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thin these pages, you will find invaluable insights into this year's showcase - packed with cutting-edge products From state-of-the-art digital dentistry to the latest in CAD/CAM, 3D printing, and Al-driven technologies, we've got it all. You'll have the opportunity to see these technologies in action, with live demonstrations and interactive sessions that highlight how these advancements can improve efficiency, patient care, and overall case success.

The show features top exhibitors and industry leaders, offering you exclusive access to the latest products and developments. Plus, you'll gain valuable insights into the trends driving the future of dental technology. Whether you're looking to upgrade your equipment, streamline your workflows, or enhance patient outcomes, there's something for everyone.

Networking is at the core of DTS, providing a unique opportunity to connect with fellow dental professionals, technology experts, and innovators. Don't miss the chance to share



experiences, discuss challenges, and discover solutions that can help your lab thrive.

We can't wait to see you at Dental Technology Showcase on 16-17 May at NEC Birmingham the place where innovation meets expertise. Let's explore the future of dentistry together!

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Portfolio Director Dental Technology Showcase

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**UK DENTISTRY & DENTAL TECHNOLOGY** 

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### **WHAT'S BACK/ WHAT'S NEW?**

**The Dental Technology** Showcase evolves and expands each year to mirror the dynamic shifts within the dental technology sector. **Building upon the successes** of 2024, this year's edition of DTS integrates your valuable feedback to introduce fresh enhancements and enriching experiences for all attendees.

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2024 was a challenging year for dental labs and dental technicians with a tough budget from the new government, unpredictable patient demand and fluctuating sales.

unning a dental laboratory in 2025 will require adaptability and strong leadership to take best advantage of the opportunities available to you and face the challenges spilling over from 2024. For this reason, we are delighted to welcome Gary Neville as this year's headline speaker. In conversation with Reena Wadia, he will share his insights on leadership, teamwork and resilience that will inspire both your lab and personal development. This session promises to be unmissable - especially if you are a laboratory owner or manager, or if you lead a team.

We're delighted to work with the DLA once again to bring you the DTS Lecture Theatre, this year they're bringing you sessions on a range of topics. Choose from the optimisation of the digital workflow for the fabrication of full dentures or a comprehensive guide to material science and clinical success. If the future of dental laboratories and the workforce is what you want to focus on this year, why not attend sessions from James Neilson or David Smith on the changing landscape for dental and clinical

dental technicians, and apprenticeships.

Meanwhile, our partners in the Dental Technicians' Hub are bringing you focused learning on everything you need to move forward and improve your own skills.

Choose from sessions about your career and the profession such as Jordan Abassi's journey from dental technology through to reconstructive science, or perhaps hear an employee insight into the future of dental labs.

If you want to learn more about maxillofacial advancements, you could choose to attend an introduction to the PAR index in orthodontic treatment outcomes, or join a session on digital workflow advancements in maxillofacial technology. On the topic of full-arch, you can choose between enhancing full-arch implant restorations with digital workflows with Caroline Kirkpatrick or integrating analogue and digital in full arch rehabilitation with Kristina Vaitelyte and Deepa Bharakhda.

In the world of digital dentistry, and revamped for this year, we are working with the International Digital Dental Academy to bring you an exciting new 360-degree stage that will allow you to see close-up the intricate work being performed. Join for their LIVE sessions on topics ranging from Miyo stain & glazing monolithic restorations, to how to avoid complications during simple implant planning and printing.

We're delighted to share this year's programme with you, a huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to it: including our advisory board, partners, speakers and sponsors. With such a huge range of topics, you will find something useful for every member of your team!

Agnes Jacobs

Head of Content Production

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### DTS LECTURE THEATRE



**SATURDAY 17 MAY** 



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#### **FRIDAY 16 MAY**

09:30	High-tech meets handicraft -	
10:30	optimisation of the digital workflow	
	for the fabrication of full dentures	

Lorenzo Pelizzari, Dental Technician, Zirkonzahn

10:45 Unlocking creativity: the power of full-colour multi-material 3D printing 11:45

Lino Adolf, Managing Director, Majestic Smile Ltd

12:00 Plan. Design. Succeed. **Prosthetically driven workflows** 

> with DentalCAD and exoplan Kristina Vaitelyte, CAD/CAM Dental Technician, Primo Dental Design

Not all zirconia are the same: a

comprehensive guide to material science and clinical success

Mathias Fernandez Y Lombardi, Head of Scientific Marketing - Europe, Kuraray Noritake

14:30 Apprenticeships: let's grow your dental laboratory business -15:30

David Smith, IQA Assessor, Lecturer, Yeovil College

15:45 What does the literature say?

Hugo Sousa, Dental Technician, Nexus Dental

Medical emergencies in the dental laboratory

Joy Botfield, Project ECHO Lead

10:00

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Unlocking creativity: the power of full-colour multi-material 3D printing

Lino Adolf, Managing Director, Majestic Smile Ltd

11:30 LIVE STREAM: Insight, integrity & purpose: the adaptable leader 12:30

Gary Neville, Broadcaster & Entrepreneur Reena Wadia, Founder & CEO, Specialist Periodontist, RW Perio & Perio School

Can digital dentures meet the aesthetic aspirations of private

schofflander patients?

Sam Hesketh, Founder and Lead Dental Technician, SJH Prosthetics

Digital dentistry

Ashley Byrne, Associate Director, Corus Byrnes

**Educating the next generation: the** changing landscape for dental and

clinical dental technicians and the impact of new GDC learning outcomes

James Neilson, Dental Instructor & Clinical Dental Technician, Dundee





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### **DENTAL TECHNICIANS' HUB**

#### **FRIDAY 16 MAY**

Wake up to opportunity: snoring & sleep apnoea devices - a multi-billion 10:00 pound market dental technicians can't afford to ignore

> Matt Everatt, Director, S4S Dental Laboratory and Editor in Chief, Laboratory Magazine

Reconstructive science - my journey 10:15 from graduation in dental technology, specialist commercial dental prosthetics, through to specialist training and working in the NHS

Jordan Abbasi, Reconstructive Scientist, Queen's Medical Centre

Behind the scenes: an employee insight 11:15 in the future of dental labs 12:00



Julia Glancy, Senior Technician CAD Designer, Quoris 3D

Hybridisation & modification of The **Lancaster Lingualised Functional** 13:00 **Appliance** 



Prosthetist & Technologist, University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Foundation Trust

13:15 Best of both worlds: integrating analogue and digital in full arch rehabilitation 14:00



Kristina Vaitelyte, CAD/CAM Dental Technician, Primo Dental Design

Deepa Bharakhda, Dental Technician, Dencraft Leicester

14:15 Dental photography: beyond the chair



Richard Egan, Owner, Egan Dental Lab 15:00

15:15 From cracks to press and success winning with lithium disilicates



Agata Bak, Dental Technician, Black Pearl Dental Lab

16:15 **Assessing orthodontic treatment** outcomes: an introduction to the 17:00 **PAR Index** 



James Green, Maxillofacial and Dental Laboratory Manager, Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Foundation Trust

#### **SATURDAY 17 MAY**

09:30 Session delivered by OTA 10:15



10:30 Experience the future with digitally designed 3D printed immediate load 11:15



Davide Accetto, Founder & Director, Nifty Dental Solutions

Digital workflow advancement in maxillofacial technology



Edward Malton, Maxillofacial Laboratoru Service Manager Consultant Maxillofacial Prosthetist, Royal Surrey NHS Foundation Trust

13:45 Session delivered by Den-Tech



14:45 Teeth in a week Brun Thompson

14:30

15:30



Immediate load solutions: enhancing full-arch implant restorations with digital workflows



Caroline Kirkpatrick, Clinical Dental Technican, Park Dental Design



### DIGITAL DENTISTRY THEATRE

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For the first time, we have introduced a 360-degree stage with a boxing ring-style screen, ensuring that every attendee has a clear, up-close view of the intricate work being performed. This immersive setup allows lab owners, dental technicians, and dentists to witness live demonstrations of advanced digital workflows, from 3D printing and CAD/CAM processes to intraoral scanning and implant planning, all in real-time.



#### **FRIDAY 16 MAY**

09:30	LIVE: Miyo stain & glazing monolithic
-	restorations with kronos blocks
10:15	restorations with kionos blocks



Mirek Brendej, Dental Technician, IDDA Lab

Can digital dentures meet the 10:30 aesthetic aspirations of private patients?



Sam Hesketh, Founder and Lead Dental Technician, SJH Prosthetics

11:30 Inspiring teamwork with good communication

12:15

13:15

15:15



Martina Hodgson, Principal Dentist, The Dental Architect and The Dental Studio

12:30 LIVE: Simple implant planning & printing using IDDA Guide - avoiding complications



Chris Lefkaditis, Course Director, International Digital Dental Academy Adam Nulty, President & Course Director, International Digital Dental Academu

13:30 **Introduction to Formlabs 4B Printer** 



Tom Rolling, Dental Technician, Lab Owner, 1st Choice 14:15 Dental Laboratory



14:30 LIVE: Scan Ladder vs intraoral photogrammetry for lab accuracy



Adam Nulty, President & Course Director, International Digital Dental Academy

#### **SATURDAY 17 MAY**

LIVE: Modjaw: sending the virtual twin to the lab 10:00



Professor Riaz Yar, Director, Elevate-Dent Education

Can digital dentures meet the aesthetic aspirations of private patients?



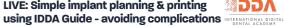
Sam Hesketh, Founder and Lead Dental Technician, SJH Prosthetics

12:45 LIVE: Scan Ladder All On X scan & 13:30



Adam Nulty, President & Course Director, International Digital Dental

LIVE: Simple implant planning & printing



Chris Lefkaditis, Course Director, International Digital Dental Academy Patrik Zachrisson, Dental Surgeon, International Digital Dental

14:45 Simple CAD design using IDDA CAD & Cloud Link 15:30



Adam Nulty, President & Course Director, International Digital Dental

Quintus Van Tonder, Director, International Digital Dental Academy



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## UNLOCKING THE POWER OF THE PAR INDEX



James Green, a Maxillofacial and Dental Laboratory Manager at Great Ormond Street Hospital, has over 20 years of experience in orthodontic technology A sought-after international lecturer, he is the only individual to have won both the British Orthodontic Society (BOS) Technicians Award and, just last year, the BOS Award to an Orthodontic Technician for Distinguished Service.

The Dental Technology Showcase, held alongside the British Dental Conference & Dentistry Show in Birmingham on 16-17 May, is the ultimate event for dental technicians looking to stay ahead of the curve. This is your exclusive chance to explore the latest innovations, cuttingedge materials and groundbreaking techniques transforming the world of dental technology.

Beyond the exhibition, the event is packed with unmissable learning opportunities. Make sure to catch James' session, 'Assessing orthodontic treatment outcomes: an introduction to the PAR Index' in the Dental Technicians' Hub on Friday 16th May at 16:15 - a mustattend for anyone keen to learn more and refine their expertise

With a vibrant atmosphere, unparalleled networking, and hands-on insight from industry leaders, DTS 2025 is set to be an inspiring experience. Secure your free place today at the-dts.co.uk and take vour skills to the next level!

James Green shares insights into the Peer Assessment Rating (PAR) Index - a key tool for measuring orthodontic treatment outcomes - ahead of his talk at the Dental Technology Showcase (DTS) on 16th May.

#### **Q. PLEASE INTRODUCE YOURSELF**

I'm a Maxillofacial and Dental Laboratory Manager at Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children in London. I also manage the Maxillofacial and Dental Laboratory at Broomfield Hospital in Chelmsford, Essex. Much of my work is with the North Thames Cleft Lip and Palate Service, which is run jointly by the two hospitals.

In addition, I evaluate orthodontic treatment outcomes using the Peer Assessment Rating (PAR) Index - a valid and reliable tool that has gained increased popularity and is the most widely accepted rating system for measuring the quality of orthodontic treatment.

#### O. CAN YOU GIVE US A QUICK BREAKDOWN OF **HOW THE PAR INDEX WORKS?**

To utilise the PAR Index, you will need dental study models taken both pre-treatment and post-treatment.

The PAR Index evaluates the differences in anomalies between the pre-treatment and post-treatment models. It assesses factors such as crowding, spacing, overjet (and its degree), and midline alignment. Each of these factors is assigned a specific point value, with more severe malocclusions receiving higher point allocations.



The same measurements are taken from the post-treatment model, and a final score is calculated. This score provides a quantitative assessment of the overall treatment outcome, helping to gauge the effectiveness of the orthodontic intervention.

#### O. WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF THE PAR INDEX?

The PAR Index is a fast, simple and robust way of assessing the standard of orthodontic treatment that an individual provider is achieving. It is primarily designed to look at the results of a group of patients, rather than an individual patient, as there are always a small number of patients where the index does not fully represent the result obtained.

It is a tool that is widely used in the NHS, and it's great to see more professionals adopting it as a gold standard for orthodontic assessment. If you're considering using it, I'd strongly recommend enrolling in a calibration course to ensure accuracy - it really does make the difference!

#### **O. WHAT CAN DELEGATES GAIN FROM** ATTENDING YOUR TALK AT THE DENTISTRY **TECHNOLOGY SHOWCASE?**

This session is designed for anyone with an interest in orthodontics and will provide a comprehensive introduction to the PAR Index. It offers valuable insights for all dental professionals looking to measure orthodontic treatment outcomes using this tool. My talk will give delegates a clear understanding of what to expect from a calibration course.

The one-day calibration course covers a wealth of information, and I hope my lecture will serve as an ideal starting point, laying the foundation and offering essential knowledge about the PAR Index. It will also be beneficial for those who have previously completed the calibration course and are seeking a helpful refresher.

#### O. WHAT ELSE ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO AT THE SHOW THIS YEAR?

It's always fascinating to see new technology first-hand. There have been a lot of changes over the last few years, and it's exciting to see the innovation and new developments being unveiled. The show also offers an unparalleled networking opportunity and I'm looking forward to connecting and networking with peers.

Furthermore, as the current secretary of the Orthodontic Technicians Association, I'm looking forward to meeting OTA members and individuals interested in becoming members, on their stand.



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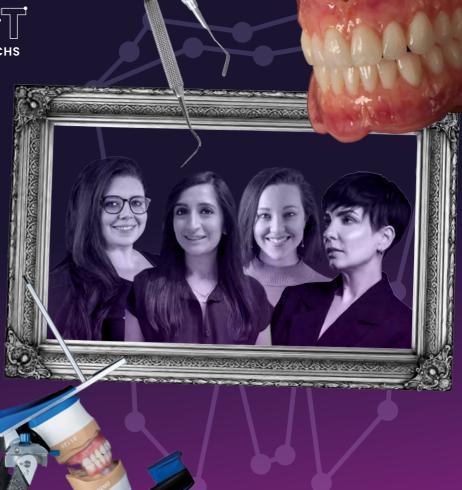








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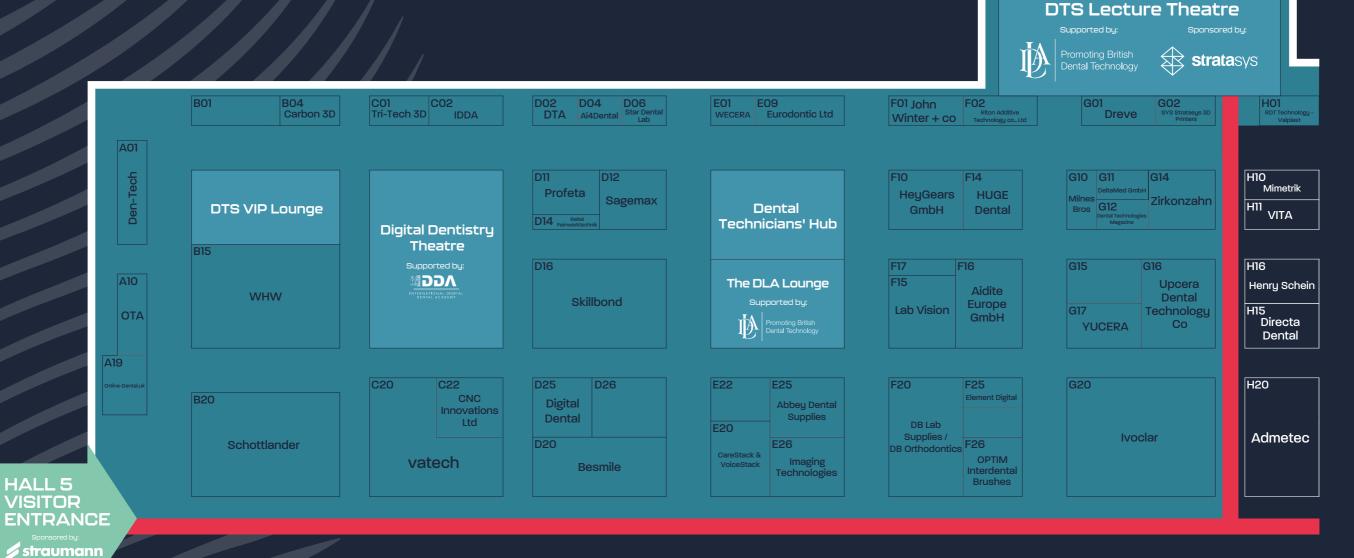
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## UK DENTISTRY & **OPPORTUNITIES AND** CHALLENGES AHEAD

In the ever-evolving landscape of UK dentistry, the next decade promises a plethora of opportunities for dental laboratories and dental technicians.

advancements in dental technology and the growing demand for dental services, the future appears bright for those entering or already working within this sector. However, amidst the optimism, there are potential threats that could derail progress. The DLA has tried to look into the opportunities, strengths, and challenges facing UK dental technology over the next ten years.





The dawn of new technologies is revolutionising the dental industry. Cuttingedge advancements like CAD/CAM systems, 3D printing, and digital imaging are setting the stage for significant growth in dental laboratories. These technologies not only streamline the production process, but also enhance the accuracy and quality of dental restorations. CAD/CAM systems, for instance, enable precise design and manufacture of dental prosthetics, crowns, bridges, and implants. This technology reduces turnaround times and ensures consistent outcomes, making it an invaluable tool for dental laboratories.

3D printing is another game-changer. It allows for the creation of highly customised dental appliances, from orthodontic aligners to complex surgical guides. The ability to produce intricate and precise dental devices tailored to individual patients is transforming how dental laboratories operate. Digital imaging and scanning technologies are becoming widely used in dental practices, providing accurate digital impressions that can be directly transmitted to dental laboratories. This reduces the need for physical moulds, enhancing workflow efficiency and paving the way for seamless collaboration between dentists and dental technicians.

The growing demand for dental services in the UK is driven by several factors, including an aging population, increased awareness of oral health, and advancements in cosmetic

dentistry. As more people seek dental care, the need for high-quality dental restorations and appliances will grow, leading to increased opportunities for dental laboratories. The UK's aging population, in particular, is driving demand for restorative and prosthetic dentistry. Dental laboratories will play a crucial role in providing dentures, crowns, and implants to meet the needs of elderly patients. Additionally, there is an almost unstoppable demand for cosmetic dentistry, with more people seeking procedures to enhance their smiles. This trend is leading to increased demand for aesthetic dental solutions such as veneers, teeth whitening, and orthodontic aligners, all of which rely heavily on expertise within the dental laboratory.

Education and training are pivotal in ensuring a skilled workforce capable of utilising advanced technologies and techniques. Apprenticeship programs and vocational training courses provide hands-on experience and knowledge to aspiring dental technicians, ensuring they are equipped to meet the demands of modern dental laboratories. Continuing professional development (CPD) courses are essential for keeping dental professionals up-to-date with the latest advancements and best practices. By investing in CPD, dental technicians will continually improve their skills to help them deliver the latest requests from patients, as well as stay competitive in the job market.

The LIK is home to world-class research

institutions and universities that drive innovation in dental technology. Continuous research and development efforts are leading to breakthroughs in materials science, digital dentistry, and biomaterials. The UK also has a uniquely stringent regulatory framework for dental products and practices with the aim of ensuring high-quality care and patient safety. The Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) and the General Dental Council (GDC) being the two main ones. These regulators oversee the compliance and quality of dental services and products from manufactured in the dental laboratory, which is another strength of the UK's dental technology sector. Dental technicians in the UK have to be educated to minimum of Foundation Degree standards, and many have access to ongoing professional development opportunities. This skilled workforce is capable of utilising advanced materials and digital technologies, driving innovation and quality in dental labs. However, despite the promising opportunities, there are several potential threats that could hinder the growth and success of dental laboratories in the UK.

Economic instability and uncertainty can significantly impact the dental industry. Recessions or economic downturns can lead to reduced consumer spending on dental services, particularly elective procedures like cosmetic dentistry. During economic downturns, individuals may prioritise essential spending over dental care, leading to decreased demand for certain dental services and products. Additionally, economic challenges can lead to cuts in funding for public health services, including dental care. Reduced funding can strain NHS dental services, leading to increased pressure on private practices and dental laboratories

The dental industry is facing a potential shortage of skilled professionals, including dental technicians. This shortage could be exacerbated by factors such as Brexit, which has impacted the recruitment of skilled workers



from the European Union. Attracting and retaining skilled dental technicians is becoming increasingly challenging. Without a sufficient workforce, dental laboratories may struggle to meet growing demand and maintain high standards of care. Ensuring that there are adequate training programs and incentives to retain skilled workers is crucial, and no longer something the DLA and the wider profession can keep ignoring without a sufficient action plan. Without investment in education and professional development, rather than tweaking at the edges, the industry may face a skills gap that hampers innovation and growth.

While technological advancements present opportunities, they also pose threats in the form of disruption. Rapid changes in technology can render existing practices and skills obsolete, requiring continuous adaptation and investment. Keeping up with the latest technologies requires significant financial investment. Smaller dental laboratories may struggle to afford the necessary equipment and training, potentially leading to a competitive disadvantage. As new technologies emerge, certain traditional skills and techniques may become less relevant. This is why dental technicians must use CPD to their own advantage, continually update their skills to

remain relevant in the evolving landscape.

Navigating regulatory requirements can be complex and time-consuming. Changes in regulations or increased regulatory scrutiny can pose challenges for dental laboratories, even in the last 12 months alone, many DLA members would have struggled to remain compliant without the help of the office, for those dental labs that simply couldn't navigate around the online portal. Ensuring compliance with regulatory standards requires investment in quality control and documentation processes, DAMAS is still the cheapest and most relevant way of doing this for dental laboratories. Any changes in regulatory policies can impact the operations of dental laboratories; as such, staying informed and adaptable is crucial to ensure compliance and avoid disruptions.

Despite these challenges, the careers of future dental technicians and the future of dental laboratories within UK dentistry remains promising. The next decade presents significant opportunities for growth and innovation, driven by technological advancements, growing demand for dental services, and a strong emphasis on education and training. By leveraging its strengths in innovation, regulatory standards, and skilled workforce, the UK can maintain its leadership in dental technology. Addressing the potential threats through strategic investment. workforce development, and adaptability will be key to ensuring a positive future for the industry. Dental laboratories and professionals must stay proactive, embracing new technologies and practices to thrive in this dynamic and evolving field. The future of UK dentistry is bright, but it will require concerted efforts to navigate the challenges and seize the opportunities ahead.

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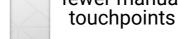
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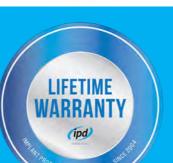
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