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Kem Edwards and Milwaukee tool up to tackle hand arm vibration

Kem Edwards Ltd. and Milwaukee held a special one-day demonstration seminar to cover issues raised by the new Control of Vibration at Work Regulations.

Suppliers to the construction sector, Kem Edwards Ltd., hosted the event at their Sunbury-on-Thames headquarters where guests could see first-hand the latest range of Milwaukee tools – designed to significantly reduce hand arm vibration. A demonstration of the vibration meter in conjunction with the HSE's exposure calculator by Milwaukee's National Account Manager, Kevin Brownhill, showed how choosing the correct tool for the job was critical in the reduction of vibration. He later introduced the new V28 Lithium Ion battery technology launched in September of which KEM Edwards Ltd will become a major stockist.

Richard Edwards, Managing Director of Kem Edwards, said; "The construction industry now realises that continuous exposure to vibration has a major effect on the workforce. We have supported and will continue to support Milwaukee with their range of tools as the innovation shown across their range matches our vision for future growth. The seminar proved a great success and will be repeated as Milwaukee develop their product range to further address the issue of vibration white finger."



Milwaukee's tools include many features to reduce vibration – this not only reduces the problems of hand arm vibration but allows for prolonged use over an eight hour working day.

Depending on the equipment, Milwaukee's tools incorporate three different anti-vibration measures including; an Auto-Balancer to re-adjust the centre of gravity to offset imbalances when grinding; an Anti-Vibration-System (AVS) that reduces vibration feedback and includes Softgrip® for more comfortable use; plus

Active AVS backup in the form of active springs and dampers fitted inside the handle.

As well as low-vibration power tools, Kem Edwards are able to supply a wide range of associated safety products, including specialist gloves, to help meet the new regulations.

Kem Edwards' full product range includes fixings and fastenings, site equipment, mechanical and electrical components, hand and power tools and personal protection equipment. High profile projects for the company have included the Millennium Dome, enabling work for Heathrow's Terminal 5, redevelopment of Canary Wharf and Wembley Stadium plus many other public sector buildings.