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Axalta Opens New State-of-the-Art Refinish Customer Training Center in Midrand

Company Further Commits to South African Refinish Market Following Opening of New Refinish Facility at Same Location

Midrand, Johannesburg – 12 July 2019 – Axalta, a leading global supplier of liquid and powder coatings, today announced the official opening of a new, state-of-the-art Refinish Training Center in Midrand, Johannesburg. The Company recently announced the opening of a new refinish facility at the same location at the end of 2018.

The 1000m² Training Center is home to Axalta's global refinish brands Spies Hecker, Standox, Duxone, Challenger and Nason Finishes. In addition to space for theoretical training, the new Training Center comprises two spray booths, two preparation areas and two mixing rooms, all equipped with the latest technology and energy saving features.

“Axalta is dedicated to anticipating our customers' needs by offering the best possible support and services all around the world,” said Hannes Kloppers, Country Business Leader for Axalta in South Africa. “We want refinishers to excel at every stage of the paint repair process and our new Training Center gives them the opportunity to work with the very latest products and equipment in a modern and dynamic environment. Everything has been designed to ensure refinishers have an excellent experience and return to their bodyshops with the skills they need to work faster, more efficiently, and more successfully.”

Two large spray booths are fitted with three-panel folding doors to provide an extra-wide opening. There are also viewing galleries down the lengths of the spray booths, which offer a clear view inside. The spray booth floors are fully extracted and balanced, which helps refinishers achieve the highest quality paint finish during training. For improved energy efficiency, the spray booths also have an advanced auxiliary air movement system, which supplies heated and filtered airflow from each corner. This set-up has been proven to speed up the drying process by up to 35 percent. The spray booths are fitted with a fully automatic variable airflow system, which requires no operator selection. This automatically reduces the airflow through the spray booth resulting in reduced fuel and electricity usage. The bright, clean light produced by the LED bulbs in the spray booths replicates natural daylight while also being the most energy-efficient lighting method available.

The two preparation stations provide a large workspace where refinishers get the vehicles ready before they enter the spray booths. The paint mixing room also incorporates viewing windows to provide clear visibility.

For more information about Axalta and its new refinish Training Center in Midrand, visit www.axalta.co.za

About Axalta Refinish

Axalta Refinish - part of Axalta, a leading global company focused solely on coatings – is a valued, reliable global paint repair partner to our customers, who demand nothing short of total customer satisfaction. We give them confidence in our fast, efficient, high-quality coating technologies and integrated digital business processes, making the entire paint repair journey faster, easier and more profitable. With more than 150 years of experience in the coatings industry, our dedication to innovation and our constantly-developing technology means we offer our customers an unlimited colour choice for perfect colour matches. Most importantly, we work tirelessly to anticipate our customers' needs so they can address the challenges they face every day. We have an impressive portfolio of brands for every bodyshop requirement, for every segment of the market, and for every level of market maturity. For more information visit refinish.axalta.eu and follow us on [LinkedIn](#)

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