



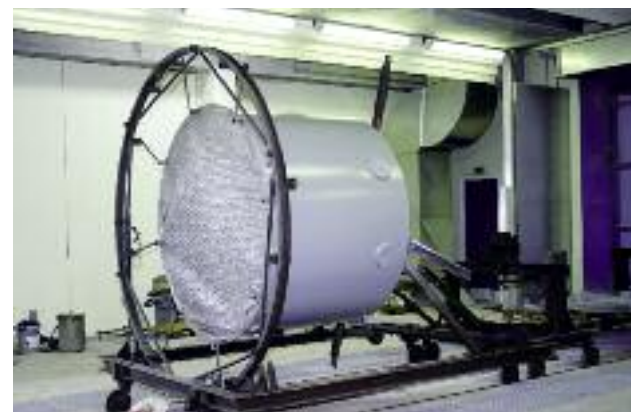
Accoat provides high-quality coating services for all kinds of industrial equipment

A specialist in surface coatings

Polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) is a synthetic fluoropolymer which is also known as Teflon. Discovered by DuPont in 1938, it is used as a non-stick coating for pans and other cookware. Yet, PTFE has many other applications, too: it is often used in containers and pipework for reactive and corrosive chemicals and, as a lubricant, significantly reduces friction, wear and energy consumption of machinery. One of the leading European processors of this highly versatile material is Accoat A/S. The Danish company specialises in high-quality surface coatings – for everything from tiny devices to large, heavy-duty equipment.



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Accoat A/S ranks among the leading European processing companies for polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE), a synthetic fluoropolymer which is better known as Teflon. As a contract manufacturer, the Danish company provides high-quality coating services for all kinds of industrial machinery and equipment. Accoat is a member of SP Group A/S, a leading Danish supplier of moulded plastic components to the manufacturing industry at home and abroad. Splitting into four business areas – injection moulding, polyurethane, vacuum moulding and coatings – the Group has production facilities in China, Poland and the United States. It employs over 700 people and generates annual revenues of approximately 100 million EUR. Accoat was founded as a supplier of coatings to the bakery industry by Preben Jørgensen in 1969. “Mr. Jørgensen was a baker himself, who always got annoyed about his dough sticking to the baking tray,” Managing Director Niels Uhrbrand describes the company’s origins.

Until the middle of the 1980s, Accoat had been primarily focusing on the domestic market. Since then, it has continuously expanded its foreign activities – in line with the growing demand for its services from all over the world. The 1990s were characterised by uninterrupted growth. This led to the building of a completely new processing plant in 2003 – an investment of seven million EUR. Until 2005, Accoat had been divided into three business divisions: Accoat Coatings, Accoat Accofluor and Accoat Medical. “Accofluor is a producer of industrial gaskets which we sold in 2005,” explains Mr. Uhrbrand. “Accoat Medical, a manufacturer of appliances for the medical industry, was disposed of at the end of 2006. These steps are part of our strategy to divest all non-strategic activities to focus entirely on the coatings business.” Today, Accoat specialises in industrial coatings only – the company’s main field of expertise. “We realise non-stick, highly



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durable and scratch-proof surfaces that slide, slip, repel water and oil, remove friction, prevent corrosion, insulate, conduct electricity, inhibit bacteria and resist chemicals, all of this in the most challenging manufacturing environments,” Mr. Uhrbrand outlines his company’s multi-purpose services. Accoat provides coating services for all kinds of industrial and technological equipment, from the smallest medical needles to the largest tanks and other heavy-duty devices. “Our speciality is coatings for large-sized components with complicated geometries,” says Mr. Uhrbrand. Besides large oil or gas tanks, which are provided with an anti-corrosive coating by Accoat, the company also processes many other, smaller parts that require a non-stick, low-friction coating such as baking trays or other products for the food industry. Last but not least, Accoat sees to all types of customer-specific projects that call for an individual, custom-engineered coating solution.

Accoat supplies its high-quality services to a wide range of industrial sectors, including chemicals, oil and gas, food processing and medical technology. The company employs 65 highly qualified people and turns over in excess of 16 million EUR – with the further trend pointing steeply upwards. To a large extent, the continued success can be attributed to the highly individual approach of Accoat. “We always try to find – in close cooperation with the customer – the optimum coating solution, a solution that is effective, helps reduce the customer’s costs and improve profitability, and – at the same time – is as environment-friendly as possible,” concludes Mr. Uhrbrand. ■

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