

Narrowtex Factory tour:

In line with ongoing education requirements, Accident Specialist undertakes occasional ongoing education sessions across various products. We were fortunate enough to have Narrowtex (www.nraaowtex.com) facilitate a factory tour during May 2017. Situated in Escort Kwa Zulu Natal, a comfortable early morning trip to the factory with a coffee stop along the way had attendees there in good spirit.

Accident Specialist arranged not only for their own staff attend, but provided the opportunity to clients to have some of their staff attend. Likewise, the opportunity was also provided to the SAPS Durban Accident Unit members.

Narrowtex is a long standing (1969) manufacturing company, specialising in the manufacture of a wide range of superior quality industrial narrow fabrics, such as curtain heading, lashing, strapping, industrial webbing, cable pulling tape. Narrowtex also specializes in the manufacturer of automotive restraint or seat belt webbings. This being a particular point of interest to the attendees.

Narrowtex not only provides products locally, however prides on the vast majority of their products being shipped internationally. Narrowtex complies with strict international ISO standards (TS 16949 / 9001 / 14001) and is audited accordingly.

From arrival in the exceptionally tidy and structured factory ground and forecourt, from the outset, the factory tour highlighted a well-organized and clearly well-oiled factory abuzz with manufacturing.



The range of materials in use for the manufacturing of the various products is immediately evident with the stacked pallets and shelves of spindles and reels.

The materials largely specific to the requirements of the client's product specifications. The material used are supplied in a range of colors and specifications.

The process of manufacture is rather rudimentary in its basic form of weaving, yet the intricacies of the patterns and complexity of the fine moving parts of the machinery is almost mesmerizing in their speed and intricacies.

Some of the products going through further processes of dressing with specific coatings, dyeing and other preparations, all undertaken in house.

Narrowtex also provides branding on their manufactured products. Clients usually providing the detailing, with this appropriately printed onto the product, once again in a wide range of designs and colours, and all undertaken in house.

Testing facilities are maintained at the factory, with testing undertaken not only on the general products manufacture, but specifically on the high standard products such as seatbelt webbing. Various test rigs are maintained and ensure that products meet necessary standards, not only to their general strength, but through testing such as wear or endurance testing.

An enlightening and fruitful educational session. Many thanks to Narrowtex for facilitating the tour.