

# RECARO AIRCRAFT SEATING OPENS DRESS COVER PRODUCTION CENTER IN POLAND

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Recaro Aircraft Seating is now entering the era of dress cover production: on November 30, 2018, its new “cut2dress” dress cover production center is officially inaugurated in ?wiebodzin, Poland. In the future, Recaro will be setting its own quality standards in terms of workmanship. Dr. Mark Hiller, Chief Executive Officer and Shareholder of Recaro Aircraft Seating says: “With cut2dress we target at additional growth, and we are taking another step towards even better supporting our customers with “cut2dress”. Of course, we will in addition continue buying dress covers from reliable partners.” At the same time, Recaro Aircraft Seating Polska is underscoring its position as an exceptionally trustworthy employer in the region.

With the opening of its own dress cover production center in close proximity to Recaro Aircraft Seating’s site in ?wiebodzin, Poland, the aircraft seat manufacturer is deepening its extensive expertise in another key area. Operating its own sewing facility increases its influence on the visual quality and craftsmanship of the dress covers – and therefore on a decisive interface with the passenger. Recaro’s expertise and experience will be felt by passengers directly. But this is not the only advantage of the investment, explains Thomas Keller, Managing Director of Recaro Aircraft Seating Polska: “In-house production opens up a much higher level of flexibility for us and our customers even for changes within a

current order. Moreover, it shortens both the supply chain and lead time of customer projects.”

The official starting date in ?wiebodzin was on November 30. The very first seat cover was sewn at the “cut2dress” site during the inauguration event. Even before the opening, Recaro Aircraft Seating began to systematically specialize the “cut2dress” site’s qualified employees to meet specific requirements. Further training/qualification programs and additional staff are planned.

The extent to which vertical integration will play a role in Recaro’s future, explained by Joachim Ley, Executive Vice President Supply Chain: “We always discuss changes such as these from a holistic point of view. In individual cases, we make our decision primarily from the perspective of customer benefit. “For Recaro Aircraft Seating Polska, the plant expansion has already paid off with an award: the Lubusz Province Labor Inspectorate recently described the employer as the “medium-sized enterprise with the safest working conditions in the Lubusz region”. Recaro Aircraft Seating Polska has won gold at the national corporate competition in Warsaw at the end of November.

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