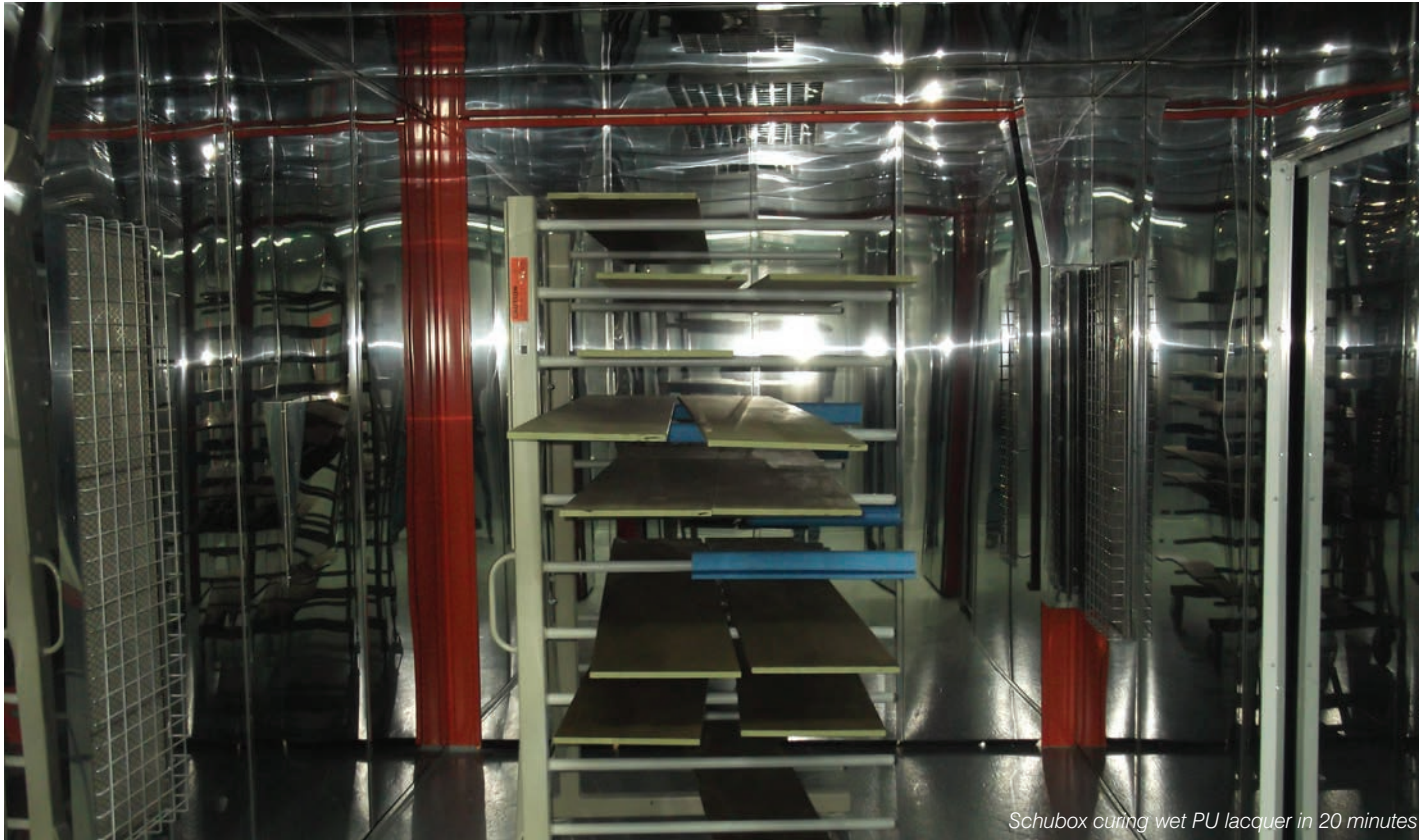




NEW TECHNOLOGY

Leading specialist in wood finishing systems, Schuberts, has helped Somerset-based Halstock Cabinet Makers achieve precision for its discerning clientele ...

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Schubox curing wet PU lacquer in 20 minutes

Tucked away amidst the beautiful Somerset countryside is a furniture manufacturer that is at the very pinnacle of the supply chain. Halstock Cabinet Makers, based near Yeovil, is renowned for its outstanding projects which include some of the finest homes in the country.

Clients fitting out a kitchen suite for example, made from the finest materials, are very demanding and only the best will do. Naturally, the surface finish has to be perfect and this is not easy to achieve unless the environment of the spray shop is properly controlled and the coating applied and cured as soon as possible.

This not only saves time, but also eliminates surface contamination. Halstock's operations manager, Jasper Heinrich, identified opportunities to improve their finishing performance and called in a number of possible suppliers of a system which, within a

certain compact footprint, would cater for its discerning needs.

Schuberts has, of course, decades of experience in the design, manufacture and installation of turnkey wood finishing systems. The Schubox catalytic IR curing zone is employed by almost every furniture and joinery manufacturer of note in the UK and together with the spray application zone fitted with ultra bright 1000lux lighting sets, denibbing area with Sandbox down-draught extraction tables and a total enclosure with filtered, clean air replacement, is exported as a package to many overseas markets.

A very detailed evaluation of Halstock's needs was carried out, including full product testing at another Schuberts customer that operates combination flash off and Schubox curing systems. These tests were carried out by Halstock staff over a full day, in real production conditions. The proposed Halstock facility could not be matched by any other potential supplier. Subsequently a full system was designed and layouts produced.

Detailed discussions followed involving both the management and shop floor production personnel. These meetings proved most useful, and in particular input from those who would be at the sharp end helped to arrive at a final specification and layout.

The order was placed with Schuberts and delivered and installed five weeks later. After a brief commissioning and training period, Halstock was able to run happily on its own. The difference in quality,

comfort and ease of operation was obvious from early on. Reworking due to surface contamination or marking when handling/packing not fully cured surfaces, has disappeared.

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Entrance to spray zone and exit from Schubox



Spray team in front of their spray booth from left to right Lewi Smith, Magali Pascal and Mark Goodhall



Adjustable divider panel in front of spray booth with 1000lux lighting sets

