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Header : Happy Birthday Pony – 50 this year and still pressing on.

Pony S.P.A., Italian manufacturer of presses and finishing tables and probably the global leader in the market, this year celebrates its 50th anniversary and continues to go from strength to strength. It is distributed in the UK on an exclusive basis by Renzacci UK plc which, in turn, has been supplying Pony equipment in the UK since its business was founded 36 years ago.

Managing Director of Renzacci UK, Jason Alexander, explains how the association came about: "My father and present-day Chairman, George, already had vast experience of the dry cleaning industry when he set up Renzacci UK in 1972. It is our proud boast that his first two suppliers, Renzacci themselves and Pony remain the cornerstone of our business today. Then one of only three companies supplying the trade, we are the only one to survive in its original form today – and I am very proud to say that we are still supplying Pony equipment in an unbroken association that goes back 36 years. That's what I call real stability in a market that is unfortunately rather better known for the transience of its suppliers!"

PONY

Pony has the most comprehensive range of any manufacturer. With more than 20 different types of finishing table and 10 different presses. Add to that a myriad of other specialist finishing equipment such as formers, cabinets, multi-finishers, toppers, shirt machines and irons and you can easily see what a formidable portfolio they have built up. Finishing tables start with the budget Classic collection and work up the range in terms of features through the FVC, Silver, and VB ranges to the top-of-the-range Record. The vast majority can be provided with or without built-in boilers and vacuums, and offer the options of steam, vacuum and hot air blowing from the buck or simply just vacuum with heated buck surfaces.

VB AND VC FINISHING TABLES

One of the best sellers amongst finishing tables is the Pony VB and VC. These have recently been remodelled and amongst other improvements now are equipped with better steam distribution. The VB has a built-in boiler and the VC operates from a central steam source. Each is available in two different board sizes, 1100mm and 1300mm. The 1100mm length is standard and the longer length is known as the VB or VC MAXI. Each model in the range now has powerful steam from the buck and a strong vacuum. Tables may be equipped with a variety of optional extras including spotting guns, shapes and sleeve arms. They may be specified with either steam or steam/electric irons and





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the tables are built with several different power ratings, starting at 6kW and going up to a very powerful 18kW.

ADVICE FOR START-UPS

The selection of the correct model of finishing table or press for an individual business depends very much on the type of trade a unit has, but with so many different models to choose from, one thing is certain, operators are sure to find one that meets their requirements and matches their budget. Start-up operations may not have the experience to decide upon the correct specification of press or finishing table for their business and that is where the experience of Renzacci UK is invaluable. Says Jason: "After so many years in the laundry and dry cleaning business, we automatically know the correct questions to ask. Once we understand the thrust of a business and can ascertain the volume and type of garments they will be handling, we can be certain of the correct Pony model to propose."

Jason continues: "An ideal starter unit for newcomers is Pony's Silver SV finishing table. This could be combined with a Pony Jolly cold spotting table and would include the Pony Cosmos-E finishing cabinet as a desirable extra. This versatile trio will successfully see a business through all aspects of general dry cleaning in those vital first years.



The benefits of this set-up for the newcomer lie in its flexibility and ease of use for the unskilled operator. Much less experience is required to use this system compared to a traditional press and garment former combination and training time is reduced. The Silver-SV offers drycleaners a finishing table with steam, vacuum and hot air blowing from the board. Without these three features, dry cleaners may struggle to offer an all-round service and they really will be missing out. Should a dry cleaner decide to expand the finishing side of his business, then they could always add a Pony SP/U manual press to work alongside this combination."