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THE CHAIRMAN'S VOICE

Dear Friend,
Dear Staff Member,

This issue of *Forster aktuell* is dedicated to an array of solutions which we have been able to develop for our customers. The various contributions over the next pages highlight the great diversity of our product range.

As an aside, I would like to note that three members of the Forster Group (Forster Verkehrs- und Werbetechnik GmbH, Forster Metallbau Gesellschaft m.b.H. and Forster Industrietechnik GmbH) have introduced an environmental management system, thereby installing a tool that considerably facilitates the sustainability of our corporate management. The systematic approach improves environmental protection within the company as well as reducing our consumption of resources and subsequently cuts down on our operating costs. In this way, our forward-looking approach to environmental protection helps strengthen the competitiveness of our company.

Once again, a successful business year is coming to its close. I wish to take this opportunity to thank all our staff members for their commitment and engagement during the past year. To our customers we want to express our deep appreciation of the trust and many years of loyalty granted to us.

Let me wish you a quiet and contemplative Christmas and a successful New Year!



Christian Forster
Chief Executive Officer



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Traffic signs by mouse click

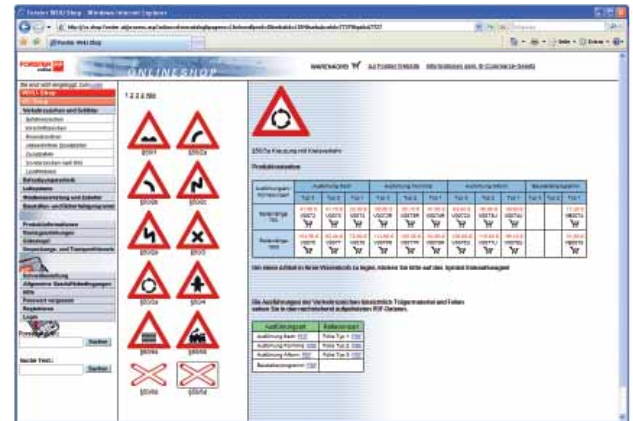
Forster Verkehrs- und Werbetechnik has set up a new service for its customers: starting in May 2009, all traffic engineering products can be ordered online from Forster's website – simply, quickly and easily.

Local governments and road maintenance depots can simply look up our programme of standard traffic signs, attachment systems and road and site safety products in the internet and order as required.

Simply register, choose and order!

A few mouse clicks suffice to fill your customised shopping basket in our online shop. You can search for products by name or article number. As a further bonus for our customers, the system promptly proposes the requisite attachment systems whenever you order a traffic sign and tubular uprights.

All online orders come with a 3% discount.



ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

ISO 14001

Forster has been committed to environmental issues for many years. Preventive environmental care is a salient part of our corporate strategy. The three companies united in the Forster Group have introduced an environmental management system.

The certification audit EN ISO 14001:2004 was successfully passed on 7-9 September 2009.

TRAFFIC ENGINEERING

Protective film for traffic signs

Developed by 3M and put to optimal use by Forster, the new Protective Overlay Film (POF) 1160 protects traffic signs against graffiti and stickers. The POF is laminated to the traffic sign so that overpainting and despoiling can be cleaned off with harmless solvents and stickers can be completely removed. The result: savings in both time and money and a bonus for the environment.

BRONZE FOR EUCERIN DISPLAY

Superstar award 2009

On 8-10 June, the display trade fair for POS marketing was held in Frankfurt. At the fair, an independent jury awarded the "Bronze Superstar" to the display submitted by Forster in the international group.

The Eucerin display for Beiersdorf, developed by Vienna agency CDS and produced by Forster, was thus ranged among the best and most innovative solutions for POS marketing.



Trade fair preview for 2010

Intertraffic in Amsterdam

The Intertraffic 2010 is scheduled to take place in Amsterdam on 23-26 March 2010. It is the global event to exhibit products for traffic infrastructure, traffic management, road equipment and parking systems. The Forster Group will use this international platform to present its latest traffic engineering and noise abatement products.

Trade fair review

Drinktec 2009 The international trade fair for the beverage and liquid food industry assembled 1200 exhibitors and some 60,000 visitors in Munich. Forster showed specially developed solutions for advertising and display systems. Interest was focused on our high-quality illuminated signs and light boxes and the novel lenticular technology newly introduced to our printing programme.

ASTRAD 2009 Held at Wels, the trade fair for road maintenance, equipment and winter service offered visitors an opportunity to familiarise themselves with the latest products and innovations launched by Forster in the noise barrier and traffic engineering sector.

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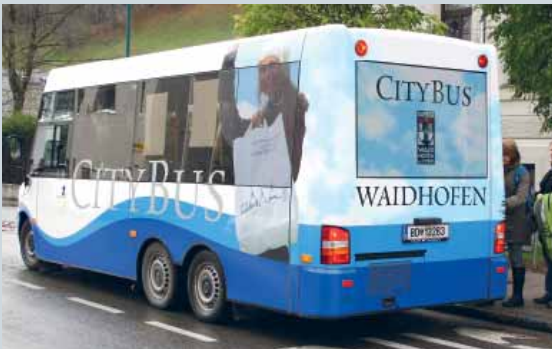
Auto-suggestion

Forster film: whether applied to town buses or company fleets, attention is guaranteed.

Forster's hometown Waidhofen/Ybbs commissioned the company to fit the town buses with a new exterior design. As a result, high-quality 3M film, digitally imprinted by Forster, prettifies the vehicles, drawing attention to the town's public transport system.

Attensam GmbH, one of the largest facility service companies in Austria, has fitted its fleet with film signage. About 800 vehicles, including tractors, were marked with digitally or screen-printed 3M film by Forster.

HKW plumbers also requested Forster to provide them with signage for their vehicle. High-quality 3M film of the 680 series, mostly of the reflecting type, which is particularly tailored to long-term use, was attached to a Fiat Scudo. **FF**



Bright colours and superior quality characterise the NÖN stickers.



STICKERS AND PANELS

High-quality advertising media



NÖ Pressehaus Druck- und Verlagsgesellschaft, a media publisher domiciled in St. Pölten, ordered 2 million postcard-sized advertising stickers from Forster for its advertising campaign. Forster used high-quality plastic film and special UV-resistant colours to flexoprint the stickers.

Special ink adds gloss to the colours For its construction site signs, Harreither GmbH of Gafrenz relies on the printing and overall competence for which Forster is known. For its two sizes of site signs, Forster applied special inks suitable for long-term outdoor use which ensure that the colours will remain brilliant even after prolonged exposure. In addition, Forster produced rollups, using a high-quality fine banner material and making them extra flat to ensure that the material will not go "wavy". **FF**



ADVERTISING

Displays for eateries

Forster invests a great deal of creativity in its display department. Its wide range of options is once again reflected in current projects.

Brau Union Österreich commissioned Forster Verkehrs- und Werbetechnik to produce the illuminated signs advertising its Zipfer beer, opting for the LED technology to light up its signs. The displays, remarkable for their special slimness, can be hung from the wall or placed on a desk. Another of its commissions, the Edelweiss beer display, captivates viewers by its drawn and profiled "sandwich" structure. The low-cost illuminated signs are fitted with a PET back panel and are suitable for wall mounting. The LED light provides



them with the requisite touch of charisma. Individuality is writ large when it comes to Forster's figural displays for gastronomic operations. Andreas Plappert from the Rothschildschloss at Waidhofen/Ybbs was the first to pose as a model. Made from folding and moisture-proof webbed plastic boards, the displays come with a write-on blackboard. From a minimum order quantity of three displays, Forster fits them with an image of Mine Host. 



Look-alikes: creative display featuring the host's image.




Aglow with pleasure from state-of-the-art LED lighting.



PUTTING YOUR BEST SIDE FORWARD

A stylish setting for one-of-a-kind pieces

A display designed and customised by Forster exactly to your needs, illuminated and easy to fit directly at the point of sale should be in considerable demand. The slim and laid-back design to display Samsung cell phones acts as a magnet

for everybody's attention. The LED-illuminated column in particular draws all eyes. An acrylic glass cover protects the mobile phones made by SAMSUNG electronics Austria GmbH against soiling and theft. 



The signs nicely reflect the customer's corporate identity.

NAVIGATORS THROUGH A CULTURE CENTRE


The sleeping beauty is wide awake



The name of the centre is a reminder of the bedding manufacturer that once occupied the site. Today the bettfedernfabrik operates as an event venue and culture centre at Oberwaltersdorf, whose visitors are guided through the terrain by a routing system made by Forster.

The bettfedernfabrik opens its premises to two uses: customers can rent variously sized office and storage space, and they can stage events, both large- and small-scale, on the site. The fact that such different business segments can be accommodated on a single site is a good pointer at the sheer size of the location. Quite obviously, such size calls for a suitable routing system.

Flexible and adaptable The area's operator, Oberwaltersdorfer Kommunalbetriebs GmbH, therefore commissioned Forster to implement a proper routing system. Thanks to the expert advice available from our staff members and in cooperation with the facility management, a colour-coded routing system was developed that is flexible enough to handle subsequent changes.

Our standard systems Combiflex CF 10, CF 20 and CF 40 were ideally suited for a routing system that is made up of door signs, sign posts and overview boards. The various elements of the system were assembled by Forster. 



STABLE MONUMENT SIGNS AT THE VIENNA UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

Sleek and functional

For its 10th anniversary, the University Campus at the Vienna AKH was presented with a new routing and directional system.

In the course of the last decade, the spacious Campus has grown into a venue for scientific teaching and research that doubles as an urban recreational space and popular meeting place for the evening. The guidance system dating from 1998 was no longer up to its task of adequately informing its users. The University of Vienna accordingly instructed Forster to install

altogether 18 monument signs of the Combiflex CF 60-P type. At heights of 3.2 m and 2.7 m, the information columns were fitted with non-glare acrylic glass and digitally imprinted. At the same time, Forster made sure that the monument signs would be uniformly illuminated throughout.

The signs were mounted on concrete foundations provided by the customer in accordance with Forster's specifications. FF



Eighteen illuminated monument signs for the students' guidance.



ORIENTATION FOR PASSENGERS AND VISITORS OF VIENNA AIRPORT

Flexible indicators at the airport

Passengers and visitors of Vienna Airport will find it even easier to amble around the airport: the existing directional system was supplemented by monument signs, with the result that a pedestrian routing system is now in place that spans all areas from the car parks to the arrival and departure halls. The monument signs made by Forster (Combiflex CF 60), sized 0.7 x 2.96 m, consist of four components which in turn are fitted with arched panels that carry the information to be displayed – a design that allows flexible change at short notice.

Integrated LED indicator Generally, the signage is made from reflecting 3M film to improve legibility. At critical points, the monument signs are also fitted with an LED indicator to display the date, time and temperature. The topmost panel is a special design that features the laser-cut and back-lit logo of Vienna Airport. Installation of the signs on airport-provided foundations was part and parcel of the job. FF



FORSTER VERKEHRSTECHNIK SUPPLIES CENTRAL EUROPE'S LARGEST CONSTRUCTION SITE

“Y” to get faster from A to B

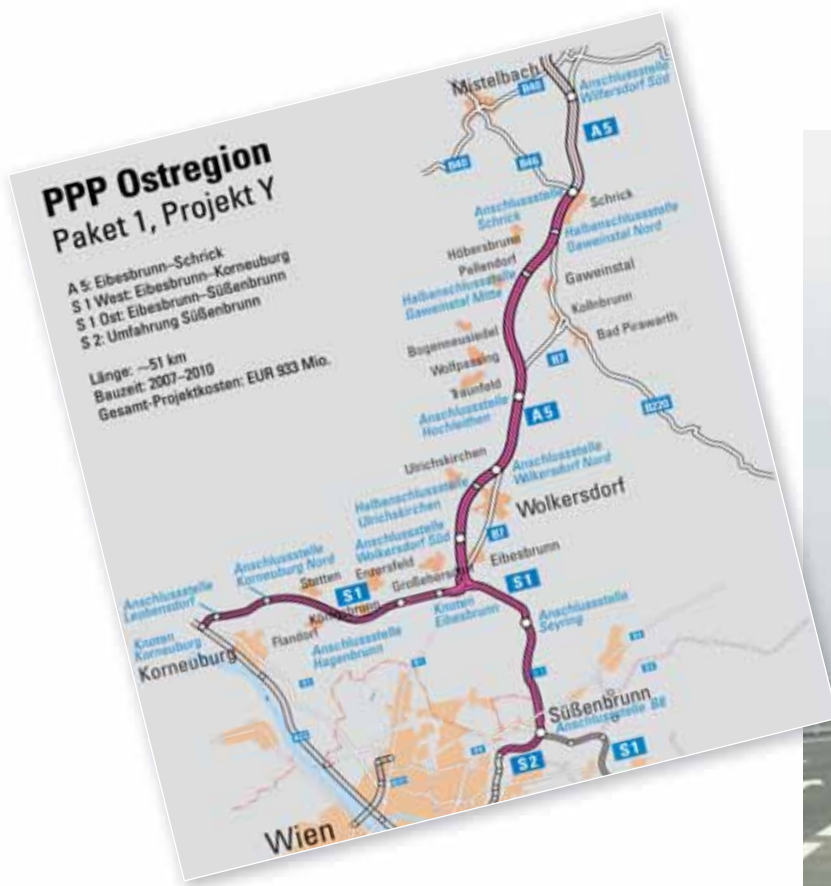
Seven a.m. on 31 October 2009: two carriageways – S1 East in Lower Austria and S2 bound for Vienna – are ceremoniously opened and handed over to their destined use. The traffic engineering equipment that ensures their smooth operation derives from Forster Verkehrs- und Werbe-technik GmbH.

This last day in October saw the completion of the first milestone on Central Europe's largest building site. On Lower Austrian territory, this involved the section of S1 East between Eibesbrunn and Süßenbrunn and the S2 link to Vienna from Süßenbrunn to the junction of Hermann-Gebauer-Straße in the 22nd district of the Austrian capital (see the road map on the facing page).

Bonaventura's winning project

Three years ago, Bonaventura, a BOT company, won the ASFINAG tender for the first segment of the “Ypsilon PPP Eastern Region”. The ground-breaking ceremony for the project which stretches over 51 kilometres was held in March 2006. The syndicate, which handles design, financing, construction and operation of the road segment, comprises ALPINE Bau GmbH, HOCHTIEF PPP Solutions GmbH and Egis Projects SA, a French infrastructure company. Of these, HOCHTIEF PPP Solutions acts as the lead manager. Construction of the road segment is shared equally between ALPINE Bau GmbH and HOCHTIEF Construction AG. The joint building venture ARGE PPP Ostregion is headed by ALPINE Bau GmbH.





Record-breaking The “Y Eastern Region” project is a record-breaker in two respects: (a) it is the largest construction site in all of Central Europe; (b) it is the first Austrian PPP project that involves construction of a road.

“As scheduled, we will be able to hand over the entire road by 2010. Accordingly, we will have completed 51 kilometres of road in only three years,” as Arno Piko, manager of ARGE PPP Ostregion, proudly confirms, who manages this demanding project together with a team of up to 1,500 staff.


Public Private Partnership All around the world, infrastructure projects are increasingly implemented by way of a public-private partnership (“PPP”). Such projects are partnerships between the government and a private partner that combine to finance and realise a public infrastructure project.

Forster’s contribution Starting in April 2008, Forster supplied fixed signposts and standard traffic signs together with their fitting and fixing systems such as gantries, cantilevers and latticed uprights for the entire section. In addition, Forster delivered small-scale components for traffic management

and partial openings of the secondary roads within the section. In November 2008, the traffic control system and variable message sign system were put in place jointly with Umwelt- und Verkehrstechnik GmbH. The truss bridges for the traffic control system as well as the variable message signs and gantries at the Korneuburg and Eibesbrunn junctions were included in the scope of deliveries undertaken by Forster Verkehrstechnik.

In March 2009, Forster was awarded the contract to deliver and install sign gantries and cantilevers for the tunnel aprons. The contract also includes the internally illuminated LED traffic signs and escape route lighting.

The Eastern Region The road construction programme for Austria’s eastern region comprises a slate of new projects that are designed to extend the grid of motorways and carriageways by 113 kilometres. It involves the A5 Northern Motorway which is to be connected to the S1, an outer ring carriageway circumambulating Vienna, and the S2, a carriageway edging along the north of Vienna.

Watch out for the next issue of *Forster aktuell* to read about the progress of the grand project. 



Central Europe’s largest construction site has so far gulped up 1.5 million cubic metres of concrete and 390,000 metric tons of asphalt.

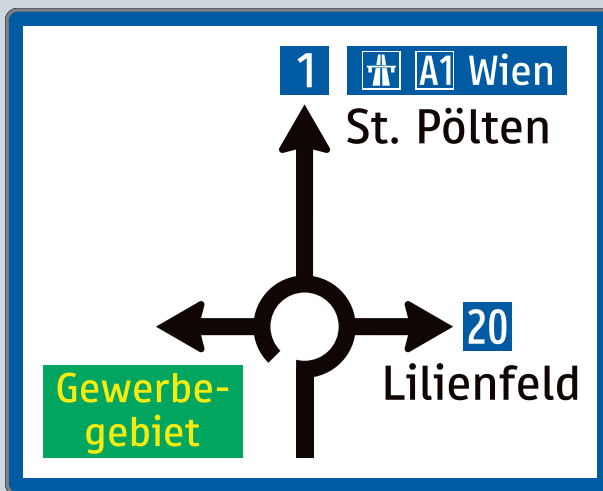


Fig. 3



Fig. 1



Fig. 2

The next amendment to the Austrian Road Signs Ordinance is scheduled to make provision for the new European TERN typeface

GUEST CONTRIBUTION BY DR. MARTIN VERGEINER

New guidelines for the design, construction and maintenance of roads

It is now 20 years since the Guidelines RVS 05.02.11, 05.02.12 and 08.23.01 were first drafted – long enough to warrant an urgent effort to adapt them to a changing environment and new traffic developments. The new RVS became effective on 1 July 2009.

1. RVS 05.02.12 Signs and signposts on secondary roads

In focusing on the needs and requirements posed by the car driver the new RVS 05.02.12 has introduced major changes:

Speed-dependent font sizes for traffic signs The new RVS concentrates on assuring that traffic signs are easily legible. The new font size to be used depends not on the sign format but on the speed limit for the relevant road section. It therefore varies between 105 and

280 mm. Sign sizes are chosen to match the font size and quantity and length of the destinations shown. Similarly, the legibility of additional panels is improved as well. To maintain flexibility, the code stipulates only standard font sizes – 75 mm for moving traffic and 50 mm for stationary traffic and bicycle traffic.

Uniform catalogue of pictographs A picture says more than a thousand words. The new RVS introduced uniform symbols for buses, lorries, passenger cars and snow

chains. A standard catalogue of pictographs was developed to keep a check on the unhampered proliferation of symbols on our signscape.

Better recognition of direction signs The human brain can only process a limited number of data simultaneously. For this reason, the destinations given are limited to six per signpost and to ten per direction of driving. If more than six destinations are to be posted, they need to be fitted at separate sites along the direction of driving. Direction signs may have one, two



Dr. Martin Vergeiner, head of the “Traffic Signs and Signposts” working group at the Austrian Association for Research on Road – Rail – Transport (FSV).

or three lines, provided that the stipulated font size is observed. Depending on the speed limit, this leads to new panel formats. Only one colour scheme is allowed per directional sign; coloured inserts are no longer permissible. The obsolete arrow-shaped signs are finally superannuated and give way to rectangular signs. Public signs must be more clearly distinguished from private signs. The code also defines arrows (heart-shaped or ISO arrow, etc.; Fig. 1) for advance direction signs, overhead direction signs, roundabout traffic signs and advance warning signs for lane filing.


Advance direction signs As shown in Fig. 2, advance direction signs will have panel sizes depending on the font size and number of destinations shown. An entirely new entry is the advance roundabout sign (Fig. 3), which also incorporates traffic bypass solutions. Furthermore, the code allows advance signs for business parks.

Routing system/collective direction signs Several types of destinations (business parks, heritage sites, etc.) may be combined in a

single panel which then replaces the individual direction signs at the intersection.

Reflection of traffic signs For the first time, the code includes a recommendation regarding the reflective properties of signs. Specified film types or illuminated signs are to be used subject to the illuminance of a site.

2. RVS 05.02.11 Requirements and installation

This code covers aspects of construction and use of traffic signs. In addition to specifying the formats for the new direction signs, the RVS had to be adapted to Austrian standard ÖNORM EN 12899-1. It was possible to keep the form of the dimensional diagram for tubular and I-shaped uprights even though the underlying stress specifications were taken from the Eurocode and its implementation in EN 12899-1. It should be noted that tubular frames cannot be dimensioned from the diagrams because the effect of wind pressure on the frames is too strong. Tubular frames are generally made in accordance with manufacturer's specifications. 




Thanks to a protective film, soiled traffic signs can be quickly cleaned with harmless solvents.

PROTECTIVE OVERLAY FILM

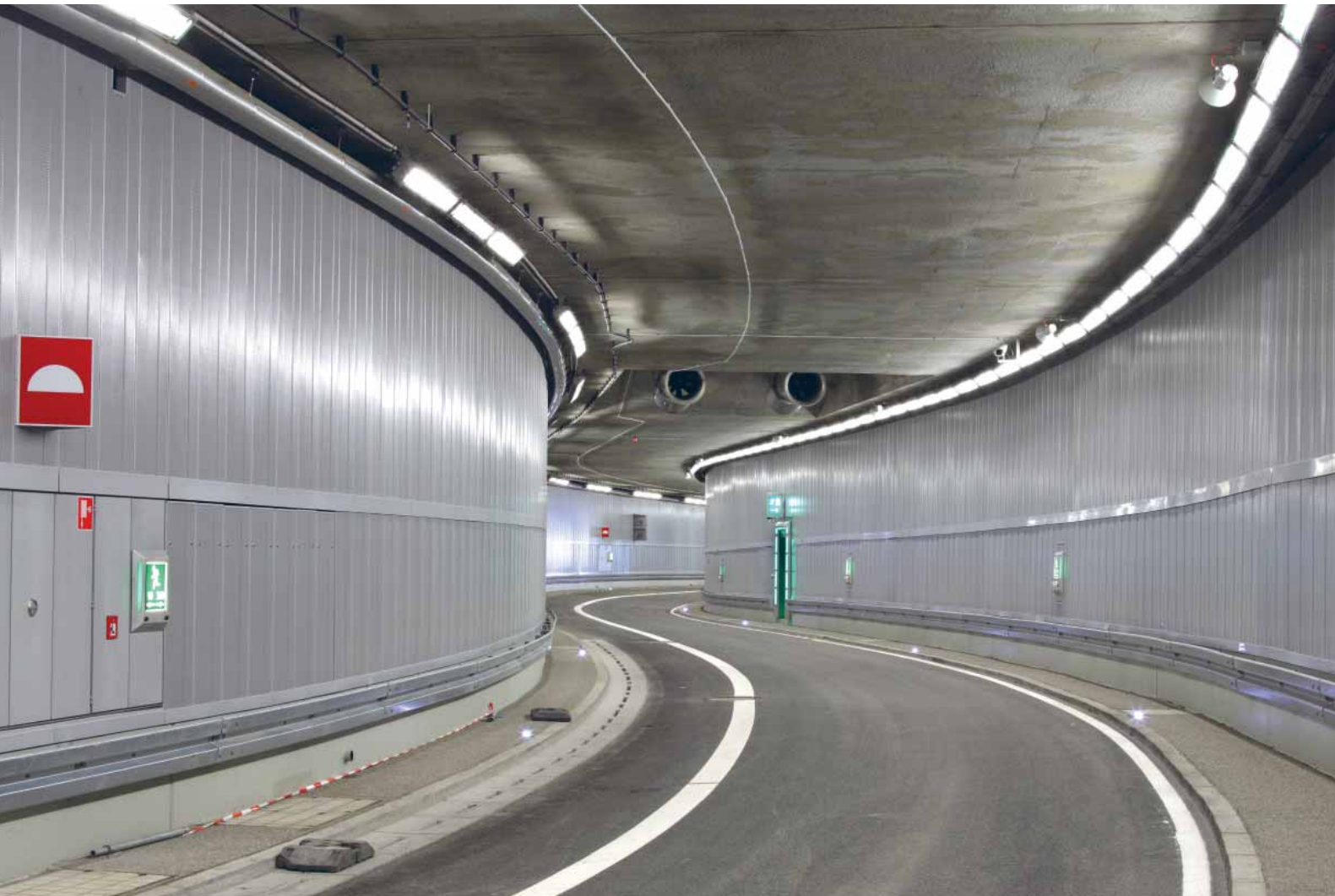
Help against despoiling

Vandalism does not stop at traffic signs in public spaces. A new film protects them from damage caused by graffiti or stickers.

The Premium Protective Overlay Film of series 1160 (POF) produced by film specialist 3M was developed to screen reflective film and is now used by Forster for all its traffic signs. When signs are coated with this highly transparent film, most types of vandalism, such as graffiti or stickers, can be cleaned off easily and completely. Traffic signs that do not have such a POF protection need to undergo a laborious and time-consuming process to remove graffiti or stickers which often fails and forces local governments to replace them with new signs.

It goes without saying that the protective overlay film does not impair the day/night effect by way of reflection. The film is weather-resistant and solvent-proof. Incidentally, Forster sells a solvent-free industrial cleaning agent that ideally goes with the POF traffic sign. 





ALUMINIUM PANELLING IN THE RICHARD STRAUSS TUNNEL

Noise abatement solutions made by Forster

Following completion of the Petuel Tunnel in 2002, the government of the Bavarian capital of Munich once again opted to make use of the noise abatement know-how accumulated by Forster Metallbau.

Even Richard Strauss, a native of Munich invested with the absolute pitch, would be pleased with the noise abatement achieved in the much-frequented tunnel. The noise level inflicted by an unending procession of cars is simply absorbed by the aluminium panelling.

Aluminium panels Altogether 32,000 square metres of aluminium panels were fitted along all of the tunnel surfaces. The panels were mounted upright

and with concealed attachments, which allows easy and cheap replacement of any panels that might be damaged in accidents. In addition, 900 panels were installed for quick removal to service the mechanical systems underneath. The panels are perforated at a spacing pattern of 6 mm and highly noise-absorbent. The substructure made of steel consists of vertical IPE140 uprights, and horizontal U160 and U80 beams, all of them galvanised and given a triple paint



The panels were fitted upright to a steel sub-structure. The result is not just pleasing to the eye but also allows easy replacement for maintenance. Fully 450 tons of steel went into the paneling of the 1,600 metre tunnel.

coat. In total, some 450 tons of steel went into the structure, including small parts such as angle sections and base plates, which made for 13,000 square metres of surface to be painted.


Tunnel dimensions The main tunnel has a length of 1,600 metres, and the side tunnels stretch for some 400 metres each. The steel substructures were fitted to the off-sides of the tunnel (and totalled 4,000 metres). The wall panels were attached to the off-side and central walls of the tunnel (for a

total length of 8,000 metres).

History of assembly works

..... The Forster crew started work on the tunnel on 3 March 2008. A dedicated crew of three to nine men ensured that progress would be quick on the site. After 15 months, on 26 June 2009, the assembly work was finished right on schedule. Commissioning by the Munich building authority took place on 1 July. Some small-scale remedial work was then necessary before the tunnel could be opened on 18 July.

Engineering features

- The location and position of all 105 switchboxes was marked out by us already at the start of the works.
- Screws and anchors are made of highly corrosion-proof steel.
- The steel structure was given a triple paint coat.
- Indirect coupling between aluminium and reinforced concrete is provided by washers and neoprene layers.
- All panels and elements had to be prefabricated in our works. It was not possible to cut them on site.
- Panels had to have a minimum width of 400 mm.
- All structures and positions had to fit into the 505 mm gauge. 

ARCHIVING EXPERTISE

The latest innovation: pull-out picture panels

The proper archiving of paintings and collections is quite a challenge. Long years of experience in designing archives have made Forster a competent partner for all those faced with the responsibility of storing works of art. In designing our pull-out picture panels we can fully accommodate the specific requirements of their future users.

Pull-out picture panels offer lots of benefits:

- a space-saving solution
- optimised access
- you need to move only those panels that are actually needed
- panels are extremely stable
- great flexibility in terms of size
- the system can be adjusted for retrofitting
- all of the lattice surface is available for hanging
- the lattice panels can be pulled out to their full length

Pull-out picture panels A flexible option to store valuable paintings and collections, pull-out picture panels offer storage that saves on space and goes easy on the works of art – not least because the end stop absorbing and locking pad slows down the movement of the panel and keeps it safely spring-locked in its end position. This design also enables users to pull out the panel to its full length.

Pull-out picture panels are available in two designs: suspended from the ceiling or moved along floor rails.

→ Ceiling suspension

The load is bled off from the ceiling so that no guide rails are required in the main aisle. If the ceiling should be out of bounds due to mechanical services fitted into it,

a metal structure can be set up to hold the picture panels in place. The spring-loaded guide rolls provide for better lateral stability.

More advantages to be had from ceiling-suspended panels:

- virtually no vibrations
- barrier-free transport routes
- picture panels can be made to a considerable height

→ Floor rails

Here the load is bled off on the floor. The picture panels are moved along a rail fitted in the floor or in a platform. The platform solution offered by Forster makes for particularly user-friendly operation. The solution requires guide rails to be fitted to the ceiling. If the building situation does not allow ceiling mounting the panels are placed in a metal structure. 📄



The system provides for optimised access to the paintings.

You need to move only those panels that are actually needed.




FROM THE TREASURE HOUSE OF LOWER AUSTRIA

Art on wheels

On 19 February 2009, the cultural depot of the State of Lower Austria was opened in St. Pölten. The repository holds the state's cultural treasures for conservation and scientific research. Forster Metallbau supplied the pull-out picture panels for the collection of paintings.

Over 60% of the space available at the new culture depot designed by Ernst Maurer is dedicated to the art collection. Three thousand seven hundred square metres, perfectly air-conditioned, offer room for over 50,000 works stored to ensure their preservation as much as scientific study and evaluation. Another 1,525 square metres of the culture depot are assigned to hold stocks of the Lower Austrian State Archive and 525 square meters are given over to the Lower Austrian State Library.

paintings made up of moving panels of a height of 5 metres, which provide 26,000 square metres of hanging space; a graphics art depot with moving panels and drawing cabinets at several levels; a sculptures depot; a cooled photographic depot; and a depot holding arts and crafts exhibits and fabrics.

The many advantages that come with our design – optimised access, high stability and use of the full surface space – convinced the managers of the culture depot to opt for Forster picture panels. 

Space-saving solution The art collection comprises a depot for

The latest news about staff members at Forster companies

❖ WEDDINGS

Waidhofen/Ybbs:

Verena Köppl (née Hochrieser), Ingeborg Rücklinger (née Schausberger), Oliver Bachleitner, Franz Merkingner, Josef Großauer, Gerhard Hintsteiner, Mustafa Kaya, Eva Fadinger (née Weißenhofer), Matthias Peham, Roland Almer, Wolfgang Grosser

St. Peter/Au:

Grete Özalp (née Lolea), Birgit Leichtfried (née Knoll), Martina Seyerlehner (née Huber), Thomas Schönegger (née Domani), Stefan Gutmandelberger and Erika Punzhuber, Christiane Schnabl (née Schacher-mayr)

Arbitec-Forster:

Jessica Preißner (née Marheine)

❖ BIRTHS

Waidhofen/Ybbs:

Daughter Christina for Andrea Kleindessner

Daughter Melina for Evelyn Auer
Son Marvin for Alexandra Kos-Fors-tenlechner

Son David for Maria Rigler

Son Tobias for Katrin Hintersonn-leitner

Son Moritz for Mario Fellner

St. Peter/Au:

Son Nico for Manuel and Doris Reickersdorfer

Son Fabian for Birgit Leichtfried
Daughter Sophie for Martina Neu-heimer and Alfred Schoberberger

❖ ANNIVERSARIES

Waidhofen/Ybbs:

40 YEARS

Christine Schmolzmüller

30 YEARS

Ernst Buchriegler

Eva Helm

Wolfgang Helm

Josef Leks

25 YEARS

Asanger Walter

Herbert Jagersberger

Wolfgang Renner

Renate Zehetner

20 YEARS

Andrea Dvorak

Rudolf Hackl

Andreas Kaltenbrunner

Rudolf Martschin

Gerlinde Michal

Josef Steinkellner

Reinhold Stockinger

Friedrich Wegscheider

Christian Wieser

Oliver Würnschimmel

Johannes Zöchbauer

15 YEARS

Elfriede Abdelaziz

Martin Bohacek

Leopold Dietl

Elisabeth Forster

Marianne Grubhofer

Erich Hiesberger

Gerhard Hintsteiner

Monika Huber

Raimund Hüttenbrenner

Christian Kopf

Jürgen Maierhofer

Mazllum Murati

Elke Peuler

Waltraud Rössler

Helmuth Sonnleithner

Emmerich Stangl

Amel Vincevic

Dieter Wieser

Andreas Willenpart

Doris Wöginger

Adalbert Zehetner

10 YEARS

Martin Brandstetter

Erbert Forster

Harald Harreither

Petra Hummelsberger

Werner Kaltenbrunner

Birgit Matzenberger

Robert Nekula

Ursula Neubauer

Dorothea Pfefferkorn

Robert Reichartzeder

Christine Scholler

Renate Schön

Hüseyin Sener

Helmuth Seyerlehner

Hermann Wührer

St. Peter/Au:

30 YEARS

Franz Prüller

25 YEARS

Gertraud Fehringer

20 YEARS

Josef Dorfmaier

Anna Mayr

Martin Sindhuber

Engelbert Zisler

15 YEARS

Cornelia Bentan

Christine Brandstetter

Manuela Braunstein

Brigitte Ennsmann

Stefan Henickl

Midhat Hodzic

Agnes Kaineder

Rosa Reitner

10 YEARS

Vural Baran

Sabina Catic

Siegfried Hochstätger

Heidmarie Hörlendberger

Ludwig Jechsmayr
 Suad Kalbic
 Maria Langerreiter
 Birgit Leichtfried (currently on
 parental leave)
 Gertrude Mersitz
 Brigitte Riedl
 Christiane Schnabl (currently on
 parental leave)
 Rupert Sindhuber
 Elisabeth Witzlinger

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20 YEARS

Wilhelm Wormser
 Fritz Sörgel
 Cornelia Kirschbaum
 Bernd Haase

15 YEARS

Hubert Arendt
 Ingo Theuring

10 YEARS

André Drzensla
 Frank Heinrichs

Colberg & Forster:

15 YEARS

Bernd Lipke
 Ralf Petri
 Friedrich-Karl Ulrich
 Ingrid Wycisk

10 YEARS

Marko Broda
 Rolf Kroh
 Dirk Leibner
 Thomas Pfüller

❖ RETIREMENTS

Waidhofen/Ybbs:

Hazim Avdicevic
 Elisabeth Ganser
 Christine Schmolzmüller
 Engelbert Hartung

St. Peter/Au:

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 Johanna Haneder
 Theresia Hirtenlehner
 Erna Jechsmayr
 Franziska Zeitlhofer
 Robert Lakatos
 Franz Mayr

❖ DEATHS

Marcel Rijkes died on 29 June 2009
 Johann Gindl died on 25 June 2009

A new chapter in their lives ...



For **Elisabeth Ganser**, the end of the year will be the end of her active occupational career. Having joined the Forster Group in 1979 she was entrusted with a range of tasks in the bookkeeping and invoicing department. In 1996 she moved on to Colberg & Forster, our subsidiary at Peine, where she was responsible for bookkeeping and wage accounting. In 2004, Elisabeth Ganser returned to our headquarters at Waidhofen/Ybbs.



Franziska Zeitlhofer started on her retirement already in August 2009. She had joined Forster at St. Peter/Au when it was still in its early stages. Throughout her 29 years with us she handled not just the secretariat of the operations and works management but also acted for the personnel department of Forster Metallbau Gesellschaft m.b.H.



Franz Mayr has been working for Forster Metallbau at St. Peter/Au for fully 32 years. When the company was taken over in 1977, he started at the goods acceptance point and store, and he has remained true to his calling up to his retirement. In December 2009 he will enter into his well-earned retirement.



Highly skilled junior level

A solid foundation to ensure quality



For Forster it is of the greatest importance to make sure that its junior staff members achieve the best possible skills level. Our apprentices have a reputation of making good already during their vocational training. Their superior performance does not come by chance: good training at the Forster works, combined with our apprentices' commitment to learning and achieving, is the basis for their future success in an interesting and variable job. Forster trains its apprentices in production engineering, printing, metal design and industrial management.

❖ VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

Romana Hochpöchler (industrial manager) graduated from the third form with excellent success and was *furthermore awarded a prize for special merits*.

Julia Buder (industrial manager),

Maria Stockinger (industrial manager) and *Ines Husak* (industrial manager) graduated from the second form with excellent success.

Patrick Freudenschuß (mechanical engineer) passed the apprenticeship completion exam with excellent success; and *Michaela Merking* (screenprinter) passed the apprenticeship completion exam with good success.

Sabine Hornbachner (screenprinter) graduated from the third form with excellent success, and *Aid Mandzuka* (screenprinter) graduated from the first and second forms respectively with excellent success.

Simon Brunthaler (mechanical engineer) graduated from the fourth form, and *Dominic Kopf* (mechanical engineer) graduated from the second form, each with good success.

Reinhard Schneckenleitner (mechanical engineer) graduated from the fourth form with excellent success and was *furthermore awarded a prize for special merits*.

Sports and leisure

AK-NÖ Company Football Championship 2009/2010

Altogether 52 company teams from Lower Austria participated in the Company Football Championship 2009/2010. In the first round, Forster's team faced the team of Böhler Miller, winning the match with a score of 2:1. Forster's goalies were Walter Trawetzky and Bojan Glavas. For the second round, we drew Zizala Lichtsysteme from Wieselburg. Owing to bad weather, the game could not yet be held. All matches are played under the knock-out system. The four best teams will then participate in the spring finals.



Rifle championship

Every year, the Forster Leisure Club invites staff members to attend the popular rifle company championship. The presentation ceremony is traditionally followed by some serious partying.

On 9 May, a Saturday, the rifle company championship was held at the premises of the Seitenstetten clubhouse. Eligible were all members of all Forster companies as well as their family members. At the award ceremony, prizes were given to the top riflemen both individually and by teams.



Youths:

1. Wolfgang Brandstetter
2. Vanessa Kaltenbrunner
3. Alexander Kaltenbrunner

Women:

1. Christine Brandstetter
2. Regina Grübler
3. Birgit Knoll

Senior women:

1. Elisabeth Witzlinger
2. Mathilde Henickl

Men:

1. Bernhard Mayrhofer
2. Alois Wieser
3. Manfred Stöger

Senior men:

1. Josef Dorfmaier
2. Engelbert Zisler
3. Friedrich Auer

Teams:

1. Jürgen Grätzer, Bernhard Mayrhofer, Josef Dorfmaier, Michaela Sindhuber

280 points

2. Ölinger Thomas, Gerald Prinz, Birgit Knoll, Christian Brandstetter

254 points

3. Martina Dorfmaier, Regina Grübler, Suad Kalbic, Elisabeth Witzlinger

254 points



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