



F1 Manufacturer Invests in ProgressPlus Software

Precision manufacturing firm Whiteley Brooks Engineering has bolstered its shop floor production with the introduction of state-of-the-art production control software, ProgressPlus.

The Coventry-based engineering firm, established in 1965 by Ken Whiteley and Stan Brooks, manufactures high quality machined component parts primarily for use in Formula 1 racing vehicles. And, ever keen to stay ahead of the curve when it comes to new technologies and manufacturing practices, Whiteley Brooks has invested heavily in the ProgressPlus production control software in a bid to streamline working practices and reduce unnecessary production costs.

Jat Purewal, manager at Whiteley Brooks Engineering, said: "It's extremely important to our clients that we have full traceability for each of the components we produce, particularly when working in F1.

"Installing ProgressPlus has given us increased confidence in our ability to produce parts which stand up to rigid design specifications and be delivered on time, whilst considerably improving the intricacy of our processes.

"A key concern of new clients is often ensuring their finished product will meet with rigorous standards required to pass end of line quality audits, having ProgressPlus in place gives them added peace of mind."

From its initial orders in 1965 Whiteley Brooks Engineering has grown into the multi-faceted precision engineering and CNC machining business it is today and following a draft of new orders it became clear an integrated software management system would pay dividends.

After a meticulous consultation process with several production control system developers, ProgressPlus, developed by Glasgow-based Berkeley Myles Solutions, is now in operation at the firm's Binley plant.

The system has restructured several existing processes into one cohesive unit allowing the company to keep track of and follow orders every step of the way using ProgressPlus' unique user-friendly interface. From inception to manufacture, delivery and invoicing the program ensures full access and reporting at each stage of the job.

"As orders increased and deadlines tightened, it became clear for the company to move forward we would have to invest in a more comprehensive business management package.

"As well as updating the processing time and turn-around of orders, the system has subsequently improved our general administrative processes - a benefit which has come over and above what we expected."

Tony MacBride, Berkeley Myles' managing director, said: "Since working with Whiteley Brooks we have developed a successful partnership helping streamline their working practices and increase efficiency throughout the many



sectors of the company.

“At a time when the manufacturing industry has been hit by losses across the board, businesses are recognising that it is the most efficient and lean companies who will survive the current economic conditions.

“An increasing number of manufacturing brands are quickly realising that implementing the ProgressPlus software provides long term gains, helping them achieve a standard of efficiency required to successfully pass increasingly stringent quality audits by prospective clients.

“We have experienced significant growth in the past year as a result of this demand and our teams will continue to be across the country showing why ProgressPlus is the only true option for companies serious about improving their production control.”

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Note to editors

Berkeley Myles Solutions Ltd, www.progress-plus.co.uk, has developed extensive experience in designing and implementing manufacturing systems. A growing number of companies throughout the UK now depend on its innovative ProgressPlus solution to streamline, automate and integrate the management and control of their shop-floor production and administrative processes.

For more info visit www.progress-plus.co.uk

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