



Industrial Automation

Innovative Solutions
for the Food Processing,
Beverage & Packaging Industry

Breakthrough
engineering for
a better world



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Breakthrough engineering for a better world

We create solutions for our customers which enable smarter, safer, more productive and sustainable factories, production lines and warehouse operations. Our pneumatic and electric motion systems help machine builders and end users around the world automate and optimise manufacturing and warehousing processes.

We have partnered with customers in industrial automation for over a century, applying our experience and innovation to create lasting value for their businesses. Our solutions support critical industries such as automotive, food and beverage, pharmaceuticals and even the space industry. We support the automation of precision manufacturing, product assembly, testing and packaging.

We use the latest digital technologies in our automation products and constantly innovate in close partnership with our customers. By applying our deep expertise, we can solve their toughest automation challenges, today and tomorrow. Through increased productivity, efficiency and safety, our customers can serve their own customers better, creating sustainable competitive advantage and delivering growth.

Our world-class product portfolio includes IMI Norgren, IMI Bimba, IMI Bahr and IMI Buschjost.

Breakthrough Engineering you can count on.



Our Global Reach

With established manufacturing facilities globally, we have the capability to cope with the most demanding of international projects. With a sales and service network in 50 countries, we have the reach and capability to ensure continuity of supply and local support where it is needed.



●● Across manufacturing, sales, innovation centres and offices ●●







Delivering expertise, solutions and value to the food and beverage industry

Reliability through expertise and experience

We have dedicated over 25 years to meeting the unique needs of the global food and beverage industry, delivering pioneering products and bespoke solutions.

Close collaboration with customers, and a search for innovation that offers real Breakthrough Engineering, has resulted in millions of hours of reliable service from our PET bottling, ink jet, processing & packaging, dispense and food service equipment.

From handling 40 bar air for PET bottle blowing, to aggressive solvents in ink jet printing; from wash-down chemicals to lime scale-free coffee machines, we have an impressive track record of helping the world's largest food companies improve efficiency, save energy and optimise performance.

Setting the standard

Whether it's FDA-compliant materials or solutions for ATEX environments, our intimate knowledge of supplying components and solutions for applications in the food, splash and non-food zones, helps ensure your system meets relevant regional and international standards, and codes of practice.



Processing & Packaging



Sorting



Dairy



Meat Processing



Packaging



Beverage Dispense

Coffee Machines



PET Bottling

PET



Inkjet printing

Control Ink





Food Process Automation

Through our global technical centres, and local support, we use the latest materials and technologies to offer a range of standard and hygienic solutions for process automation applications. These include:

- Flexible, compact valve islands with Devicenet, Profibus and Ethernet protocols for all your process control needs
- A range of corrosion-resistant stainless steel products
- High flow angle seat valves to handle steam and aggressive fluids
- High quality diaphragm valves that are resistant to corrosion
- Proportional control valves that offer an accurate and stable response, with lower air consumption
- A comprehensive selection of pressure switches & sensors
- Air preparation equipment available in modular units to deliver a continuous supply of clean, dry and CO₂ free (<1 ppm) gas





Products for Food Process Automation

Valve Islands



Stainless steel solutions



Proportional control



Air Preparation equipment



Angle Seat Valves



Ball valves



Diaphragm valves



Sterile air for food & beverage



Pressure switches & sensors





Sorting Machines

Sorting machines use a combination of mechanical and optical sorting technologies to separate or sort similar items. Different ejection systems are required depending on the items being sorted, with safety, speed and reliability being a priority for end users.

We provide a broad range of solutions for sorting applications including food, beverage and grain sorting.

- Pusher systems for bottles and boxes
- Air Ejection Systems for small goods e.g. grains, rice
- Mechanical ejection systems (flaps) for Bigger Products e.g. Potatoes
- Inspection camera cleaning
- Water flow control





Products for Sorting Applications

- Plastic solenoid actuated valves for water splashing
- Valve islands & fittings
- High speed ISO cylinders to drive flaps and let the food flow
- IVAC for fast response time (5 cycles per second)
- High speed valves for ejectors



Plastic solenoid actuated valves



High speed ISO cylinders



High speed valves



Valve islands & fittings



IVAC



Dairy Production

Our range of robust, rugged and reliable pneumatic products, offer a solution for applications in the dairy industry:

- Herd management including drafting systems and parlour gates for cow segregation
- Automated milking systems
- Animal feed
- Cluster cleaning
- Scraper systems
- Milk processing (pasteurising, filling and packaging)
- Cheese making



Products for Dairy Applications

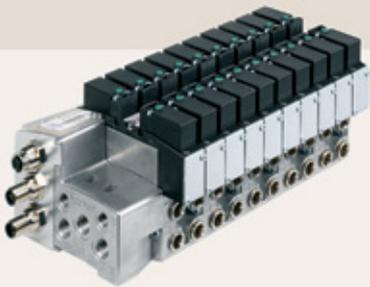
Cylinders

- Electric Actuators to provide accurate and repeatable positioning.
- ISOLine cylinders with heavy duty wiper seal and adjustable cushioning system for changing loads. Stainless steel versions also available.
- IVAC Integrated valve and actuator to reduce energy consumption, weight and installation time.
- Cleanline cylinders hygienically designed according to EN1672- 2 with an IP67 protection class for washdown applications.



Valves

- VS18 for Process Control.
- 83150 2/2-way valve for milking system cleaning and sterilising.
- 82400 2/2-way seat valve for cleaning and sterilising.
- 84520 2/2-way diaphragm valve for cleaning steam valve.



Air Preparation

- Excelon® Plus air preparation with best in class water extraction (98% at 100% flow).
- Stainless steel air preparation for corrosive and washdown applications.



Meat Processing

From air preparation to valves and actuators, our robust and reliable products offer a solution for any application in the meat processing industry:

- Knocking Pen
- Meat Tensioning
- Transfer Chain
- Gates
- Sorting
- Blood Processing
- Hand Wash Basin
- Cleaning and Sterilisation
- Multistage Hide Puller
- Door Controls



Products for Meat Processing Applications

Cylinders

- Electric Actuators to provide accurate and repeatable positioning.
- ISOLine cylinders with heavy duty wiper seal and adjustable cushioning system for changing loads. Stainless steel versions also available.
- IVAC Integrated valve and actuator to reduce energy consumption, weight and installation time.



- Cleanline cylinders hygienically designed according to EN1672- 2 with an IP67 protection class for washdown applications.
- Special cylinders to tenderise meat. Designed to eliminate bug traps with customised hooks to carry out the tensioning operation.





Valves

- Valves kits available to replace the common knee wand found in most abattoirs - Stainless steel pilot valve with a Super X valve, fittings and silencers designed to avoid wastage of water.
- Valves for use in the cleaning and sterilization unit and vertical water scalding process for cleaning equipment like hooks and tongs.



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Non-Food Area

We aim for design excellence in all areas. Even though this stage of the process involves no contact with food, our engineers look not only to meet, but also to set quality standards using materials that are easy to clean and resistant to corrosion.

Our products and solutions include air preparation for pneumatic components; Stepper, rodless and guided cylinders; vacuum products; angle seat valves; valve islands with common industry protocols and IVAC for optimised energy savings of up to 50%.

Applications include:

- Conveying
- Secondary packaging
- Palletising
- Dispensing equipment for consumer and industrial adhesives, sealants and coatings
- Thermoforming packaging
- Modified atmosphere packaging
- Gas sterilisation flow control



Products for Non-Food Area

Air Preparation



IVAC for optimised energy consumption saving up to 50%



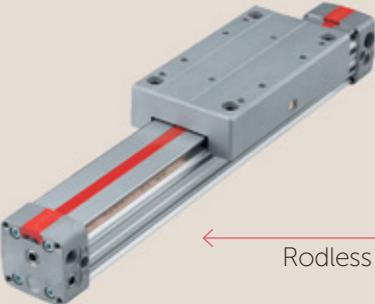
Valve Islands



Stepper cylinders



Rodless cylinders



Solenoid Valve



Guided cylinders



Angle Seat Valve



Vacuum products





Beverage Dispense

Beverage dispense applications require high-quality, reliable systems and low maintenance costs, together with hygienically designed and washdown approved components.

Our high performance solenoid actuated plastic valves are permitted according to NSF and FDA, reliably control cold water, hot water, steam and the necessary cleaning processes, and are suitable for a number of beverage dispense applications including:

- Coffee machines (Fully automatic & semi automatic)
- Drinking water dispenser
- Vending machines
- Cold & hot water devices
- Soft drink machines
- Ice cream machines

Robustly designed, these solenoid valves are resistant to all media, specifically water. Water quality can vary considerably globally, with various degrees of hardness and calcification. The solenoid valve materials are perfectly designed to meet the various requirements and ensure the required corrosion resistance, high reliability and long service life.

Product Highlights

- Reduction in the number of fittings when using valve chains
- Reduction of potential leakage points
- Corrosion resistant & increased service life
- "Plug and use" concept – quick installation of modules (up to 7 valves can be linked)
- Glow wire resistant acc. to IEC/EN 60695
- Use of approved wetted materials in accordance with NSF, FDA, and BfR
- VO (EG) 1935/2004
- UL recognized coils available on request
- For Milk, Flavours & Syrup, Water, Steam
- Single or stackable valves
- Resistant to limescale
- Up to 15 bar
- Up to 125°C
- 100% Leadfree
- 100% Nickel free

Products for Beverage Dispense



Series 83150,
2/2-way
single valve



TruControl™
2/2-way valve
(interlinkable)

Special design
8591352,
2/2-way
single valve



Special design
8590440,
2/2-way valve
(interlinkable)



Series 8590820,
3/2-way valve
(interlinkable)



Series 83153,
2/2-way valve
(interlinkable)

Special design
8591410,
3/2-way valve



4-fold manifold



Series 84070 / 84080,
2/2-way valve



PET Bottling

Building on three decades of PET engineering excellence, we remain a pioneering force in this sector, constantly driving performance and reliability improvements. Our patented plastic piston technology and experience in valve positioning allows us to reduce dead space volume and increase productivity.

Filling

Food safety is a vital consideration in filling applications. To avoid the possibility of contamination, we ensure that all system components directly or indirectly in contact with the main food/drink product – such as cylinders for filling valves, for example – are engineered from corrosion resistant, non-toxic and non-absorbent material.

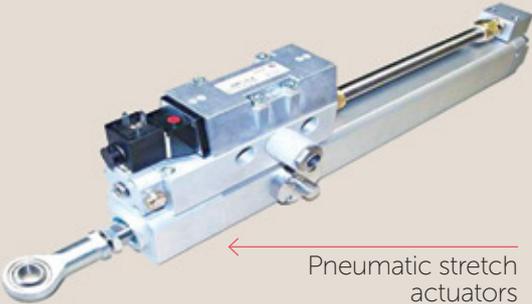
Rotary stretch blow moulding

We are a complete 'air' solution supplier to the PET industry. Our expertise covers 7 bar standard pneumatics to 20 bar P1 and 40 bar P2 solutions, including 11 functions on the blowing wheel for valving, as well as 24 functions for air recovery and management.

Our range offers 40 bar blowing blocks, cooling valves, air recovery products & solutions, pneumatic stretch actuators, and capping cylinders for hot & cold fill processes.



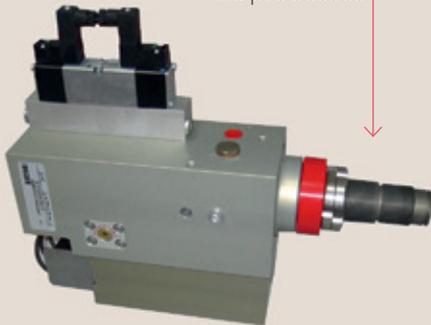
Products for PET Bottling Applications



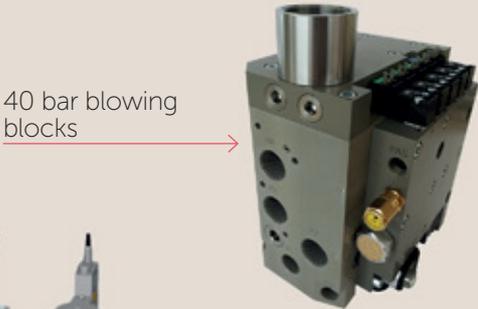
Pneumatic stretch actuators



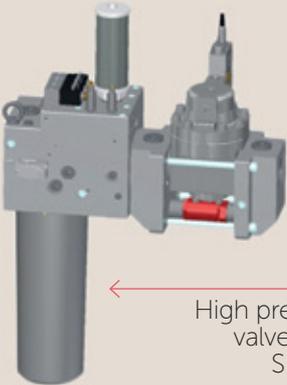
Cooling valves



Capping cylinders for hot fill & cold fill processes



40 bar blowing blocks



High pressure filter with safety valve ISO 13849 Pld, KAT 3 SF and Dome regulator



Cylinders for filling valves





Continuous Inkjet Printing

We are the world's leading supplier of miniature solenoid valves for Continuous Inkjet (CIJ) printing. Many of the world's leading CIJ printer brands use IMI technology within their fluid circuits, due to their high durability and suitability for aggressive solvents and inks. Our range is adaptable for many types of printer and labelling machines and includes cylinders, in-line valves and precision solenoid valves.

Thanks to close collaboration with key global customers, IMI has developed miniaturized and robust valves for highly integrated solutions to ensure key functions in the customers' devices.

- Precision miniature design to fit maximum fluidic functions into a minimum footprint
- Superior material compatibility
- Designed to avoid clogging
- Durable in extreme environments e.g. temperature, vibration, humidity, etc.
- Long life expectancy to reduce maintenance costs



Valves for Inkjet Printing Applications

Valves to allow precision control of ink into printing stations

- Precision miniature design to fit maximum fluidic functions into a minimum footprint
- Superior material compatibility
- Designed to avoid clogging
- Durable in extreme environments e.g. temperature, vibration, humidity, etc.
- Long life expectancy to reduce maintenance costs

Valves to allow accurate control of the ink beam and washing/flushing functions

- Ink or make-up supply to print head
- Specific precision designs to maximize reliability
- For dye, food grade or opaque inks

In-Line MICROSOL



15 mm body

2-way

In-line design for better integration

MICROSOL MS-E



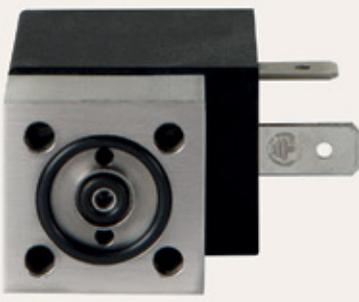
15 mm body

3-way Uni

4W / 0.4W

Up to 5 bar

MINISOL N



2-way or 3-way

Orifice 2.0mm

22 mm body

PICOSOL 2/2 MS



Highly customisable design

\varnothing 1mm

10 mm body

Power consumption 4.5W / 0.5W

PICOSOL 3/4 MS




Functional Safety Solutions for Safety Technology

Machinery Directive 2006/42/EC and EN ISO 13849 Part 1 and Part 2

With an effective date 29.12.2009 the Machinery Directive 2006/42/EC replaced the previous Machinery Directive 98/37/EC and defines fundamental standards of Machine Safety in the European domestic market. Only machines, that comply with the demands of the Machinery Directive, are allowed to be introduced on the European market. This includes new machines as well as existing machines that have experienced significant or considerable variations or modifications or have served a different use. In accordance with conditions of the Machinery Directive and the guideline, compliant machines must be furnished with CE-labelling, Declaration of Conformity and the required user information. The harmonized standard EN ISO 13849 (Type B-norm) assists the Machinery Directive with the technical implementation of the safety demands and reliable control systems. It provides generally important principles in terms of the planning and evaluation of safety-related parts of a control system, control system architecture as well as the quality of risk reduction and the validation procedures for the safety function, categories and Performance Levels of safety-related parts of controls.



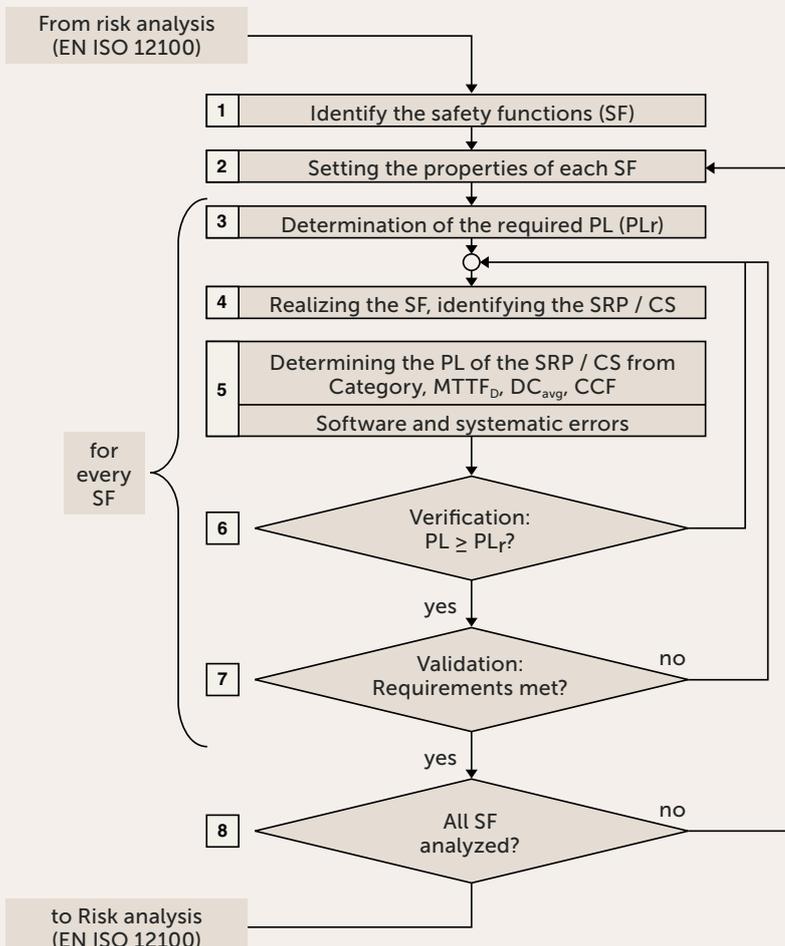
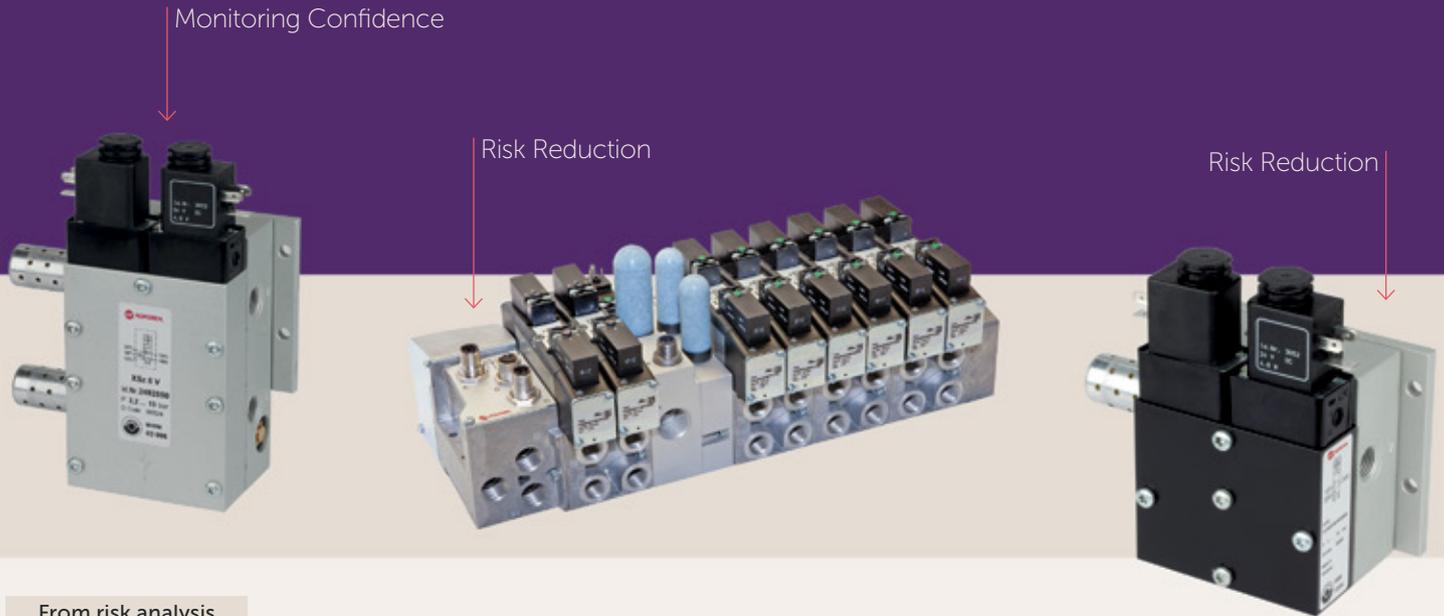
Safety and risk assessment

A machine should be constructed to guarantee safety as much as possible. Any potential danger must have its risk reduced/minimized by protections or measures e.g. a pneumatic safety control system. For unavoidable residual risk, the corresponding necessary documentation must be provided. A comprehensive and standardized risk assessment will take place at the beginning of the process for the evaluation of the machinery safety.

Identification of safety function

If in the risk analyses hazardous movements were detected then, in accordance with the danger, counteracting safety functions must be defined and provided. Only after more precise definition of the actual safety function can the corresponding subsystems of the safety control system be adequately executed and interpreted.

- Safe exhausting of a system
- Stop of a hazardous movement
- Stop and obstructing of a hazardous movement
- Reversing a hazardous movement
- Protection against accidental start-up and many others



Iterative process for the design of the safety-related components of the control system

SF = safety function
 PL = performance level

SRP/CS = safety related parts of control systems
 MTTF_D = mean time to dangerous failure
 DC_{avg} = average diagnostic coverage
 CCF = common cause failure



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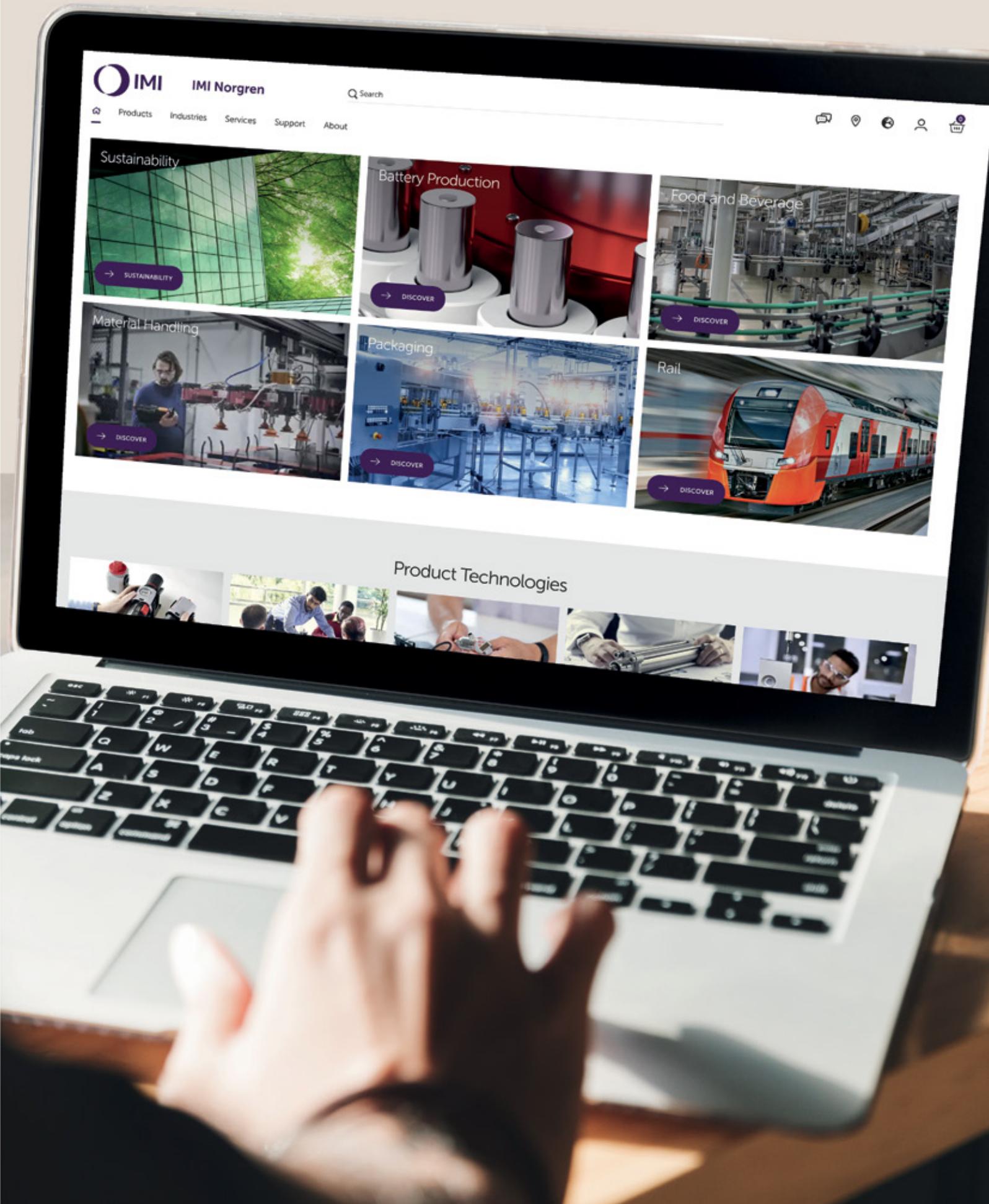
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