

A NEW WET BLAST SOLUTION FOR ALMOND ENGINEERING



Almond Engineering specialises in the design and manufacture of small batch or one-off components for industries including aerospace, medical and energy.

They are known for delivering quality products, on schedule. But this reputation was at risk when a key piece of wet blasting equipment kept breaking down – leading to multiple engineer call outs, costly repairs, and excessive downtime.

Hodge Clemco, a SurfacePrep company, has a close relationship with Almond Engineering. Our ongoing service plan and team of experienced engineers play an important role in supporting their business. When their old wet blast cabinet started to fail, our service engineer suggested it might be the right time to invest in new equipment.

WHY WET BLASTING?

Dry blasting isn't an option for many industrial applications, where the quality of finish is essential. One reason is media impregnation, where small fragments of abrasive become embedded in the surface of the item being blasted. With wet blasting there is no media impregnation due to the abrasive being suspended in the water.

The wet blasting cabinets Hodge Clemco provide are the perfect alternative to dry blasting. They allow a dust-free process with a softer surface finish, which in cosmetic applications keeps components cleaner for longer. If the application requires an optimal cosmetic finish, wet blasting is by far the better option.

“Maintenance is more than just keeping a machine running. Maintaining an efficient machine helps reduce waste, minimise downtime, cut costs, and more importantly save time and energy.

Improving the surface finish on products promotes customer satisfaction, and safe clean equipment is better for operators.

At Hodge Clemco we tailor support packages to meet the specific needs of our customers. The packages offer great flexibility, allowing our customers to get the maximum out of their equipment and ultimately their business.”

JOHN ANDERSON

Service Engineer for Scotland and Ireland

BUILT ON TRUST

Our relationship with Almond Engineering is based on trust. They know we have decades of experience in our service engineering and technical teams, so they were happy to take our advice about the best way forward. And the decision about the right wet blast cabinet to suit their needs was a shared one.

As always, our quote was clear about the costs, technical details of the equipment, and included full drawings. We always want to be sure that the customer is clear about what they are going to get, what they can expect from us, and when. For Almond Engineering, the project also included delivery and installation of the wet blast cabinet, training for their staff, and an ongoing service plan.

“This project was delivered four weeks ahead of schedule – a great result for the customer and for Hodge Clemco.”

Terry Myers, Area Sales Manager for the North East of England, Hodge Clemco

DELIVERED WITH PRIDE

We pride ourselves on being a total service solution provider for our customers. When Almond Engineering came to us, they were confident they could rely on our pre-sales advice, our exceptional customer service, and our ability to provide the best quality wet blasting cabinet on the market.

After the installation was complete, they also knew that our aftersales care and service plan would keep the new cabinet they'd invested in up and running and in tip top condition. The training we delivered to their team ensures the machine is being used as effectively and efficiently as possible. In addition, we provide spare parts and abrasives, and if needed we will recycle abrasives.

Almond Engineering value having a single point of contact on our technical team who deals with all their needs – whether it's a repair, a service request or abrasives order. They know we're not just selling blasting and finishing products, we're selling the expertise that goes with them. And that single point of contact will be there when they need us for the entire lifetime of their wet blasting cabinet.

