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New investment in lathe technology at TR's Hank® manufacturing plant



TR Fastenings, part of the Trifast plc group of companies, has maintained a strong presence in East Sussex for many years, and the latest arrival at its Hank® manufacturing facility in Uckfield represents an important investment in its UK operations. Despite the challenges that Covid-19 has presented, demand for TR's products continues to increase and the purchase of a high performance CNC Sliding Head machine reflects this.

Sliding head technology

The SR-32JII Type A unit is a high performance sliding head lathe supplied by Star Micronics GB. Its utilisation will enable TR to get products to market faster and with more efficiency, a vital requirement during the economy's post-Covid recovery. With pent up demand, the machine will work alongside the 50 existing units, enabling TR to meet the needs of customers.

Amongst its many benefits, the SR-32JII Type A offers greater accuracy, higher rigidity and, crucially, opportunities to expand productivity levels. Increased spindle power and more flexible tooling options will also help TR to add to the number of products already manufactured at the plant.

The strength of UK manufacturing

In the wake of Brexit and the Covid-19 pandemic, there has been a greater emphasis on UK manufacturing, and TR Fastenings is delighted to have worked alongside

Derby-based Star Micronics GB in the commission of this new machine. This is TR's commitment and undertaking to increase its British production capabilities. Star Micronics has been pleased to support the installation, saying "*thank you to TR for placing your trust in our products*".

Specialists from Star Micronics were on-site to commission the machine and to oversee relevant training for TR users. The SR-32JII Type A weighs more than four tonnes, and the installation and implementation process took four days.

The European Managing Director of TR Fastenings, Andrew Nuttall, is already looking forward to the benefits that this investment will bring, saying "*this purchase underpins our commitment to the future of our British manufacturing, and it represents our continuing faith in our East Sussex facility*".

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