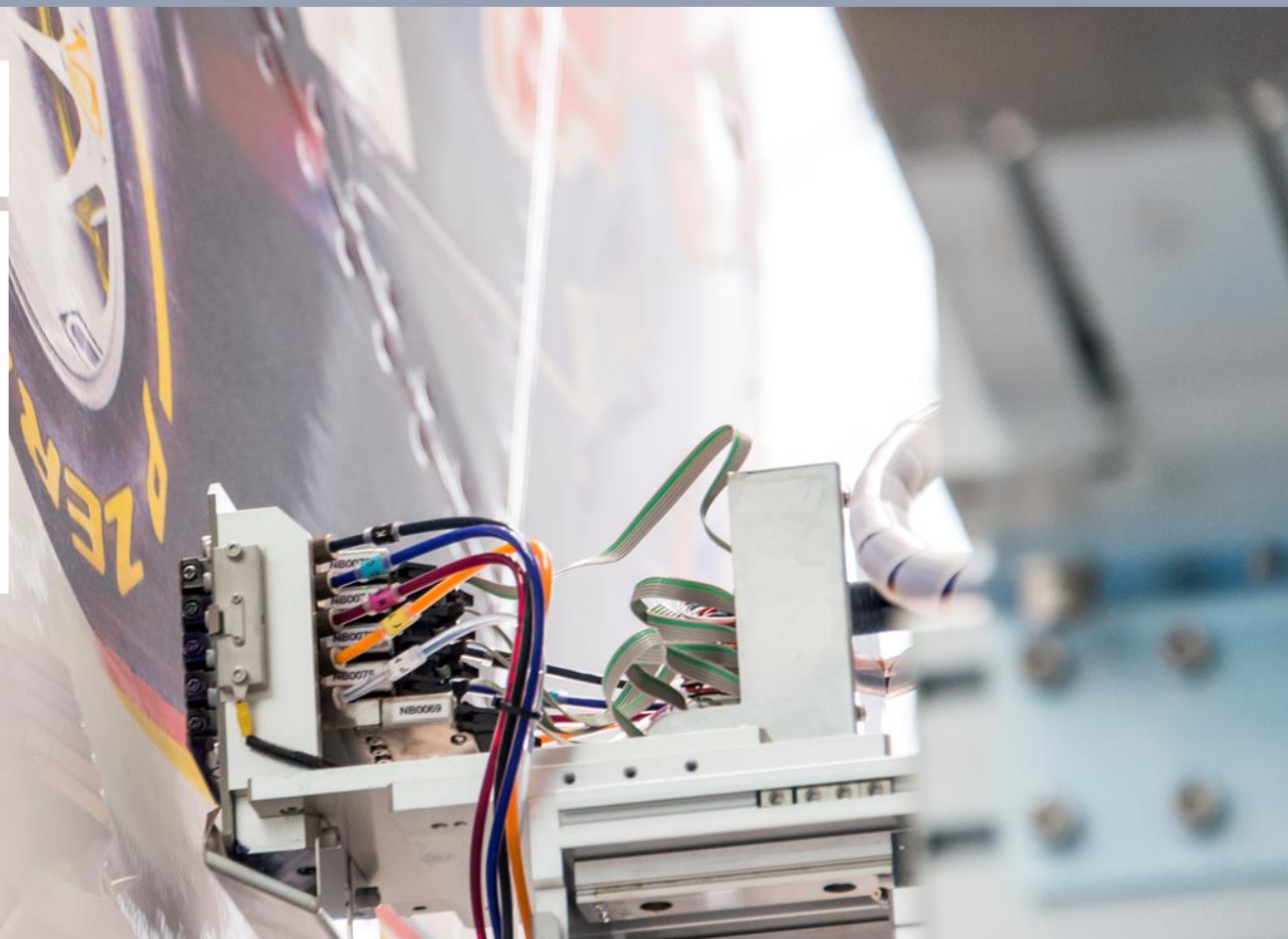


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Direct Printing Technology



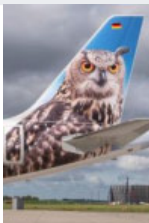
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Adhesive Film

Application of adhesive film and overcoating with clearcoat



Advantages

All freedoms of design

Disadvantages

High material costs

Durability at high erosion areas

Airbrush

Build up design layer-by-layer with multiple working and drying steps



Advantages

Individual design with one paint system

Disadvantages

High lead time

Repeatability of design

Dot / Hexagon Stencil Process

Build up design layer-by-layer with multiple working and drying steps



Advantages

Reproducibility of color gradations

Disadvantages

High recurrent costs (development & stencil production)

Limited appearance and complexity

Traditional decoration methods for complex designs

New Technology vs traditional methods

Traditional methods become insufficient with airlines desire for artistic designs

Development of a new technology to create complex livery paintings automatically and increase flexibility



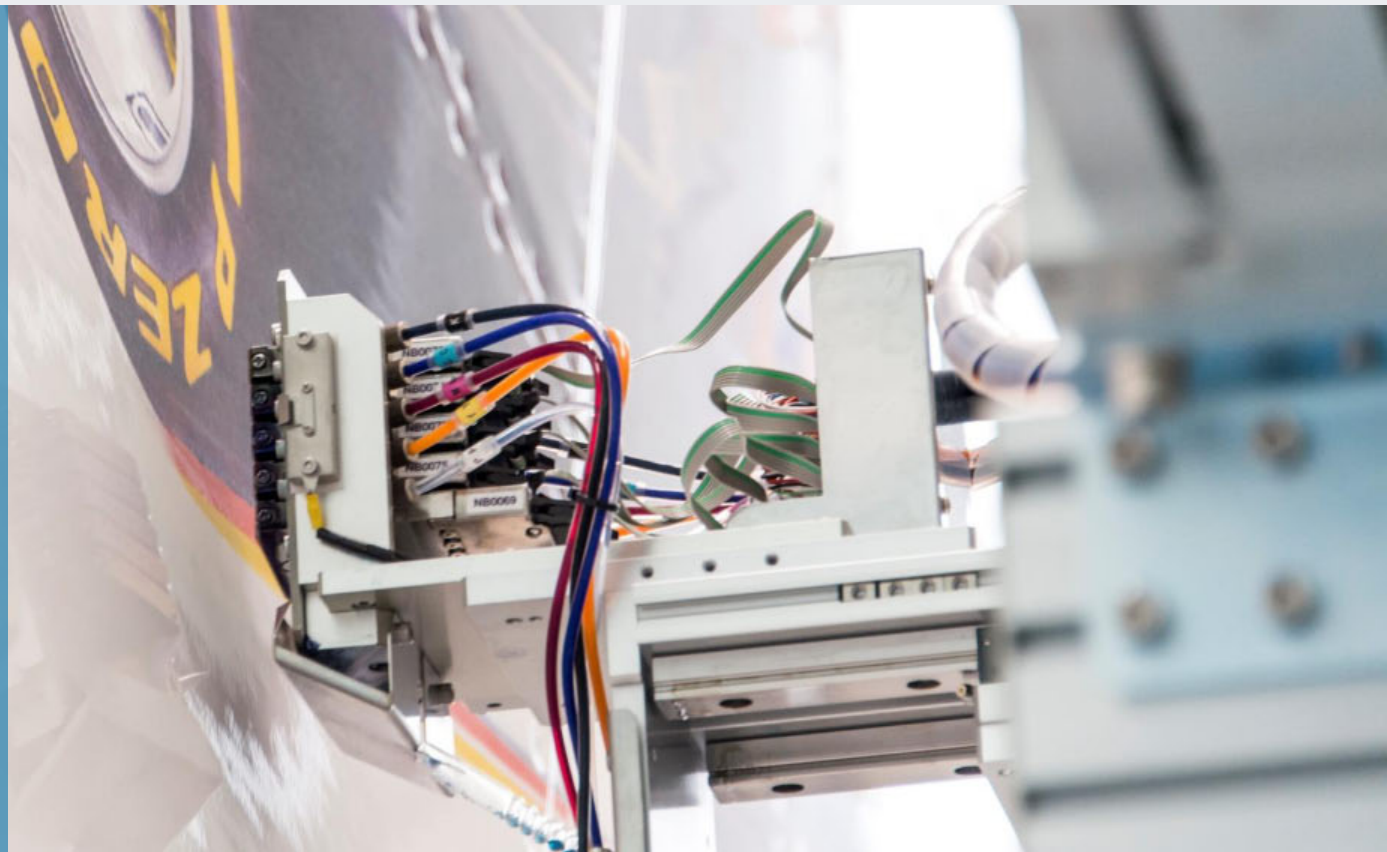
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Printer head is similar to an inkjet-printer

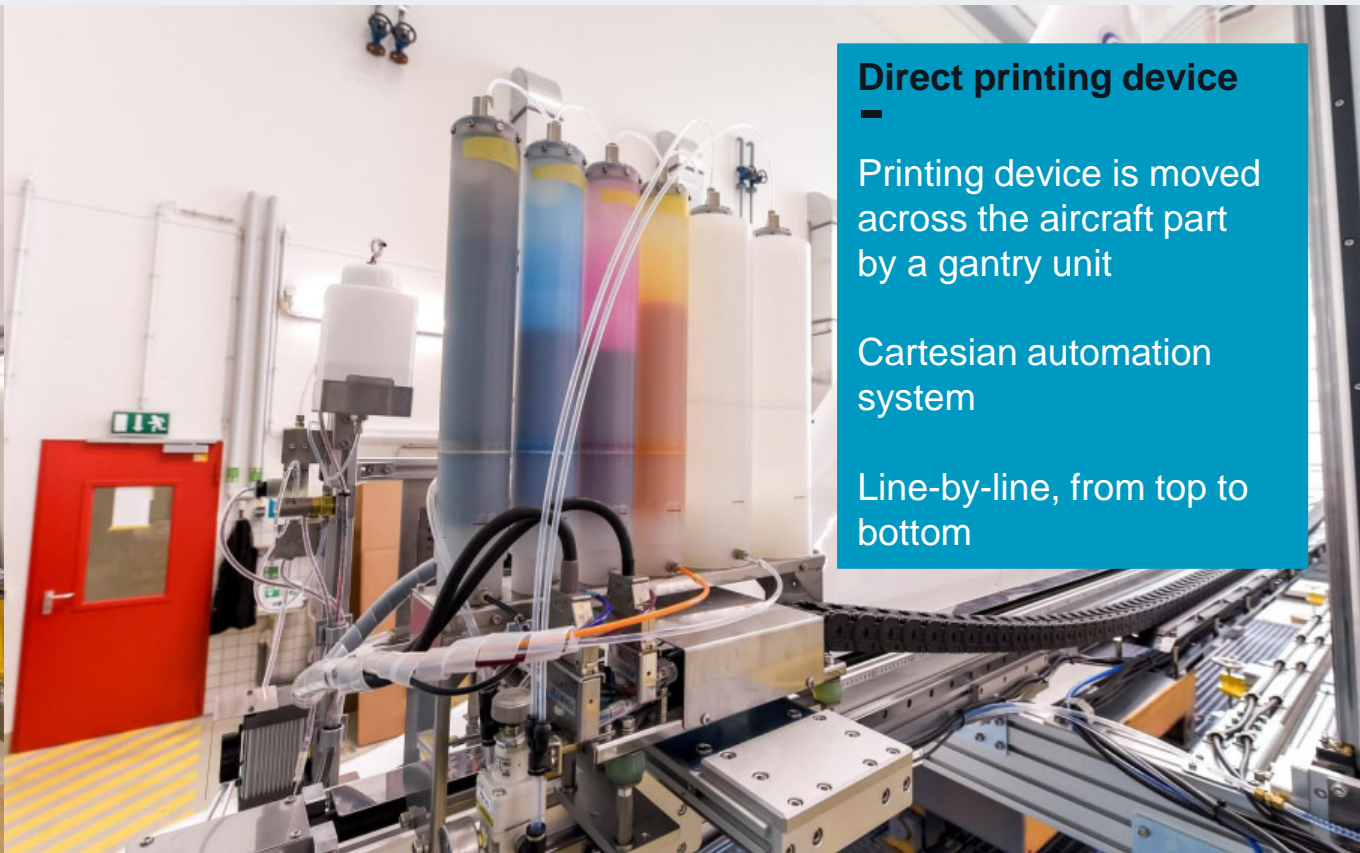
CMYK color with optional white primer

Solvent ink instead of paint

3D-surface printing technology



Direct Printing Device



Direct printing device

Printing device is moved across the aircraft part by a gantry unit

Cartesian automation system

Line-by-line, from top to bottom

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Launch customer

Delivery to Thomas Cook Airlines in March 2016

1st industrial application on vertical tail plane



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1st

Industrial application

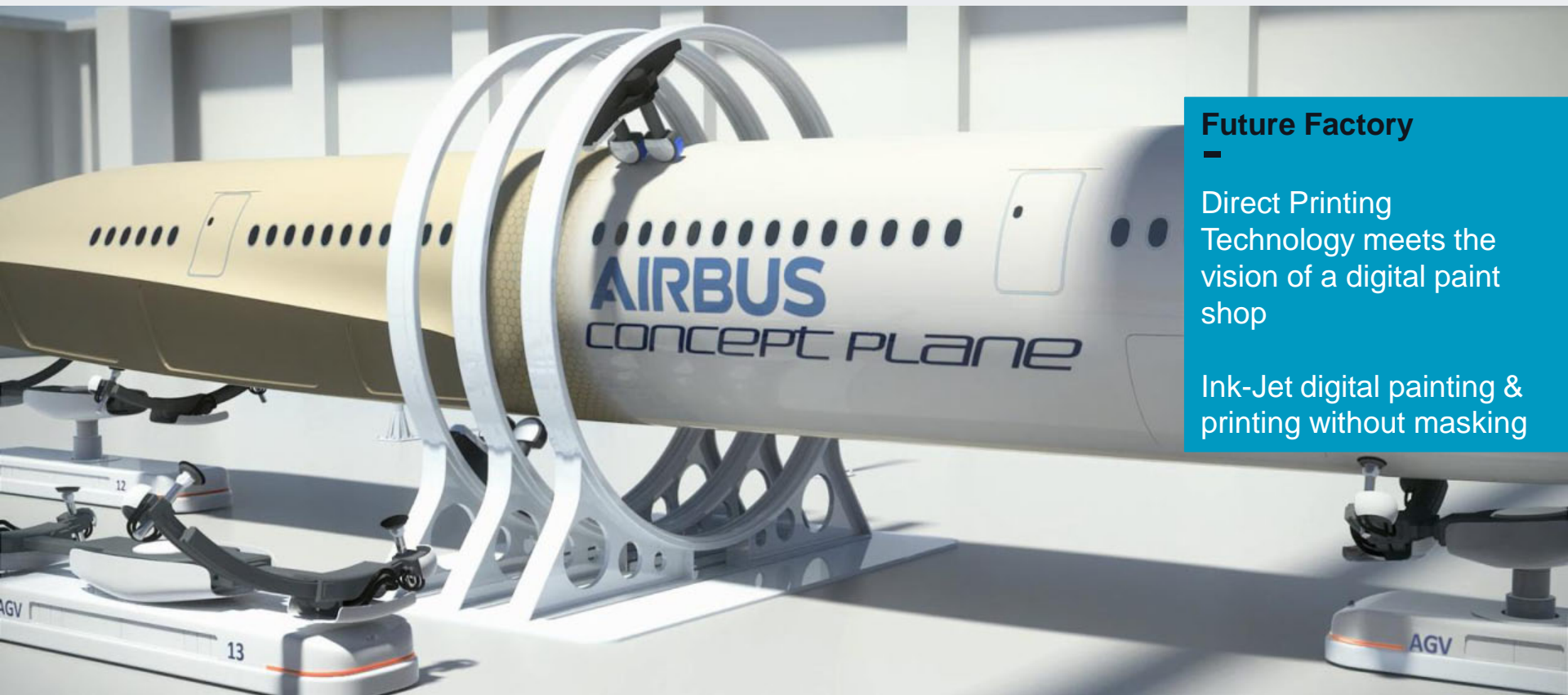
3 kg

Weight saving

500 ml

Ink consumption

One step to Future Factory



Future Factory

Direct Printing
Technology meets the
vision of a digital paint
shop

Ink-Jet digital painting &
printing without masking

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