

## Blasting Cabinets Norblast, Now Available from VGK Solutions

'Vision, innovation and evolution': three core words that clearly typify the Norblast Group. For 4 decades now, Norblast, a manufacturer of blasting cabinets for sand blasting has been established in the Italian city of Bologna. Recently, VGK Machines & Robotic Solutions (in short: VGK Solutions) has been appointed as the official Benelux sales office for the organisation. "Sustainable raw materials handling" is a key principle at Norblast. A renowned family firm, the company specialises in the design, construction and sale of cabinets for sand blasting of products in various sizes, from dental implements to complete castings. In total, the product family consists of 6 standard models of blasting machines, ranging from an easily installed compact, manually controlled model with a dust extraction and filtration system, to the fully automated blasting cabinet of the Satellite Series intended for blasting larger series of standardized components. At the customer's request, the company can also manufacture blasting machines, fully according to the customer specifications. Each of the above-mentioned blasting cabinets constitute a response to extremely specific needs on quite diverse markets, touching aeronautical, automotive, biomedical, energy, foundries, stainless steel and alloys, mechanical drive technology, mouldings as well as tools. The mentioned blasting cabinets come equipped with the hardware from Siemens control systems and in-house developed operating software. Upon request, the blasting cabinets may be equipped with an electrically powered vibrating screen consisting of 2 nets, capturing particles of different sizes. During the process, the surface roughness of products may be verified (e.g. for a better adhesion of a coating or paint) or may be blasted in a controlled manner. In all cases, the vibrating screen is fully integrated within the control network of the blasting cabinet, resulting in a firm grip allowing particles to pass through or not. Meanwhile, the sale of blasting cabinets happens by means of an expanded network of distributors and agents worldwide. Globally, Norblast has sold and installed over 7,000 blasting cabinets. In 2017, the Norblast Group realised an annual turnover of no less than € 10,000,000 with only 50 employees. Approximately 30% of this turnover was export based.