



Company News

## **Rotolok celebrates Half a Century of Manufacturing Excellence**

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Rotolok has marked a significant Milestone – 50 Years since its Inception in 1973. The company's journey began when its founder, Dan McCauley, started the business with a modest GBP 2000 overdraft. It quickly outgrew its initial premises, prompting a relocation to Bampton, a move that played a pivotal role in establishing Rotolok as a key player in the bulk handling industry. Rotolok's commitment to UK-based manufacturing has driven the company to expand through strategic acquisitions of associated companies like Solitec Engineering, Roots, and Blo-Tech. Through these acquisitions, Rotolok is able to provide complete turnkey solutions to its customers both in the UK and abroad.

Venturing into the US market allowed Rotolok to uphold its strategy of reinvestment. The company acquired state-of-the-art manufacturing equipment, including laser cutting and CNC machining centres. The ownership of a foundry further enabled Rotolok to maintain control over the entire manufacturing process, from initial casting to final assembly, ensuring to consistently deliver high-quality valves with short delivery times.

Investing in its people has always been a core value at Rotolok. The company takes immense pride in its ongoing apprenticeship program, which has seen many apprentices grow and stay with the company. Rotolok's highly skilled employees are the backbone of its success, and as the company continues to expand, Rotolok remains committed to its identity as a family business.

Rotolok's move to its current 50,000 square foot headquarters in Tiverton has allowed the company to meet the growing demand for our high-quality, British-made equipment and provides room for future growth. Recent investments, such as a state-of-the-art robotic welding cell, reflect the company's dedication to its future, its workforce, and its customers.

Reflecting on this remarkable milestone, Sean Swales, Rotolok Group Managing Director, shared, "We look back on our last 50 years with immense pride, but we also look forward with excitement and determination. The future holds endless possibilities, and we are well-equipped to embrace new challenges and seize emerging opportunities in this ever-changing and challenging business landscape."