

SPRINT TOOL AND DIE LTD

SUPPLIER PARTNERSHIP – TOOLMAKER OF THE YEAR 2013



Sprint Tool and Die are delighted to have been named as the Plastics Industry Awards Suppliers Partnership – Toolmaker of the Year 2013 as a result of having previously manufactured many technical related mould tools for Ricoh UK and having an excellent working relationship.

Ricoh UK had been sourcing the toner cartridge components within a commercial photocopier from Japan. Ricoh have built their global manufacturing and supply system upon the foundation of efficiency and quality, aiming to manufacture locally where possible. Sprint Tool and Die's remit was to cut the existing Japanese cap and holder tool cycle times and reduce material wastage.

Ian Amos, Sprint's MD, designed the mould tools so that the cycle time was reduced dramatically and with less waste, which adds up to many saved hours of production, as well as reduced employment and energy costs.

When the Ricoh USA had to tool up for the same project, Ricoh Japan – having seen the massive improvements in efficiency - specifically requested that they source their cap and holder tooling from Sprint Tool and Die.

Sprint Tool and Die have continued to work closely with Ricoh UK on a variety of projects helping to ensure manufacturing is kept within the Telford and the UK. Sprint Tool and Die was set up in Telford in 1989 by Ian Amos and has carved out a niche market by supplying high spec mould tools to moulders around the country, as well as exporting mould tools to America, Canada, Puerto Rico and Southern Ireland.

The future is looking bright, the economic climate is improving and companies are looking at investing in new products. Due to continuous investment, Sprint Tool and Die are in a good position to take advantage of the upturn in the manufacturing economy.

Telford has traditionally been supportive of polymer industries, due to the excellent training facilities, availability of factory space and local infrastructure, and this looks set to continue well into the future.

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