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## Message from our Managing Director

As another year comes to a close, I'd like to take some time to reflect on the last 12 months and to give our customers a flavour of what is in store for 2024.

2023 has undoubtedly brought some challenges to the industry. Rising raw material costs, increased energy costs and pressure on overall demand due to world economic and political instability have all been factors affecting our sector. However, we are now seeing a much more positive outlook and we look forward to 2024 with renewed enthusiasm.

This year we have continued in our mission to be the UK's leading "one-stop-shop" for die supplies and consumables

and we have invested heavily in new products to bring further innovation to our valuable customers. New items include plastic pallets, rotary rule, new plastic die components, Cuir components, a new 24 hour cut rubber service, showcasing our new XPRO rubber cutter/plotter and, of course, the market-leading Speed-X ejection rubber range.

On behalf of all at C&T, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our fantastic customers both in the UK and abroad who continue to support our company. We will continue to bring you the best possible service, technical support and innovation offering available in the UK.

As we look forward to 2024, we have many exciting projects in the pipeline. We will be present at DRUPA in May where we will be showcasing more innovation from the C&T Group. Additionally we will be launching

new brand imagery along with updated packaging to not only improve the quality of our packaging but to make it more sustainable and environmentally friendly.

A final note on people – after 16 years at C&T in various financial roles, culminating in the Finance Director position, Adam Cherry will be sadly leaving us in December to take a well-earned rest and spend some time travelling. Adam has been a lynchpin of the C&T team and will be sadly missed. We welcome Justin Smith as our new Finance Director and look forward to working with him.

I thank all our loyal customers and friends for their support and we look forward to working together in 2024.

**Simon Shenton**  
*Managing Director*

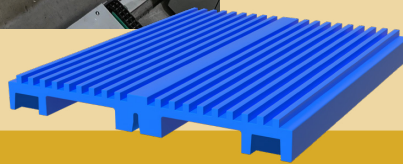
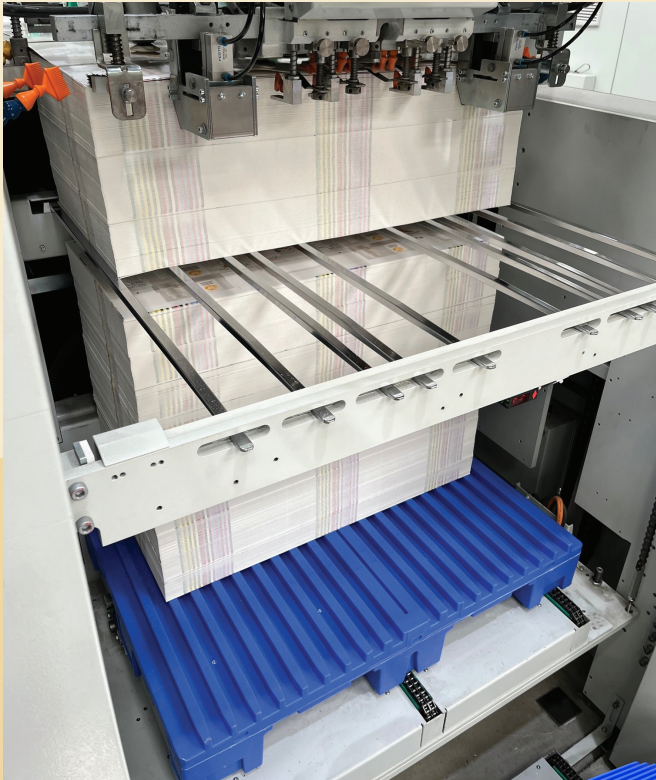


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# Plastic Pallets - Food Safe too!

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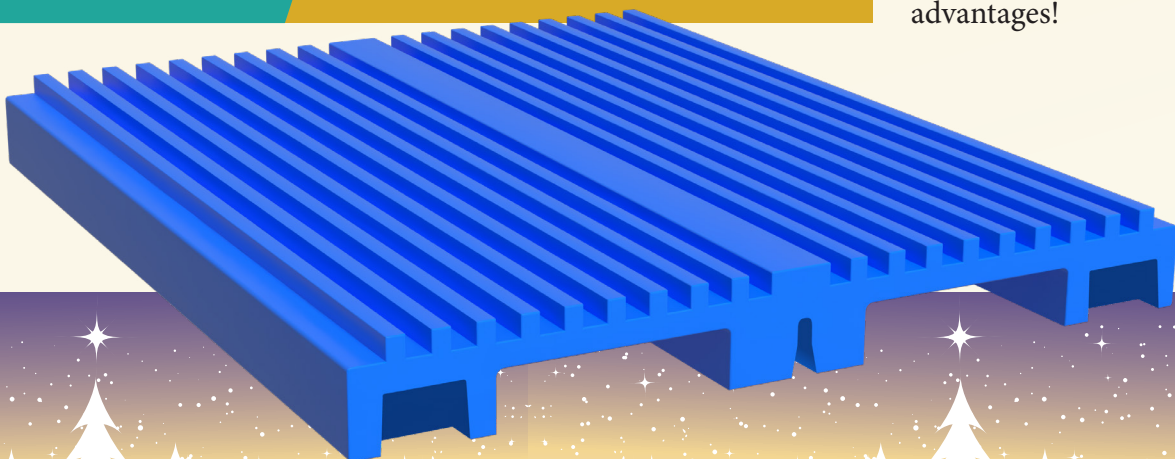
Traditionally wooden pallets have been used in folding carton manufacturing over the years. The folding carton production environment has had to adapt to various hygiene accreditations for pharmaceutical, beverage and grocery industries they service.

Not only impacted by regulations for hygiene, but the latest production machinery has also been a key factor in speeding up performance on the shop floor, thus improving machine up time.

So why use a plastic pallet? The advantages are twofold, for maximising none stop changeovers, having a quality pallet between printing and die cutting is imperative.

There is also the hygiene and health and safety benefits to consider for example - no contamination from splinters, standard pallet weight and weight capacity. Finally, the ability for the plastic pallet to be wiped clean and cycle through production many times without failing.

Many C&T customers including folding carton and commercial printers in the UK, Spain, Italy and USA have already seen the advantages!



# Cutting Sheet Rubber into strips and blocks

C&T have recently invested in our first X-Pro. Our second X-Pro will be added in the first quarter of 2024.

The X-Pro can convert all sheet rubber products including SpeedX, Cristal Face (Sprintcell), Vulcan and EPDM in to strips and blocks. Also available to purchase is the ClearTech XPRO CNC 3 in 1 machine, capable of cutting rubber blocks, strips and special designs suitable for flatbed and rotary, sample making in both solid carton and cardboard substrates. There are 4 different table sizes available with bespoke options available upon request.

This gives our customers the flexibility to order strips and blocks from our full range of sheet rubbers, with and without adhesive. Most products are now on stock! We are also able to manufacture

special shapes on request. Our recent investment of the ClearTech XPRO CNC machine allows us to offer cut rubber into the market. The machine can cut materials up to 22mm high with an accuracy of +/- 0.05mm, including our best-selling SpeedX and CrystalFace, along with the Closed Cells, EPDM and vulkolan.



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We wish all our customers a very Happy Christmas and New Year