



Leading European Distributor of Chemicals & Functional Minerals

ENHANCING PERFORMANCE

Founded in 1858, Richard Baker Harrison (RBH) is one of the UK's most established distributors of speciality chemicals and functional minerals. With over 165 years of heritage and now part of the O'Brien Group, we combine tradition with innovation to supply customers across the UK and Europe with the materials, insights, and support they need to succeed.

Through strategic mergers and acquisitions, RBH has broadened its portfolio across plastics, rubber, coatings, adhesives & sealants, composites, ceramics, personal care, and polishing. Backed by global partnerships and strategically positioned warehouses, we deliver a reliable, REACH-compliant supply chain that enhances performance, improves efficiency, reduces costs, and supports sustainability.

Our Markets

RBH supplies speciality chemicals, functional minerals, and tailored formulation solutions across diverse industries. Our sales and technical teams provide sector-specific expertise, supported by continuous training, to deliver informed guidance throughout the supply chain. By monitoring market trends, regulations, and sustainability drivers, we adapt our portfolio to meet evolving manufacturing needs. This approach ensures innovative, REACH-compliant materials and services that enhance performance, improve efficiency, and support long-term competitiveness.

INSPIRING CHANGE



ADHESIVES & SEALANTS

CERAMICS

COATINGS

COMPOSITES

ENVIRONMENTAL

LUBRICANTS & OILS

METALWORKING

PERSONAL CARE

PHARMACEUTICALS

PLASTICS

POLISH & ABRASIVES

RUBBER

Our Expertise

RBH is more than a distributor, we are a full-service partner dedicated to helping manufacturers improve performance and efficiency.



Formulation Support – expert guidance to help you develop efficient and effective products.



Market Insight – technically trained teams providing sector-specific knowledge, trend analysis, and tailored market portfolios.



Quality Assurance – rigorous testing and compliance with ISO 9001:2015 and all relevant REACH regulations.



Reliable Supply – five strategically positioned warehouses across the UK & Europe, guaranteeing security of supply.



Trusted Sourcing – established relationships with world-class producers delivering consistency and quality.



Base Materials

Water Based Polymers: Acrylic, Styrene Acrylic, PVA, SBR, Epoxy Resins, Silane Terminated Polyether.



Functional Minerals

Talc, Barytes, ATH, Kaolin.



Rheology Modifiers

Organic Peroxides, Attapulgate Clay.



Antidegradants

UV Absorbers, Hindered Amine Light Stabilizers, Antioxidants, Blends.



Crosslinking Agents

Anhydrides, Peroxides, Sulphur Based Vulcanization Chemicals, DICY, UV Initiators.



Processing Aids

Mold Release Agents, Diatomaceous Earth, Factice.



Pigments

Aluminium Flake, Lithopone, Bone Black.



Fillers

Calcium Carbonate, Glass Beads, Pumice, Perlite.



Specialty Modifiers

Flame Retardants: APP, ATH, MDH, DICY, Halogen Free Systems, Anhydrides. Accelerators: Guanidines, Thioureas, Thiurams, Dithiocarbamates.



Additional Services

With over 30 years' experience, RBH Repack complements our distribution expertise by providing flexible, customer-focused services that streamline production and enhance sustainability

Blending & Formulation Support – multi-component blends, pre-production trials, and fully customised solutions.

Repacking Solutions – bulk bags, sacks, bottles, containers, IBCs, plus process-dispersible and low-melt sachets.

Liquid Repacking & Decanting – transfer from drums, IBCs, and tankers into sachets, bottles, or containers with full SPC support.

Unique Labelling Options – tailored packaging formats and clear identification for efficient handling.

Improved Accuracy & Efficiency – reducing waste, optimising workflow, and supporting sustainable manufacturing.

Storage & Logistics Support – extensive racked and segregated space at our Wirral facility, ensuring safe and dependable stockholding.