



## **Unipart Rail Awarded RISAS Certification at Railtex 2007**

**The Unipart Rail Production Facility** at Doncaster which overhauls bogies for the rail industry is the first facility to be awarded the prestigious RISAS (Railway Industry Supplier Approval Scheme) certification. The Certificate was officially presented at Railtex to Unipart Rail's Managing Director, John Clayton by Ian Papworth, Acting Engineering Director of ATOC (Association of Train Operating Companies). The Production Business Unit at Doncaster is currently the only RISAS accredited rail bogie producer in the UK.

Unipart Rail opened the facility in 2005 to provide the Industry with a high quality bogie overhaul service. To-date customers include a number of TOCs including Northern Rail, First Scotrail, Chiltern, Angel Trains, GNER and First Great Western.

A new contract has recently been awarded by Northern to overhaul 112 class 156 DMU bogies, and the first of these have recently left the facility for fitment on the fleet.

RISAS has been developed by a cross-industry working group to provide economies of scale to the Railway Industry by reducing duplication in the auditing and assessment of suppliers of critical materials and services. RISAS helps to ensure that suppliers of critical products to the Railway Industry have the correct systems, processes, competence, resources and procedures.

The award demonstrates the exceptional abilities within the new facility at Doncaster and the excellent contract review and customer communications processes across the Doncaster site. The accreditation provides customers with the knowledge that Unipart Rail has thorough independent assessments which, demonstrate their ability to understand and interpret customer requirements and ensure delivery of overhauled bogies that will not compromise the integrity of their fleet.

Exhibiting at Railtex for the first time under the Unipart Rail brand the company's stand demonstrated the large range of products in addition to the service centre manufactured / re-manufactured products for both infrastructure and T&RS (Traction and Rolling Stock) products.



The products displayed on the stand demonstrated the integrated expertise of Unipart Rail, covering interiors, light and heavy maintenance products, consumables and repairables in addition to a range of infrastructure materials.

Leading the way with the latest technologies, Unipart Rail presented the Telecode TDM coupled with the latest visual monitor systems TFT (Thin Film Transistor) screens. These screens provide a very clear colour image with a wide viewing angle, making them suitable for CCTV monitoring of level crossings as well as condition monitoring and any technology currently using CRTs.

Unipart Rail has a range of services covering manufacturing, servicing, repair and calibration of materials to deliver :

- increased safety
- reduced costs
- increased performance

The Service Centres at Crewe and York repair and re-service thousands of products to 'as new' condition. This service covers a wide range of railway materials from both infrastructure and rolling stock, examples of this service on display included:

- Point Machines
- Relays
- Treadles
- Western Region Barrier Pack

**Dorman** displayed a range of their innovative LED Signalling solutions including the new Dorman Varitext Level Crossing Vehicle Activated Blocking Back Sign, designed to increase safety at level crossings. The warning system is designed to alert drivers approaching a level crossing when the exit to the crossing is at risk of being blocked, reducing accidents and near misses at level crossings.

The other products on display demonstrated the fully integrated LED solutions for signalling installations, including:

- LED Wig Wag
- LED Barrier Boom Light
- LED Marker Tail Lamp
- LED Miniature Crossing Signal
- LED Handlamp
- LED Signal display included Junction Route Indicators, Main Line Signal, Ground / Elevated Position Light Signal, Stencil Indicator and Theatre Indicator

A significant amount of interest in the products was generated throughout the show, with many visitors taking copies of the newly launched LED Handbook V4.