

Two Companies are Celebrating their Jubilees Together

25 Years of Glas-Plus and Prinz Optics - Innovations on Glass

For over 25 years already, Glas-Plus and Prinz Optics - two closely interwoven companies based in Mainz and Stromberg - have been coating glass objects and panes of glass. During this time, technologies have been developed and perfected for a material which has been in use for over three thousand years and numerous new options have been catalogued for its application.

In 1992, at the start of the two company histories, the Stromberg based company Opto-Chem Glas Coating GmbH, today known as Prinz Optics GmbH, specialised in glass coatings. Paul Hinz had previously headed the “Surfaces Development” department at the manufacturers of specialist glass Schott in Mainz, and was therefore a proven expert in this technology.

Increasing demand for coated lighting fixtures, especially in the automotive industry, encouraged Paul Hinz to establish the company Glas-Plus Beschichtungs GmbH & Co. KG in 1995. Since then, the company based in Mainz has established itself as the competent specialist for functional coatings.

Prinz Optics, led by Peter Röhlen since 1994, makes up the second manufacturing focal point. Peter Röhlen had previously been responsible for the dip coating development process at Schott. Prinz Optics specialises in the optical coating of glass panes, i.a. for industry and lighting. It also further focuses on dichroic glass, which is also known as colour effect glass



due to its extraordinary properties. This fascinating material enjoys ever increasing popularity amongst artists, architects and designers.

In 2010, Peter Röhlen also joined in the management of Glas-Plus alongside Paul Hinz.

As Paul Hinz went from sole shareholder of Glas-Plus to majority shareholder of Prinz Optics in 2010, both companies have become closely interwoven with each other.

Thanks to the combined expertise and the close collaboration between Glas-Plus and Prinz Optics, customers are able to choose from an exceptionally wide range of services in glass coating which extend from functional, optical, electrical and catalytic coatings to decorative coatings of glass panes and glass objects.

In the coming autumn, both companies will be celebrating their joint 25th jubilee with an opening ceremony at the “Akademie der Wissenschaften” (Academy of Science and Literature) in Mainz and a representative exhibition of dichroic glass art.

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