

## ***Solutions in Action - Plastimo***

### ***The challenge***

Plastimo UK Limited, established in 1963, is now recognised as Europe's expert manufacturer in the field of plastic engineering and one of the leading boating equipment distributors. Unique in the leisure boating trade, Plastimo offers a comprehensive range of 6,500 products including lifejackets, safety harnesses and life rafts.

Due to its continued growth and success in 2003, Plastimo amalgamated with Eastbourne-based Navtech. This in turn led to a need for larger premises for the expanding company to operate from. Plastimo selected a spacious recently completed unit at Hamilton Business Park in Hedge End; the next challenge was to re-fit the 38,000 sq ft space to meet their needs... Enter Spaceway.

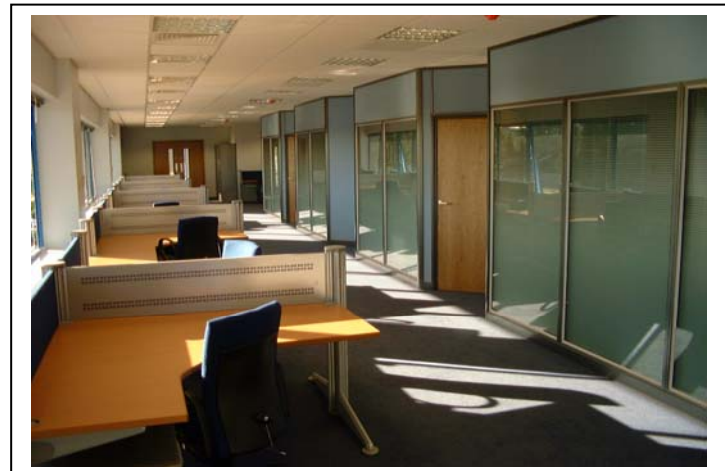


### ***Spaceway's approach***

Sales Director, Dominic O'Brien was presented with the brief for the turnkey operation along with some tight schedules, Dominic explains "There was the chance that both of the old sites could have been sold and neither company would have anywhere to go, so timing was absolutely critical.

"Fortunately we have had extensive experience in working under pressure, and were able to advise on the move and all logistical aspects of the operation."

In addition there were weekly meetings with Plastimo UK and their parent company Plastimo France to ensure that updates on progress were regularly communicated between all parties.



### ***Benefits delivered***

"We are delighted with the finished product. The space has been turned into an exceptional working environment, which will serve us well for years to come."

**Paul Callus**  
**Managing Director**  
**Plastimo**

## Solutions / products used

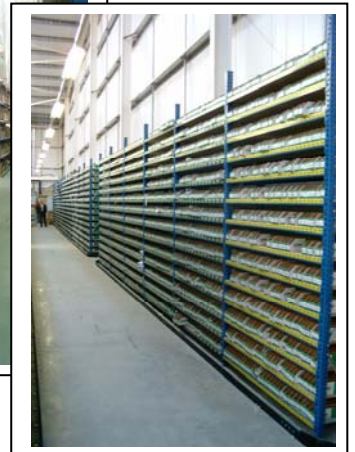
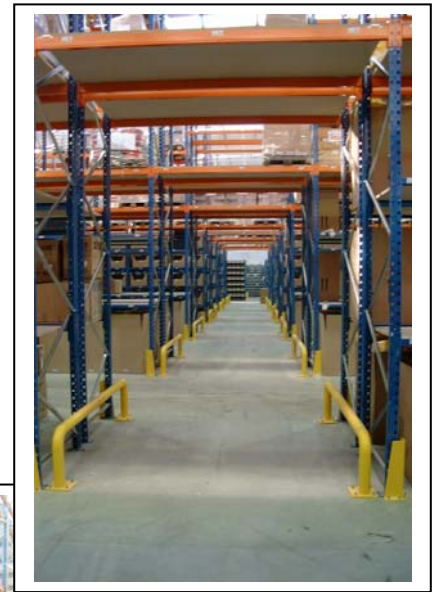
### WAREHOUSES

The first phase of the works involved installing longspan shelving and pallet racking (manufactured by Planned Storage) in the ground floor warehouse area so that stock from both sites could be transferred to the new building as part of the move – timing and planning were vital.

The racks and shelves were specified according to the layout drawings which had been produced for each of the rows. These in turn had been designed specifically for the products they would store, including vertical racks for storing the oars.

In addition packing benches, conveyors and safety barriers were also specified within the overall warehouse layout and design to accommodate the storage, packing and despatch requirements of the operation.

A small raised FlooriTall™ mezzanine platform was installed to support the warehouse office, which was constructed using Excalibur double skin steel partitioning. This was designed and positioned in order that the Warehouse Manager could monitor and oversee the warehouse operation with ease.



A separate area was created for the warehouse canteen; this was also of a monobloc construction using Excalibur double skin steel partitioning with a suspended ceiling. The floor was covered with a timber plank effect vinyl and a contemporary style kitchen was installed and finished in a modern denim blue. The canteen was then furnished with café-style circular tables and chairs in a beech melamine finish with chrome legs.

The third area of the ground floor to be fitted out was the 110 square metre “Nav Man” Showroom. This also involved a monobloc double skin steel construction, with a suspended ceiling and the same vinyl timber plank effect flooring as in the canteen.



## OFFICES

The final areas to be designed and installed were the first floor offices and boardroom. These were partitioned using Komfort Kameo demountable office partitions and the windows were dressed with 'Natte' performance anti-glare perforated roller blinds, as the offices were south facing.

Haworth 'Castelli' furnishings were specified for the office areas. Desks were finished in a beech melamine with multiplex edge detail under structure finished in metallic silver; each workstation comprised a 2-drawer silver steel mobile pedestal with pen tray along with fabric desk screening and silver steel equipment screen. Manager workstations were supplied with conference extensions and meeting ends.

In addition, Comforto System 50 task chairs were specified for each workstation, and Comforto System 50 manager chairs used in each of the managers' offices. Comforto System 50 visitor chairs were also incorporated into the scheme.

Triumph tambour door units were specified for storage, finished in metallic silver paint and beech melamine to match the workstations, along with open bookcase units also finished in metallic silver paint.

The Boardroom was furnished with a bespoke 4-metre Boardroom table, finished in an oak wood veneer. This was complemented by a 2-seater sofa, tub chairs and a glass coffee table.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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