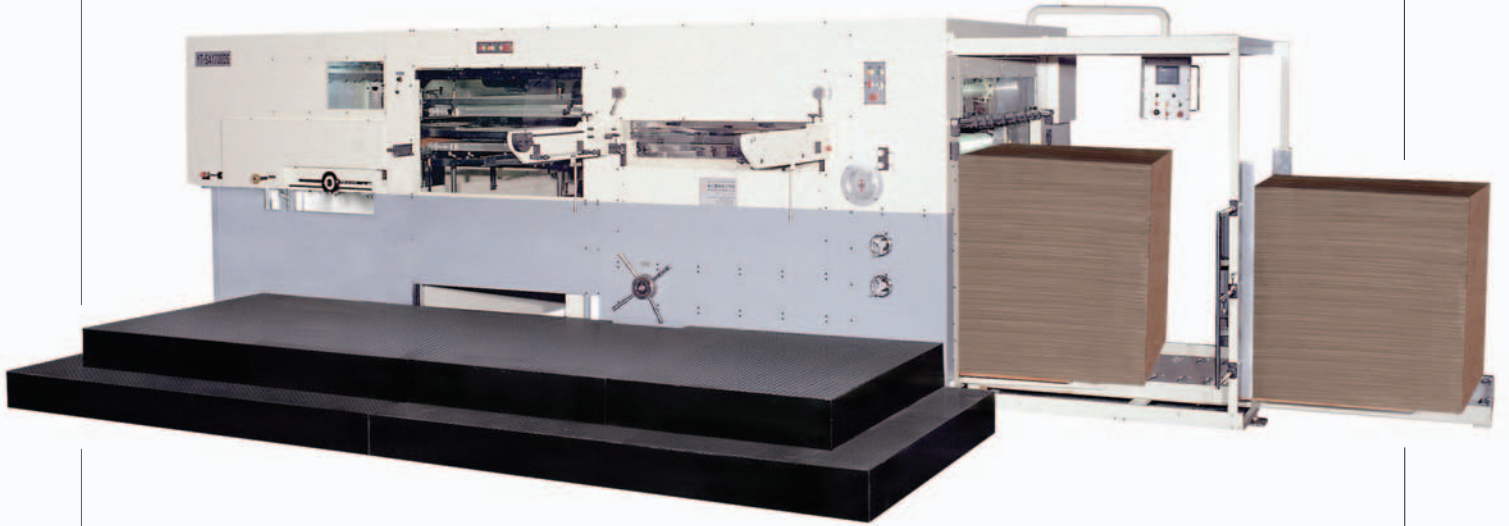


CROSLAND VK endures



For decades, Crosland has been a household name in the UK sheet plant industry, having been around since 1872.

Moreover, the company also claims to be one of the world's largest independent manufacturers and suppliers of hand fed and automatic cutting and creasing machinery.

Since 2000, Crosland VK has been the UK importer of Young Shin automatic and semi-automatic die-cutters, which complements the Crosland range of hand platens — from the CVK980 (770mm x 980mm) up to the CVK 3500 (2000mm x 3500mm) — for which the Manchester, UK-based manufacturer has become so well known. All the hand platens feature overhead control panels and have three modes of operation — single, continuous and timed dwell. Hardened ground steel cutting plates with quick release for fast make-ready are standard, as is a worm gear jam release system, instant pressure adjustment and central lubrication system.

The Young Shin range encompasses the YT-SA at 1300 x 950mm, through to the YT-SA with a platen size of 2500 x 1700mm. Over 40 have been installed in the past three years, and all are said to be engineered to a very high specification, full of safety features, and designed to achieve non stop production at high speed.

Few would deny that a great deal (though not all) of the converting equipment currently being imported from the Far East is of a far higher standard than it has been in the past. However, it pays to be careful when it comes to the specification, a point which is echoed by Crosland's Group Sales Director, Steve Waterhouse, "We sometimes have to remind prospective customers of what it is that they will be getting with a Crosland machine, and sometimes I will ask to see the detailed specification of a machine that is said to be cheaper than ours. Often, it turns out to be cheaper, but nowhere near the advanced specification of our own equipment. For twenty-five years Crosland has been importing castings and gears from China, since it became cost-prohibitive to produce them in the UK, but over that time we've forged strategic alliances with a number of manufacturers to get the quality and specifications that we need. At our Manchester factory we carry out the assembly of our platens, fit the lubrication systems, wiring looms, guarding and double port safety valves. We spend a great deal of time and money making sure that we adhere to all the current health

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