



RUAG opens new paint facility

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RUAG Australia has opened its new, state-of-the-art paint booth facility at its Wingfield Special Processing Centre. Fully accredited, it supports the F35 and other aerospace and defence programs.

Specifically designed in consultation with leading industry specialist, Lowbake, and approved by aerospace and defence global supply chain industry partners, the new paint booth facility is engineered to ensure faster precision finishing solutions for the application of aerospace paints including waterborne epoxy, polyurethane and fuel tank coating with improved curing efficiency and additional capabilities for curing fuel cell coatings.

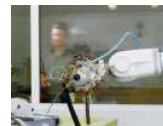
"We understand the customer's need for quick aircraft turnaround, affordability and reliability. This new paint booth facility allows us to meet the rapidly increasing demand to support both industry diversification and our participation in programs, such as the F-35," Terry Miles, General Manager Operations, RUAG Australia said.

"Specifically designed to solidify our strong position within the industry for aircraft surface finishing, the accredited Wingfield Special Processing Centre is also a second source service-provider, providing the Australian defence and aerospace industry with the necessary alternative supply chain solution for surface finishing."

The fully automated paint booth facility meets high aerospace and defence standards and accommodates a broad range of components and component sizes. It also ensures prompt processing times, especially as it allows the finishing process to operate in all ambient weather conditions.

Features of the paint and curing complex include a minimal contamination design, 10 micron minimum inlet filtration, full draught configuration and 1,200 lux light, a minimum part surface requirement.

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