x 100mm profile gutter giving greater cross-sectional area and thus an increased flow rate. Internal snap-fit unions are sealed with low modulus silicone scalant and there are concealed fascia brackets. "Snap-Fit" jointing ensures that installation is quick, simple and easy – being both secure and extremely durable.

There is a comprehensive range of choice in downpipes, accessories, fittings, scalants, fixings and assembly bolts where required. There are also 18 standard colours to match any exterior design on all types or ages of property.

Contact: MFP Sales Ltd. Tel: 01 - 628 0696; Fax: 01 - 628 1119.

Contractors – Reduce Site Labour Costs by Up to 66%

BSRIA's recently completed site productivity project has produced some important findings for the building services industry. Site productivity in a typical UK project was found to be as much as 66% lower than observed best practice. BSRIA has identified what changes are needed and how they may be implemented to increase productivity, not so much through increased spending, but by careful attention to detail.

While the conclusions are based on the UK experience, they can equally be applied to the Irish marketplace.

The study is based on an international comparison of site work, examining construction activity in the UK, Sweden, the USA and Germany. Each project was assessed individually against criteria for best possible performance as well as against each other. Analysis shows that on specific tasks and activities, contractors in each country had something to learn from the other.

Output was divided into productive and non-productive components. Five major types of non-productive time was identified.

☐ time lost within the control of the worker;

☐ time lost due to inefficient methods of operation;

☐ time lost through management shortcomings;

☐ time lost through changes in the scope of the work;

☐ time lost by factors affecting the execution of particular tasks.

A state-of-the-art **Energy Training** Facility, the first of its kind in Ireland, catering for the oil and gas industries was officially opened by The Minister for Enterprise and Employment, Mr Richard Bruton, TD at the FÁS Training Centre, Rossa Avenue. Bishopstown, Cork, on Friday 2 May last.

FÁS Cork Energy Training Facility – a First for Ireland

In the fast changing environment of technological change, it is essential that the domestic oil and gas industries ensure the highest standards in efficiency, safety and operation while at the same time conforming with rigorous environmental standards and regulations.

"The overall objective of the Energy Training Facility is to provide access to a framework of certification through which persons can display the required level of competence in gas and oil installation and service as required by the industry", said FAS Centre Manager Christy Cooney.

FAS Cork has responded in a positive way to the requirements of industry and has worked in cooperation with the Irish Energy

Centre, Irish Domestic Heating and Environmental Engineers (IDHE), the Domestic Heating Oil Council of Ireland (DHOC), and The Consultative Gas Committee to provide up to date certified training programmes designed for their specific needs and requirements.

Those involved in the oil and gas industries have responded positively and with enthusiasm to the new Energy Training Facility.

"FÁS Cork has provided gas technical training and other related training for over 300 people to the highest standards covering BGE staff, contractors and installers", states Bord Gáis.

Calor Gas sees its association with, and contribution to, the new facility as



John Fay with Joe Conroy, Grant Engineering; Paddy Scriven, Vokera; Fintan Kennedy, Potterton Myson; and Michael Stack, Waterford Stanley.



Minister for Enterprise and Employment, Mr Richard Bruton, TD, with Ms Paula Cosgrave, Instructor, FÁS Training Facility, Cork (both gas and oil)

a natural extension of its commitment to continuously improved standards and safety within the industry.

Indeed in 1993, in cooperation with the Gas consultative Committee - a group which represents the entire gas industry – FÁS Cork developed a domestic and industrial gas training facility within its Bishopstown Centre. The training area was further developed two years later to meet the needs of the Irish Liquid Petroleum Gas Association and in 1996 there were further developments to comply with the National Standards Authority regulation IS813.

Towards the end of last year, FÁS – in conjunction with the Irish Energy Centre, DHOC, IDHE, Firebird, Grant Engineering, Waterford Stanley and together with the Oil Firing

Technical Association for the Petroleum Industry and the Irish Heating Industry – provided a complete suite of technical training programmes in domestic heating installation, service and operation.

The opening of the Energy Training Facility earlier this month is the culmination of all these developments. It now provides training to the highest standards for both new and existing craftspeople within the sector in a custom-built area that is superbly equipped with classroom and "hands-on" practical training equipment. This includes a wide range of modern cooking and heating appliances donated by major equipment manufacturers.

The oil industry is particularly pleased that it too, like its gas



Richard O'Sullivan, Firebird Boilers, with Christy Cooney, FÁS Training Centre Manager, Cork; Minister Bruton, John Fay and Paula Cosgrave, Instructor

Supporters and Contributors

Among those who have supported and contributed to the development of the new Energy Training facility are:-

AGA-Rayburn Ltd; Aquatech Ltd; Barlo Heating Ltd; Baxi Heating Ltd; Bord Gáis Eireann; Calor Gas; Danfoss/J J Sampson & Son Ltd; Don Heating Products Ltd; Dublin Providers Ltd; Firebird Boilers; Grant Engineering Ltd; G.R. Claudio (Vokera) Ltd; Honeywell Controls/C & F Quadrant; Kingspan GSP Ltd; Monoflame Ireland Ltd; Optiflex Ltd; Potterton Myson (Ireland) Ltd; Selkirk Manufacturing Ltd/Hevac Ltd; Southern Gas Appliance & Parts Ltd; Teddington Controls Ltd; Trianco Redfyre Ltd; Waterford Stanley Ltd; Worcester Heat Systems Ltd/Heatovent Ireland Ltd.

counterparts, can now have its craftspeople trained in new skills and upgrade their knowledge of today's hightech and highly-efficient appliances.

"The training of installation and service personnel to recognised OFTEC fuel and gas is a natural source, it is critical they are used as efficiently and economically as possible, so the need for competent equipment installers and service personnel is obvious.

The courses are relevant to



Colin Sutherland, OFTEC with Mick McEvoy and Oliver McNally, Domestic Heating Oil Council, and Virgil Bolger, Irish Energy Centre

standards such as that provided by FÁS will have significant benefits", according to Firebird Boilers, who recognise the establishment of training facilities at FÁS, Cork, as a major step forward in the domestic oil heating industry.

"With the introduction of the OFTEC training course in conjunction with the FÁS Training Centre in Cork we feel the courses available will be of great benefit to both the installer and the service engineer" according to Grant Engineering of Birr, Co Offaly.

"Since oil is an imported

skilled people who are working as plumbers and fitters, either as selfemployed or employees, and qualified craftspeople from the electrical and allied trades. Both oil and gas industries involve the use of flammable and explosive substances which can give off toxic fumes, so safety is a critical part of the training offered", said Mr Cooney. The gas certification is joint FÁS/City and Guilds while the oil certification is provided through OFTEC, the Oil Firing Technical Association for the Petroleum Industry.

DANFOSS GOES BLUE WITH MANEUROP

ollowing the purchase and take-over of Maneurop s.a. by Danfoss A/S, the latter's long-term representative in Ireland J J Sampson & Son Ltd now offers an extended range and synergised products package of both Danfoss and Maneurop. It combines automatic controls, compressors (reciprocating and scroll) and condensing units to suit all refrigeration and air conditioning requirements.

The existing Danfoss compressor and condensing units range is now enhanced by the extended ranges of Maneurop, giving a full and effective range from a nominal 1/10th h.p. up to 13 h.p. for single compressors and beyond, when combined in packs, or in tandem (scroll versions).

Combining such high-quality and reliable products – supported by the design and manufacturing expertise of world leaders in refrigeration and air conditioning – control and equipment – means that J J Sampson & Son Ltd now provides a comprehensive portfolio of problem-solving solutions for all situations.

MANEUROP: THE BLUE WORLD

The Blue World of Maneurop appeared 25 years ago in France – in the region were the Beaujolais wine is made, close to the City of Lyon and just two hours from Paris by the TGV "bullet" train.

Very rapidly, Maneurop became THE benchmark reference for all air conditioning, refrigeration and heat pump manufacturers.

It now operates three state-of-the-art facilities with a total covered floor space of

over 45,000 sq m. One is in Atlanta — the bustling Olympic City and high-sport of American business — and the two in France are located in Anse and Trévoux where most of Europe's refrigeration and air conditioning industry is based. Maneurop exports over 80% of Anse and Trévoux plant output. Every day, literally hundreds of compressors are dispatched all over the world.

To further strengthen its international presence, Maneurop joined forces with the Danfoss Group.

The Group now has over 15,000 employees in 103 countries.

A WORLD OF INNOVATION

Maneurop's R & D Department maintains a continuous technology watch and the skills of the Design Engineering Department develop two technologies to meet every specification for performance and environmental protection.

Reciprocating compressor technology is continually improving and continues to demonstrate its effectiveness in a wide range of applications.

Maneurop's medium and low temperature conclensing units and reciprocating https://arrowstudubilig.ie/loss/vol36/iss5//1

their toughness and peerless qualities.

Scroll compressor technology – a major innovation which increases efficiency and reliability – and reduces noise levels. Its highly complex scroll profiles of these two components optimise the hermetic technology.

A WORLD OF QUALITY

Maneurop constantly strives for total reliability and quality. Quality due to the commitment and professional skills of a

to the skills of the workforce. Maneurop is a fine-tuned team with an amazing ability to anticipate customers needs – the only way to be sure of producing the right products at the right time.

Long before compressors are marketed, to R & D laboratory tests them by simulating the conditions in which they will be used. Tests include measurements of cooling capacity, power consumption, noise levels to confirm the engineering design options.

Once operational, the service life of all prototypes is evaluated in real and accelerated time to optimise the durability of every component and every model of compressor.

A WORLD OF PERFORMANCES

Maneurop's range of reciprocating compressors, scroll compressors and condensing units covers the needs of the whole world. In air conditioning they keep surroundings pleasant and in refrigeration they maintain the quality of a wide range of products.



Maneurop reciprocating and scroll compressors, and condensing units

whole team trained in leading-edge techniques working in the framework of a Total Quality plan. Quality due to continuous inspections carried out by line staff and machines at every phase of production. No-Compromise Quality based on rigorous organisation in compliance with ISO 9000 quality standards and total expertise at every workstation on the Maneurop line ... from building the motors to machining scroll compressor involutes. Every part is made inhouse: a policy which reduces lead-times - and costs!

Legendary Maneurop product reliability meets every market requirement. This is due

For air conditioning they are at work in packaged and split-system units, heat pumps, liquid chillers and many industrial cooling systems.

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Maneurop also means refrigeration and total competence in every aspect of the cold chain from production to distribution of food products.

To explore the "Blue" world of Maneurop further, contact:
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