

Specialists in surface finishings



Giorgio Levoni - Francesca Filippi

“We position ourselves as an alternative high-quality supplier in the caravanning market, combining the effectiveness and experience of a company with over 40 years in the business with the flexibility and responsiveness of a well-organized but small-medium enterprise”, says Francesca Filippi, sales manager at Filippi Legnami. “For us, it is axiomatic that quality must match the standards of the most demanding customers, and we complement that with remarkable flexibility. In times like these, when recreational-vehicle and mobile-home manufacturers struggle to make medium- or long-term plans, we can handle orders with just a few weeks’ notice. Our great agility comes from a swift, streamlined decision-making process and a compact, highly skilled management team that is thoroughly familiar with each step and procedure

Filippi Legnami specializes in finishing wood-based panels for furniture and interior finishings for campers, caravans and mobile homes. The company offers a comprehensive selection of media and finishes on finish paper, Alkorcell, PVC and PP. In addition, it produces laminates for tabletops and kitchen surfaces in HPL and CPL using its veneering-press system, while offering sliced-wood veneer for top-of-the-range motor homes. It has a painting line with IR lamps and air percussion dryer dedicated to camper and caravan floors. With the new digital press, personalized panels can now be created



re in creating the finished product, storing and shipping it. All customer orders – even for small or personalized production runs – are coordinated efficiently, from order-management through to production and logistics. And we have over 1,000 cubic meters of raw material available at stock. We are one of the

few firms, if not the only one, that vaunts such a wide choice of media and finishings; and now, with our new digital printing machine, we can even offer custom-tailored products”. Francesca Filippi deals directly with the customers, but she is no mere figurehead of the owner family: her personal approach,





Digital Printing

Digital printing onto the paper covering used to finish a panel is a new service in 2013. A high-tech plotter can print decorative paper with any design or motif devised by the customer or selected from the patterns suggested by the creatives at Filippi Legnami. This highly customizable service is available even for low-volume orders. Thus even small players can offer exclusive, unique furniture pieces to their customers. But finishing with personalized paper can have other applications: e.g. the same motif can be reproduced in alternative sizes. This can be handy, for instance, when using motifs featuring wood graining with knots or burling effects. The design will be sized appropriately for the panel's intended function and thus can be different for wardrobe doors and for the drawers of a nightstand, for example. This application is very useful not only in the caravanning world but also in the nautical arena and for furnishing applications.



allied to an in-depth knowledge of the whole business, enables her to connect with every department in Filippi Legnami. Filippi Legnami is based near Bergamo in Lombardy, northern Italy, a few miles from the city of Milan in the heart of the country's poplar-production area. Multilayered poplar panel is the company's medium of choice for finishing and veneering, because of its lightness, durability and ease of application. With a raw material like poplar, in an area where it is available at very high quality, the finished product can be manufactured to a superb standard. What's more, poplar cultivation is supported by the FAO as an environmentally sustainable activity. With facilities spanning 15,000 sq m – 6,000 of which indoors – Filippi Legnami dedicates one of its largest sheds (a 3,000-sq-m building) to finishing panels primarily for the RV sector. Here, a modern calender system, supported by conveyor belts and systems for handling and automatic storage of the finished products, is behind the firm's high production capacity. Indeed, annual production reaches 10,000 cubic meters of finished panels and laminates, plus the same volume from the new melamine-veneering system, and a further 10,000 cubic meters of sandwich panels. Another of Filippi Legnami's key strengths is the great variety of possible combinations of panels made using different technologies (HDF, MDF and particleboard), plywood and multilayered panels made with different types of wood (e.g. poplar, ilomba and poplar twin, MDF and poplar twin, Meranti/Lauan plywood, and flexible Fromager plywood) and the huge choice of designs and motifs created on finish paper, Alkorcell®, CPL, PVC and PP. Filippi Legnami specializes not only in finishing panels but also in veneering wood-based panels with HPL and CPL laminates to make tabletops and kitchen surfaces in the RV sector. This work is done in a dedicated production area with hot- and cold-press systems that can be deployed on panels up to 3,700 x 1,850 mm in size. The system can also perform sliced-wood veneering, a technology used for superior-quality motor-home or luxury-yacht furniture. Another process that Filippi Legnami offers recreational-vehicle manufacturers is painting in black the panel used as the lower part of the floor. This technique, involving water-based paints and drying with IR lamps and hot-air percussion dryers, protects the wood against atmospheric agents, leaving it resistant to fungi and molds.

Company Profile

A business with over 40 years' trading under its belt, Filippi Legnami launched a range of finishing treatments exclusively for the recreational-vehicle sector in 2000. Filippi Legnami's finished panels have been used by camper, caravan and mobile-home manufacturers the world over. In 2013, the partnership with entrepreneur Giorgio Levoni opened up a fresh phase of consolidation and expansion. Initiatives have included the launch of a new product range employing digital printing for personalized panel decoration. In addition, January 2014 will see the opening of a new department with a pressing line producing panels with melamine paper. Using latest-generation register technology, the company will be able to create finishings featuring 3D-effect surfaces combining an innovative tactile experience with high resistance to abrasion, scratches, wear and light. The London Surface Design Show (4–6 February 2014) will witness the official unveiling of these innovations to the furniture and design world.

