

NEW EQUIPMENT, FIRST INSTALLATION

Houghton International supplied Blackburn-based engineering training centre, The Advanced Manufacturing & Automation Centre (AMAC), with their latest product and cutting-edge development: the FluidMix.

As an essential part of the manufacturing process for many sectors, having knowledge of the latest developments in coolant systems and the practical skills for operating them is indispensable. Houghton's installation of a FluidMix unit to AMAC, this capital expenditure will allow these trainee engineers to have hands-on experience of working with a state of the art coolant system as part of their education.

The FluidMix from Houghton is the most recent addition to their line of FluidCare equipment solutions for a range of industries, including automotive and aerospace. This stand-alone coolant mixing station is proven to significantly cut down production time and reduce water waste in the mixing process.

Designed to mix and distribute water-soluble coolants to pre-set, accurate, and consistent concentrations as required, the FluidMix is ideal for entire workshops or individual workstations. The unit has the ability to store up to four password-protected pre-set calculations for coolants, enabling operators to switch between settings as necessary while working, and guaranteeing solution percentage accuracy.

In addition to the FluidMix, Houghton has worked closely with AMAC previously to deliver industry-standard workshops, on both coolant care and understanding the key-benefits of coolants to machine tools and tooling, improving cycle-times and delivering essential machine maintenance.



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Houghton as market leaders to the sector, with equipment installations, and service engineer coverage to the entire UK and Ireland, as part of its FluidCare packages, servicing and maintaining manufacturing facilities, while numerous OEMs and Tier 1 manufactures rely on FluidCare, with the complexities of REACh compliance, the FluidCare offering is now filtering into mid-stream engineering, with FluidCare being a complete management of companies' coolant, fluids and waste solutions.

Regional Director for Northern EMEA at Houghton, Steve Mayo, said of the investment:

"We recognise that effective collaboration between employers and wider-education providers will result in excellent high-level skills development that benefits our workforce and the wider economy."