

60 years of service to the automobile industry



A leading supplier of seat pipings, seat retentions and plastic extrusions to the automotive industry. Respected component suppliers to industries such as bus and coach manufacturers and soft furnishing companies to whom we supply leather piping and carpet binding.

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Welcome to Leedum

Leedum is a family run business situated in the heart of the beautiful Derbyshire Peak District. We have supplied soft trim components to the automotive industry for over sixty years.



SIXTY YEARS IN THE INDUSTRY

Leedum has been supplying OEMs and Tier 1 suppliers for over 60 years. Our size makes us agile enough to bring great personal care to each project and our experience makes us the perfect partner to turn your vision into a reality.

Whether providing low minimum order quantities, which are ideal for prototyping, or production on a larger scale, let Leedum provide you with a start to finish process all carried out by experts in our UK facility.



Brainstorm: Jonathan White (Managing Director) and Linda Fairey (General Manager) discussing an upcoming project.

Our approach

Leedum strive to constantly push the possibilities of our products and services. We're ready for the next generation of automotive design and are here to inspire and collaborate with our clients.

HOW WE WORK

We can be your trusted partner in an ever-changing world and we can share our consistently premium innovations that will set your interiors apart from the competition.

With Leedum by your side, we give you the ability to transform your ideas into a luxurious reality. If you want it done, we can do it.



Precision: We pride ourselves on our commitment to precision.

Piping is our speciality

Since Leedum began, we have produced extruded and covered piping in high quality materials to suit any conceivable piping requirement.

- Decorative fabric piping
- Perforated leather piping
- Embossed & debossed leather piping
- LED illuminated piping
- Micropiping
- Extruded PVC piping

Seat piping, or welt, has been used by classic and modern car trimmers to give their seats structure and definition as well as an elegant design feature for many years.

We produce covered piping in a full range of materials including fabric, vinyl, and skived leather. We also produce extruded PVC piping in most colours. All our piping and piping cores are produced in house using Leedum's or customer's own materials.

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We extrude all our own piping cores, both solid and hollow in a range of plastics to give varying degrees of softness and flexibility.

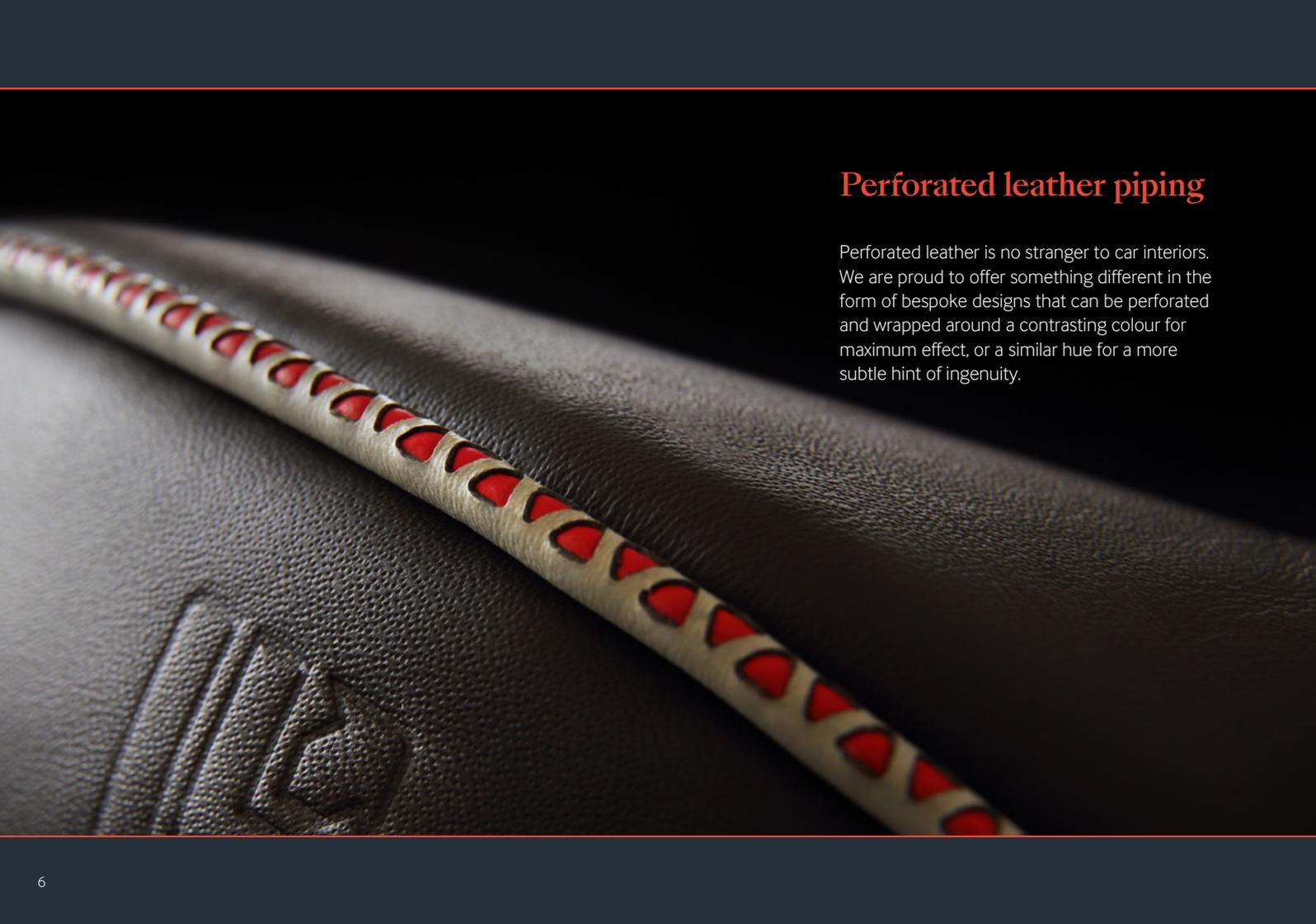


Piping machine: Example of piping with a solid core.



Decorative fabric piping

Leather is not the only material available for wrapping our piping cores. Fabrics can be selected to match the feel of the cabin for example with this metallic-looking trim.



Perforated leather piping

Perforated leather is no stranger to car interiors. We are proud to offer something different in the form of bespoke designs that can be perforated and wrapped around a contrasting colour for maximum effect, or a similar hue for a more subtle hint of ingenuity.



Our perforations to date have experimented with a range of geometric shapes. We ensure the aesthetic of any design never detracts from the stability of the product.

Embossed & debossed leather piping

A minimal stripe or a snaking geometric pattern, these are only a couple of the options available to be made from start to finish in collaboration with the team at Leedum.



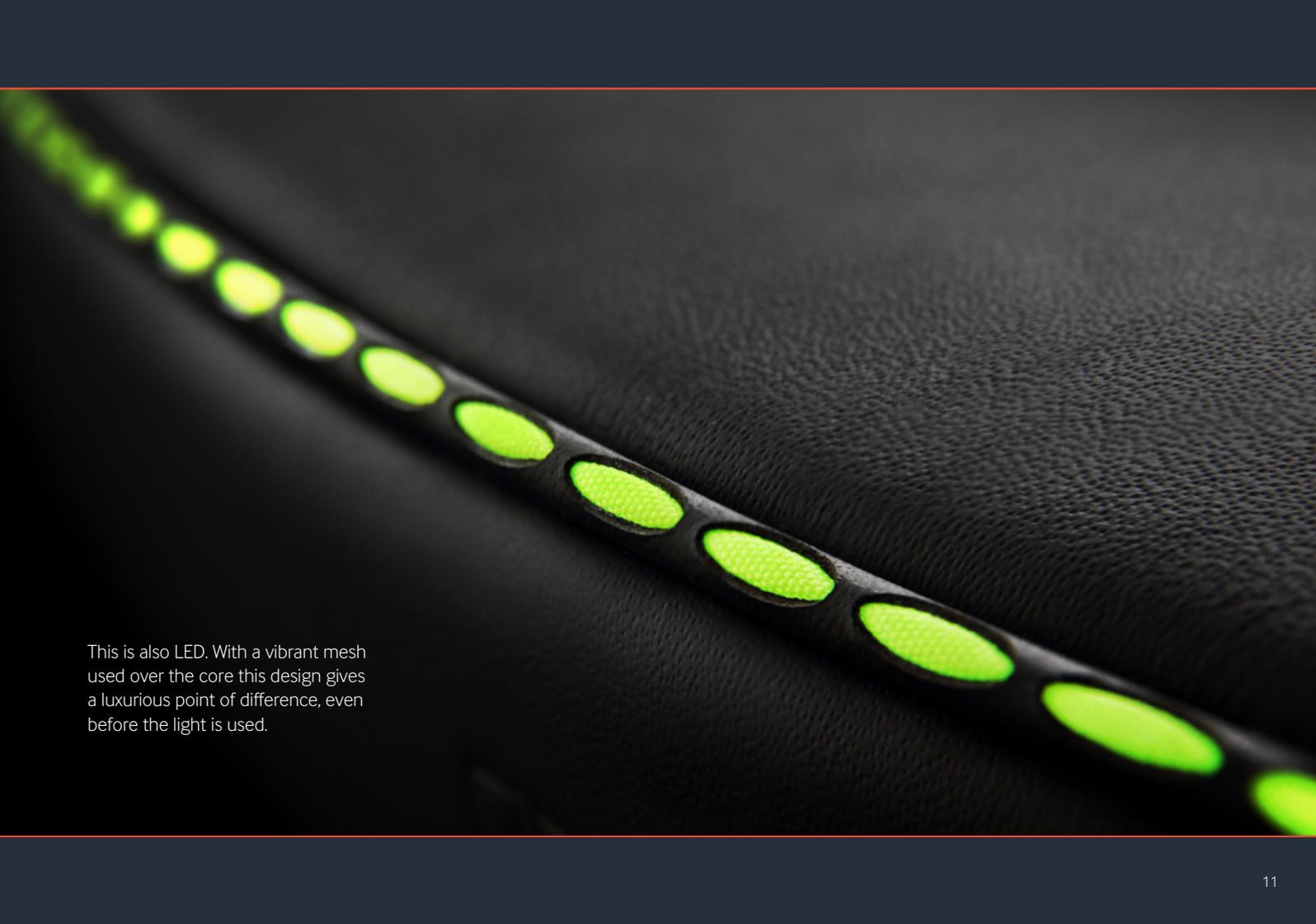


This piping is foil printed using a triangle pattern. Wrapping a coloured pattern around our high quality cores created an even more vivid contrast.

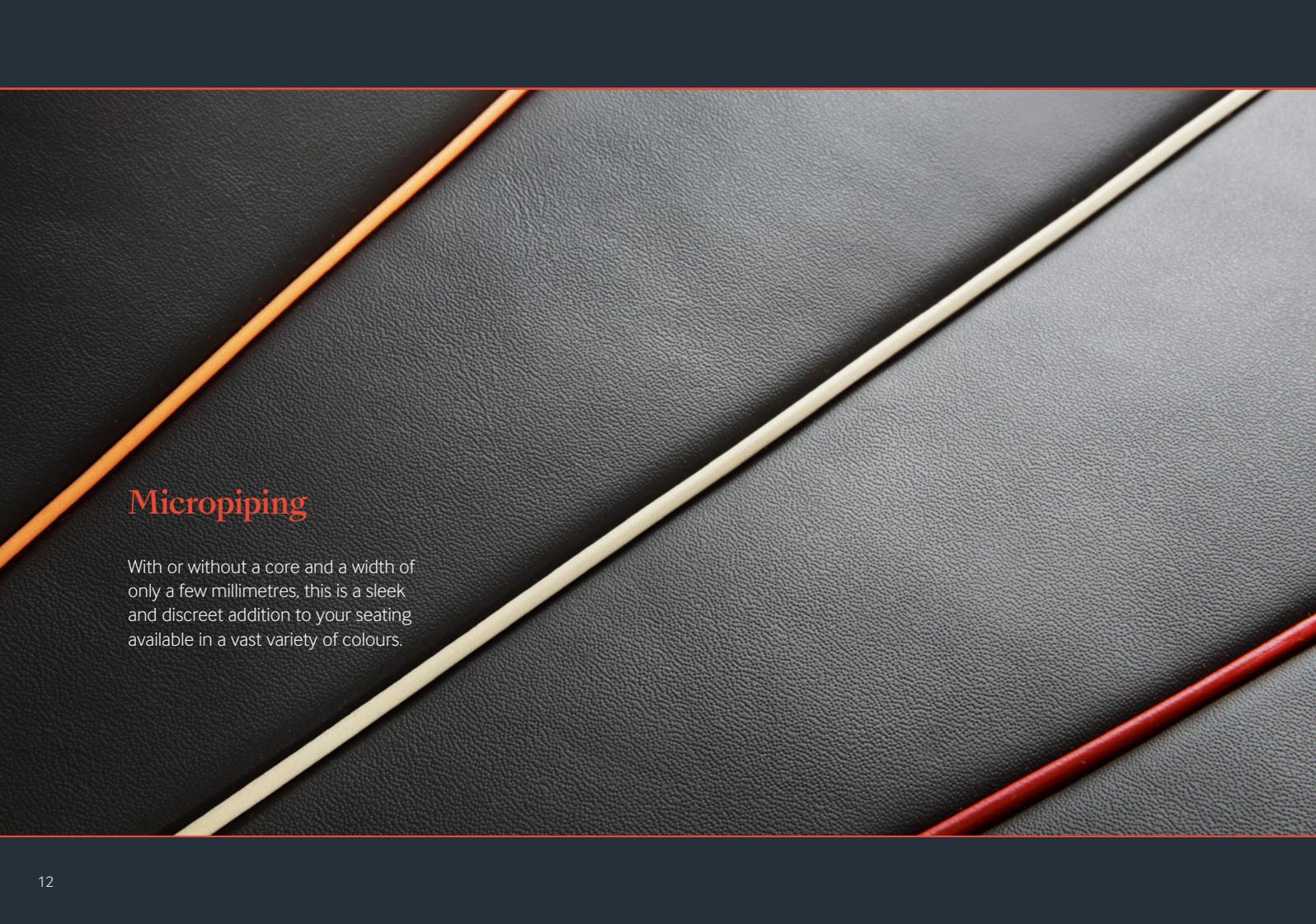
LED illuminated piping

This new seat piping can be illuminated with LED light. We either wrap this in material for a solid effect or combine it with our perforated piping to give a more subtle edge to impress.





This is also LED. With a vibrant mesh used over the core this design gives a luxurious point of difference, even before the light is used.



Micropiping

With or without a core and a width of only a few millimetres, this is a sleek and discreet addition to your seating available in a vast variety of colours.



Extruded PVC piping

We can produce extruded PVC piping in most plastic materials to meet your unique profiles. These come in a huge range of colours with a width of up to 50mm.





Components

We supply a wide range of soft trim components to first and second tier automotive suppliers across the UK and Europe.

Accurate components for future-facing vehicles

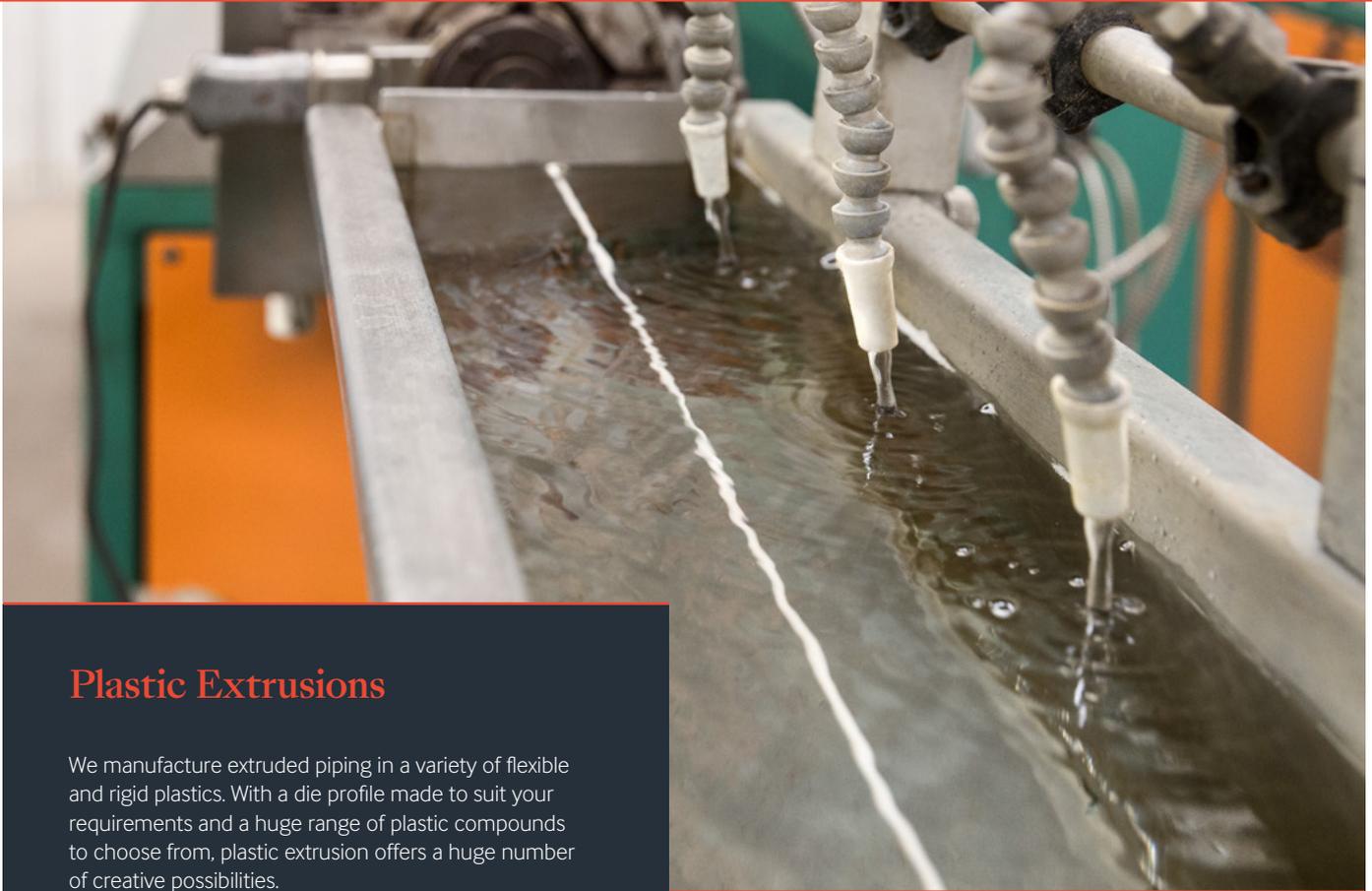
Though out of sight to the end user, we know the importance of attention to detail and the power of engineering that is needed to make a reputable vehicle.

Our internal component materials are selected for durability, ensuring the comfort, support and reliability needed in a seat.

With six extruders in the factory and a wealth of expertise, we can provide anything from the fundamentals through to bespoke extrusions that push traditional manufacturing boundaries towards the future.

- **Plastic Extrusions**
- **Extruded Cores**
- **J Clips and Retention Clips**
- **Seat Retentions**
- **Carpet binding**



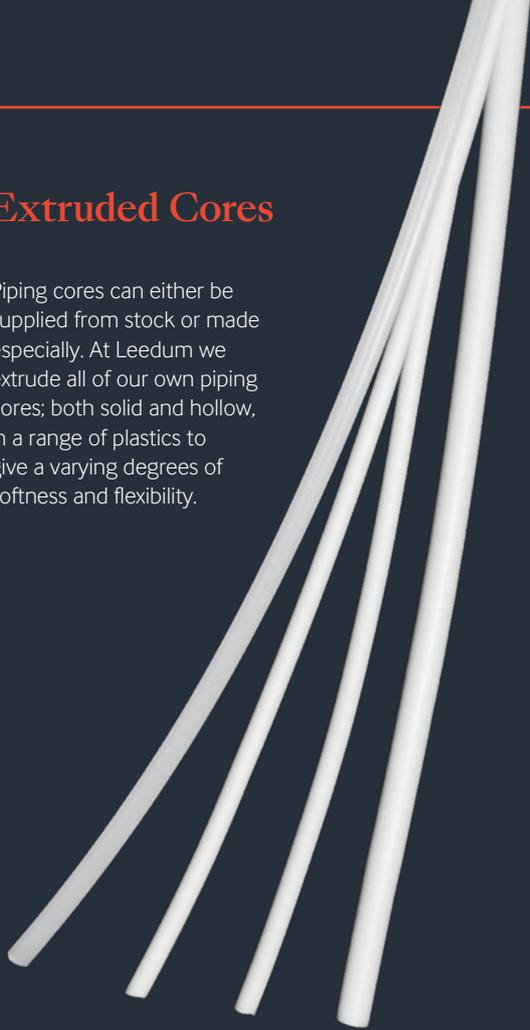


Plastic Extrusions

We manufacture extruded piping in a variety of flexible and rigid plastics. With a die profile made to suit your requirements and a huge range of plastic compounds to choose from, plastic extrusion offers a huge number of creative possibilities.

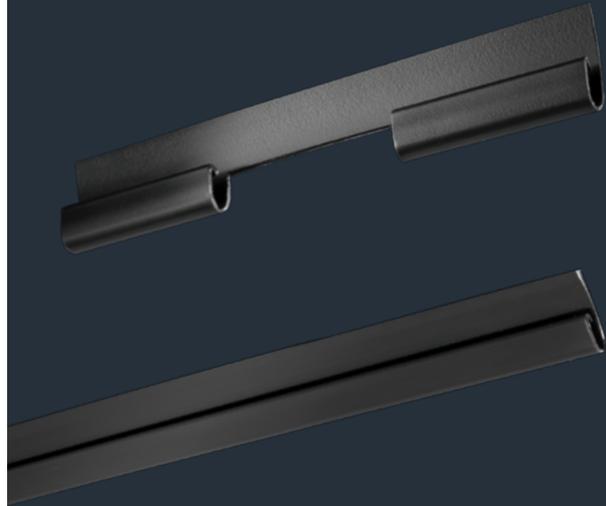
Extruded Cores

Piping cores can either be supplied from stock or made especially. At Leedum we extrude all of our own piping cores; both solid and hollow, in a range of plastics to give a varying degrees of softness and flexibility.

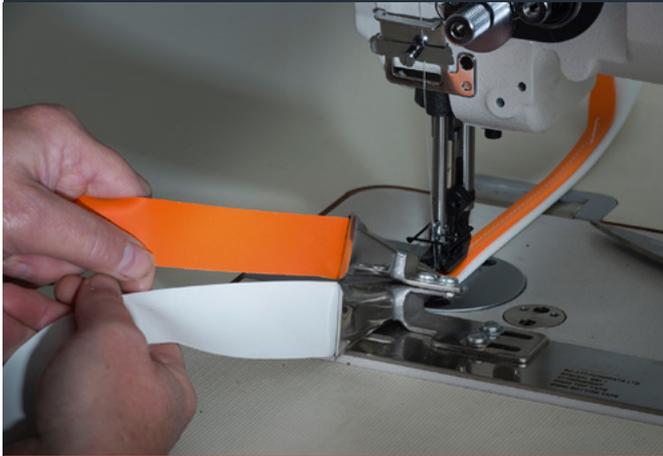


J Clips and Retention Clips

Our polypropylene extrusions are the trustworthy tool used to ensure seat covers stay in place on their metal frames. These are available in a wide variety of profiles and lengths.



Sewn piping



We have facilities to take on special projects including sewn piping. An alternative to adhesive, our sewing provides a beautiful and secure finish.

Seating Retentions

Leedum retention strips play a large part in high-end seat assembly. Although unseen, we produce to the same high quality specifications of our more visible components.

As with our piping, we can supply retention strips with any core diameter and flange width. Holes or other shaped perforations can be spaced on the flange to suit your individual requirements.





Services

Although we specialise in piping we also offer other services that are relevant to automotive interiors.

Leather Processing

Working from full or part hides, we have the ability to accurately cut, perforate and engrave leather to the highest standard. We also have the facilities in house to split, skive and slit leather to any specification.



We have CNC capability to produce cut parts from your drawings in anything from a small quantity to fully scheduled production.

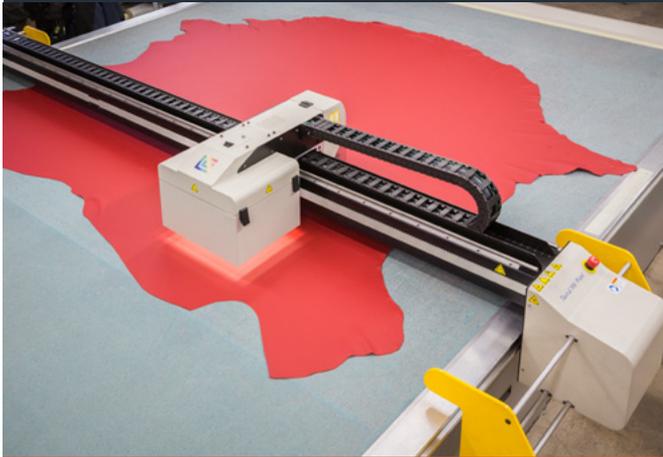
- **Fully automated CNC cutting**
- **Leather splitting**
- **Leather skiving**
- **Embossing and debossing**
- **Laser cutting and engraving**

Guaranteed reproducible measurements



Splitting: Leather being split to a uniform thickness

CNC cutting



Using a fully automated CNC machine to process your cutting pattern, we optimise the use of material every time to get the best yield from each unique hide.

Leather splitting



We split leather to any thickness enabling the greatest consistency across each production run.

Leather Skiving



If it's simply the edge of the leather that you're looking to thin, we are able to accurately skive and join the edges of leather parts, piping and binding.

Embossing and Debossing



At Leedum we use a traditional hand operated machine to emboss or deboss your design onto leather. This ensures quality craftsmanship and attention to detail goes into every hand-pressed piece.

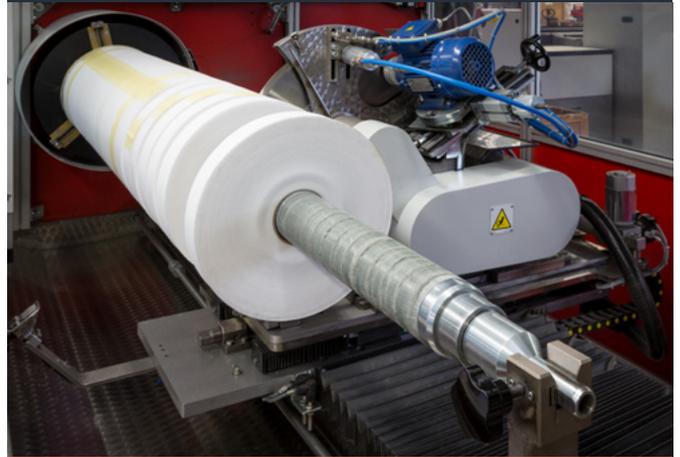
Laser cutting and Engraving



Our UK made flatbed high speed laser is the best in its class, enabling us to laser engrave or cut leather with complete accuracy and great speed. The thicker the leather the deeper we can go to give you the highest level of detail.

We are also able to cut or engrave a variety of materials directly from the roll.

Material slitting



Our machines can slit most materials on the roll to very accurate widths. We can supply quality material to your specification or slit material supplied by you.

We can wind and slit most materials on the roll with the capability of handling rolls of up to 1.6m long with a depth of 30cm.

Precision CNC milling



Leedum can produce and engrave embossing dies in house to a very high tolerance with our state of the art precision CNC milling machine. We can produce both plate and cylindrical dies to meet your requirements.

Notching



Perforations and cut outs can be provided to assist in the flexibility of the product. Alternatively, bespoke dies can be used to create sewing markers on the flange to assist in later construction.

Heritage

Our long-standing relationship with the automotive industry has given us a deep understanding and pride in our work. This drives our passion to get the best out of every project.

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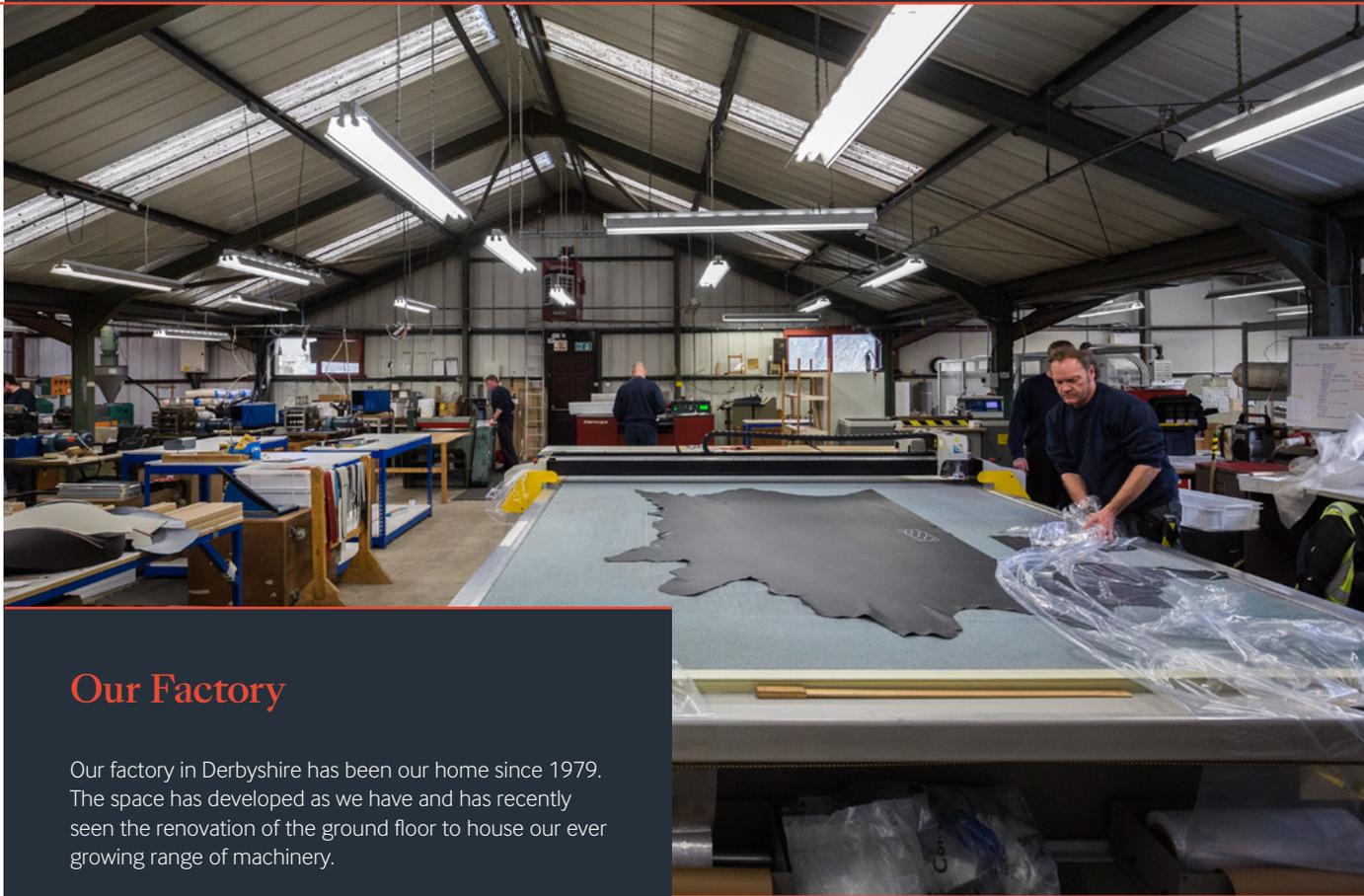
In the early 1950's, Jack White (Mr White Sr.) had a filling station near the centre Leeds with a workshop attached. Here he made car carpets and car seat covers for local garages and private customers.

The business grew rapidly and moved around various sites in Leeds becoming well known as a respected automotive supplier. Leedum progressed from coach trimming to the production of pipings and seat components in the early 1970's, supplying most of the UK's leading motor manufacturers.

The business moved to an old shoe factory in the picturesque Derbyshire village of Eyam in 1978/79, where they are to this day.

Now servicing the likes of Jaguar Land Rover, Nissan, Volvo, Bentley and the Lear Corporation, our team have been led by Jonathan White, Jack's son, into the 21st century.





Our Factory

Our factory in Derbyshire has been our home since 1979. The space has developed as we have and has recently seen the renovation of the ground floor to house our ever growing range of machinery.

Some of our clients

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Get in touch

Whether you want to discuss a project large or small. We offer low minimum order quantities, which are ideal for prototyping, or production on a larger scale.

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Visit us online and get in touch via our contact page.

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Speak to one of our sales advisors to discuss your potential project.

ACCREDITATIONS

Proudly upholding best practice standards with ISO 9001 and UKAS Management Systems 0026 accreditations.



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