

Davidson Holdings

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Location: Reading



Client: Cistermiser Keraflo

Sector: Offices & workplaces

Product: Zip HydroBoil

The brief

Davidson Holdings own and manage manufacturing businesses in the HVAC, bathroom, heating, and plumbing markets. Two of their sites required a new water solution for staff and visitors. Talon is a 24 hour operation running a busy mould shop, including an administrative office and warehouse. With over fifty employees, “scheduling breaks to avoid ‘crunch times’ had historically been problematic” says Geoffrey Gestetner, Managing Director. At busy times, the kettle would need to be refilled and reboiled regularly to provide drinks for all staff, and as a result the queue for the kettle caused employees to lose their downtime waiting for a hot drink. Similarly, the Cistermiser and Keraflo site in Reading required a solution for both the canteen and large meeting room. Both of these rooms have many external visitors, so required a solution that would be intuitive and easy to use for those who have not used a wall-mounted boiler before. For both sites, the team knew that it was important to be able to provide boiling water for teas and coffees more quickly without constantly refilling a kettle, so that staff can enjoy a well-earned break between meetings, and visitors can enjoy a refreshment on arrival.

The results

The solution

Zip Water was able to provide HydroBoil units across both sites, meaning boiling water is on tap whenever required. Employees no longer need to queue for hot drinks, and the energy efficient features mean it's more efficient than a kettle. The HydroBoil was simple to install over the sink with minimal plumbing and electrical work, and now saves valuable countertop space. Plus, the large capacity (HydroBoil ranges from 1.5 to 40 litres) means there's no danger of missing out on a warming drink when employees need it. “The Reading site has had many boiling water machines in the past but the Hydroboil is the first one that has not suffered from scale build-up and works happily producing endless cups of perfect tea with no reheat waiting times required even at the busiest of periods.” Another useful feature of the HydroBoil is the simple handle mechanism for use, making it easy to use both for those who are not used to a wall-mounted boiler, and for employees who have been working in the cold – “the handle is robust and easy to use even if fingers are wet or cold”.



“The use of the Zip Hydroboil which replaced a kettle meant permanent and instant hot water available for colleagues so they could make the most of their break times without queuing for a kettle to boil. No time is wasted before meetings and one colleague can easily prepare drinks for everyone quickly.”

Geoffrey Gestetner

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