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International Trade Fair for Metal Packaging

PrintabLED wins the Gold METPACK Innovation Award 2017

Other awards for KBA-MetalPrint and Valspar

The winners of the METPACK Innovation Award 2017 have been chosen: the Italian company PrintabLED has won the industry Gold award for its high-performance UV-LED systems of the same name for paint and printing systems. Representatives of the company accepted the award at the special ceremony held on 3 May 2017 at Messe Essen exhibition centre. Other Silver and Bronze awards went to KBA-MetalPrint and Valspar. At METPACK, the world's leading trade fair for metal packaging, which runs until 6 May, Messe Essen awards industry prizes to exhibitors of particularly innovative products. This year the international jury chaired by Gernot Geldner received a record number of 26 entries.

Innovative content, cost savings and improved quality: these were the criteria against which the experts judged each individual entry. PrintabLED wins the Gold METPACK Innovation Award for its innovative UV-LED curing devices in the PrintabLED product range. The jury recognised the high energy efficiency and environmentally-friendly design of the UV-LED drying technology for curing printing inks, paints and adhesives on metal packaging. UV-LED devices do not use mercury and have a narrow emission spectrum, so that no ozone or undesirable radiation is formed during thermal drying. Compared with traditional techniques, the new products require up to 90% less energy.

METPACK Silver Innovation Award for KBA-MetalPrint

The Stuttgart manufacturer KBA-MetalPrint which supplies printing and paint lines wins the METPACK Silver Innovation Award for its development CS MetalCan - a new kind of printing mechanism for drinks cans with keyless inking technology. CS MetalCan, equipped with ten keyless inking units for indirect letterpress printing (Letterset printing process), is a further addition to the KBA MetalPrint portfolio, and offers technical printing solutions for metal printing. In addition to the reduced



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design change times, the jury praised amongst other things the increased safety for operators resulting from the plant's higher degree of automation.

The METPACK Bronze Innovation Award goes to the manufacturer of coatings for metal packaging Valspar. The American company wins the industry prize for its new range of coatings "valPure V70 non-BPA Epoxy" for metal packaging. Its special features: Epoxy is a type of coating used worldwide with a permanent record of success in performance, processing and brand protection. Traditionally, epoxy coatings are based on the chemical compound BPA, whose use is subject to regulatory restrictions. Products in the valPure-V70 range are therefore based on an epoxy resin platform which is not manufactured using BPA.

International jury of experts with industry representatives from nine nations

The METPACK Innovation Award is an important barometer of innovative strength in the industry worldwide. It is also a valuable tool and proof of quality in customer communications and marketing. The decision of the expert jury is therefore particularly important. Alongside the Chairman Gernot Geldner, the jury this year consisted of representatives from the companies Glud & Marstrand (Denmark), Pirlo (Austria), Ardagh Group (Netherlands), Gruppo Asa (Italy), Lageen (Israel), Gilpin and Company Inc. (USA), Bell Publishing (UK) and Beltrim (Australia).

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