

TFL highlights automotive leather innovation in Milan

ITALY International leather chemical maker TFL highlighted its modern range of automotive leather solutions inside the “leather square” in hall 14 of Simac Tanning-Tech in Milan February 25-27.

Items on display included the company’s second generation anti-soiling system and TFL’s innovative Cool System.

The centrepiece of TFL’s automotive leather space at the show was an original Mercedes-Benz 220 W187 coupé, produced between 1951 and 1955, with its original leather interior. It is believed that the leather is vegetable tanned, possibly by a tannery from the Santa Croce area in Tuscany.

As well as its Cool System, TFL also showcased its latest leather finishing ranges for automotive and a chrome-free tanning solution. The fair was chosen as the official launch of its new anti-soiling system using its RODA range. Designers have increasingly selected leathers in light colours such as white, beige or grey,

as well as a high degree of matting. However, there are concerns about these kinds of leathers because of their potential for soiling.

At the same time the requirements of the OEM manufacturers increase and maintenance of the aesthetic and technical properties over a long time is becoming a very important issue for leather manufactures. That is why the industry is nowadays facing the challenge to provide leathers, which have and maintain these aesthetic and technical properties over a whole life span.

“We have decided to promote our novel automotive ranges at the new look Simac Tanning-Tech here in Milan”, Henrik Pedersen, Vice-President - Automotive, TFL explained to ILM. “We are showing our customers some really interesting embossed and perforated finished leathers for car seats at the show and our centre piece Mercedes-Benz has attracted a lot of interest from the visitors.”



■ Marika Peretti and Silvia Nizzaro of TFL with the Mercedes-Benz 220 W187 coupé