

January 2012. New Rev.C AS9100 accreditation. Ascot have successfully achieved the transition to the new AS9100 Rev. C accreditation. The addition of many new requirements extends the scope of the accreditation beyond Aviation to Defence and places more emphasis onto on time delivery while making the quality manual a “mission critical” part of the business. Elton Riches Quality Director said – “This really does put those of us responsible for quality at the forefront of the business. With the emphasis now on “on time delivery” and information gathering and feedback loops, the quality manual has truly been taken down from the shelf and made a vital component of the production and senior management processes.”

May 2011. Major expansion and investment. After successfully bidding on a major new long term work package, The Ascot Group has expanded into additional new facilities. A new unit of 4,000 sq ft, sited next to Ascot’s current facility, will house a purpose designed and built “finishing cell” for aerospace parts. Managing Director Trevor Bourke commented “This contract win from Germany is a major achievement for Ascot and marks a milestone in our growth and development. Our investment in a new, purpose built clean finishing cell, demonstrates our commitment to our customers and our ability to provide first class facilities and industry leading solutions. This is hopefully the first of several work packages to come from Germany.”

Large scale internal investment – November 2009. AMF, the Berkshire based paint finishing company has begun the first phase of its investment programme by commissioning a new high temperature oven together with a new enclosed water booth and integrated box oven. On the back of AMF’s success in the Aerospace and Defence sectors, the company is looking to increase its finishing capability. Managing Director Trevor Bourke said “As a result of continuing success in the Aerospace and Defence sector AMF is looking to invest in the latest finishing equipment. We are able to offer our customers a complete finishing service by adding value through investment in the latest finishing equipment.”

Major new customer approval – August 2009. Acting for a major UK commercial and defence company on the south west coast, independent quality auditors approve AMF as a paint finisher. AMF the Berkshire based paint finishing company was able to demonstrate robust quality procedures, high quality finishing, flexibility and exceptional delivery times.

Major new customer approval – July 2009. The Berkshire based paint finishing company AMF becomes an approved finisher for a high profile major international supplier of steel and aluminium armour plate. AMF was able to demonstrate robust quality procedures, high quality finishing, flexibility and exceptional delivery times.

Major new customer approval – June 2009. AMF the Berkshire based paint finishing company becomes an approved finishers for a high profile performance vehicle technology company, who’s strategic aim is to become a force in the aerospace/ defence sector over the coming years. AMF was able to demonstrate robust quality procedures, high quality finishing, flexibility and exceptional delivery times.

Bespoke system devised and successfully trailed with FTSE 100 Partner - May/ June 2009. In connection with a major FTSE 100 company the Berkshire based paint finishing company AMF helps devise and trial successfully a bespoke (and potentially revolutionary) finishing system for the communication industry. Production Director Paul Laflin said “Working with one of our key customers on this project has been both challenging and rewarding. Our success with this demanding bespoke system in field trials clearly demonstrates our customer commitment while proving that AMF is more than just your average paint finisher. This is an exciting system that has the potential to fundamentally change the way some aerospace antennas are finished.”

Major new customer approval – April/ May 2009. The Berkshire based paint finishing company AMF becomes an approved finisher for the UK’s second largest defence electronics supplier. AMF is now a key partner in a high profile KANBAN delivery system.

NADCAP Approval – January 2009. After considerable time and expense AMF the Berkshire based paint finishing company is awarded NADCAP accreditation for paint finishing - chemical processing. Managing Director Trevor Bourke said “This has been a major undertaking for AMF and demonstrates clearly our ability to react to the demands of our customers however difficult that may appear to be. NADCAP is recognised worldwide in our industry and this accreditation promotes AMF into the premier league as far as finishing is concerned.”

Major new customer approval – October 2008. In October 2008 the Berkshire based paint finishing company AMF becomes an approved finisher for a high profile major MOD vehicle contract. Offering quality and flexibility and exceptional delivery times, AMF has become a key partner in this contract.

Nightshift introduced - October 2008. In October 2008 AMF the Berkshire based paint finishing company expands its working hours by introducing the nightshift in response to increased customer demand. Managing Director Trevor Bourke said “The nightshift adds flexibility to our finishing capacity, while reducing our lead times - this means our customers can be more competitive in the market place by shorten their own lead times.”