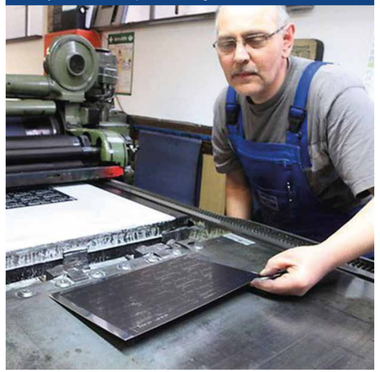
Quality control of the printed designs



Preparation for the etching process



In-house acid recycling



Environmentally friendly regeneration system



Vehicle lettering with high-performance PVC films









Kussmann & Berkenhoff GmbH

Our company was founded in 1902 in Cologne by August Kussmann. The business initially specialised in the production of cast signs. With Josef Berkenhoff joining the company, the partnership (GbR) was established on 1st February, 1922. Since then, our company has operated under the name Kussmann & Berkenhoff and has been incorporated as a GmbH since 1992.

In 1972, Heinz Berkenhoff developed an etching machine, which forms the basis of our production processes to this day. Early beginnings in automation have been consistently advanced and are now combined with acid recycling and cascade rinsing systems in order to meet stringent environmental protection conditions.

In 1983, Kurt J. Berkenhoff took over the commercial management of the company. Since 1990, he has directed the business and guided the company into the digital age.

With the arrival of Dipl.-Kfm. (FH) Philipp K. Berkenhoff in 2011, the fourth generation of the family became established in the business. Since then, digital printing has been further developed, and the anodizing facility adapted to conform to the prevailing needs of our customers.

From the very beginning, we have placed the highest value on interpersonal relationships and on providing service to our customers and providers alike.



No matter whether traditional or innovative.

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Fields of expertise

Stainless steel nameplates are our specialty. In this segment, we process more than 15 tonnes of V2A stainless steel per year.

Aluminium signs, brass signs, foil labels, and front panels complete our product range. All of our signs are manufactured to certified quality standards and are available for delivery throughout Germany and beyond.

Our customers include not only companies in the mechanical and plant engineering sectors, but also businesses in the automotive and electrical industries, valve and pump manufacturing, shipbuilding, advertising, and many others.

Mission Statement
As the initiator and co-founder of the “Pro Metallschild” working group, we have established our position of expertise in the production of industrial signs.

By means of this initiative, we promote the importance of etched industrial signs, facilitate dissemination of information, and adapt technological developments to suit the specific requirements of each application.

Industrial nameplates have become an indispensable component of many technical products. They provide users with important information regarding operation and handling.

As an experienced partner, we offer you customised solutions, a wide range of materials, outstanding quality, and fast delivery.

Quality
We guarantee tthe highest standards of quality and reliability for your projects. Process workflows are managed and directed by a dedicated project development system that offers the highest level of perfection and balance, with state-of-the-art technology.

Our trained specialists make use of their long-standing Know-how to lay the foundation for meeting all our customers' requirements.

Naturally, comprehensive consultation and close collaboration form an integral part of our service.

Only through an optimal operational process are we able to offer high-quality craftsmanship and products at an attractive price-performance ratio.

Certifications
For the benefit of our customers and ourselves, we are committed to compliance with the DIN ISO 9001 quality standard. Since 12 August 2002, Kussmann & Berkenhoff GmbH has been certified accordingly.

Since 2025, we have successfully implemented an environmental management system according to ISO 14001.



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Preparation of the mechanical processes

Careful and solution-oriented in sign production

High precision through the use of modern CNC milling machines



Employee training to ensure high quality standards



Why Kussmann & Berkenhoff?

Drawing on decades of experience and a commitment to high-quality manufacturing, we consistently deliver solution-oriented support for both industrial and private clients.

Every employee is highly trained and an expert in their respective field – a decisive competitive advantage for us and our customers.

Your advantages with Kussmann & Berkenhoff

Communication on an equal footing is important to us, for which reason you will receive a personal assessment of your matter from us.

We aim to be your partner – not simply “the company that makes signs.”

We bring everything together under one roof – from consultation and engraving to punching, bending, anodizing, printing, and coating.

We operate a well-equipped workshop covering more than 1500 m², where signs of every kind are manufactured and processed.

Mechanical processing of plates from initial preparation to the finished sign



Specialized tools for accurate punching and hole-making processes



Continuous inspection of printed plates during the flatbed offset printing process



In-house anodizing and sealing of aluminium plates

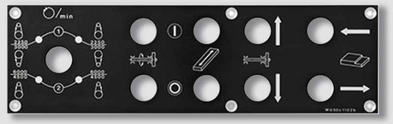


Plastic signs, engraved, printed, and milled to specification



Do you have specific requirements?
We will be happy to provide you with expert advice!

Aluminum front panel printed using the anodic underprint process and subsequently machined by milling



Custom sign manufacturing – from samples to large production runs

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1. Aluminum scale printed using the anodized underprint process, precision-milled to exact dimensions
2. Stainless steel sign with recessed etched lettering
3. Custom-made and series-produced foil signs
4. Foil signs for safety identification and labeling
5. Foil signs supplied as sheet material
6. Brass nameplate, etched background and black lacquered finish
7. Aluminum nameplate, etched and finished with colored lacquer
8. Aluminum scale, etched, lacquered, and milled
9. Aluminum scale printed using the anodized underprint process and individually milled
10. Stainless steel nameplate, etched and finished with colored lacquer

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Advertising signs
Decorative signs

available in aluminum, stainless steel or brass

Advertising signs, such as those made from aluminium, convey quality and a sophisticated appearance. Whether used to promote your company or to highlight special and exclusive products, they offer long-lasting durability and powerful brand recognition.

Every sign is custom-manufactured to your specifications, with no minimum order quantity. We produce high-quality signage quickly and reliably using a wide range of materials.

Aluminium signs provide a cost-effective solution for permanent applications. In addition to etching, they can be enhanced by anodizing and produced with full-colour designs using the sub-surface anodized printing process. The oxide layer makes the aluminium sign corrosion-resistant while providing a durable, scratch-resistant surface.

For all versions, the contours and lettering are permanent and cannot be removed with thinners or other paint solvents, unlike conventional printed surfaces.

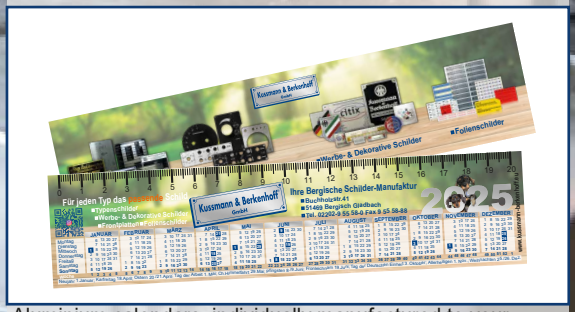
In addition to digital printing, aluminium signs can also be etched, engraved, laser-marked, and finished with paint coatings according to your individual requirements.

Stainless steel signs meet the highest quality standards. Where it matters most—vandalism resistance, or compliance with hygiene requirements in the food industry, for example—the matte/gloss finish on unpainted steel offers an elegant solution.

We would be pleased to advise you for your particular project.



Aluminium coasters convey quality and create a sophisticated appearance, whether used to promote your company or to highlight special and exclusive products.



Aluminium calendars, individually manufactured to your specifications. Designed in multiple colours using the anodized sub-surface printing process, the advertising sign features a scratch-resistant surface.



Even business cards or name badges made of aluminium convey quality and prestige. Long-lasting durability and strong brand recognition are guaranteed.



Personalised tags as promotional giveaways for your customers. The tags can be fully customised in terms of colour and design. Manufactured using the etching process, they are also suitable for production in larger quantities.

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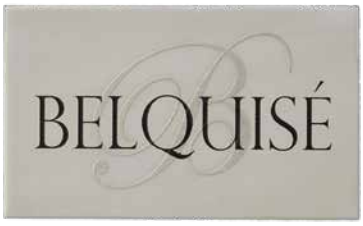
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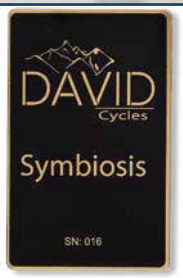
Your decorative signs can be etched, engraved, or milled to your specifications. No minimum order quantities apply.



Available in a matte or polished stainless steel finish, this sign provides an elegant solution, whether with or without color.



Designed to meet the highest standards, the stainless steel sign is the ideal solution for applications requiring exceptional vandal resistance or strict hygiene compliance, such as in the food industry.



Decorative brass signs reflect quality and prestige, providing an elegant finish for a variety of applications. Whether for business identification or showcasing premium and exclusive products, they make a lasting impression.

Whether for identification of your company or highlighting special and exclusive products, all signs are manufactured individually to meet your specific requirements.

There are no minimum order quantities.

We produce your signs quickly, reliably, and to the highest quality standards using a wide range of materials.

We supply stainless steel in thicknesses from 0.5 to 3.0 mm in the following grades and finishes:

V2A 1.4301 / DIN X5CrNi18-10
V2A 1.4301 IIId/2R (bright-rolled finish)
V2A 1.4301 IIIc/2B (matte finish)
V2A 1.4301 with brushed or textured finish
V4A 1.4404 / DIN X2CrNiMo17-12-2
V4A 1.4404 IIIc/2B (matte finish)

We also supply aluminium in thicknesses from 0.5 to 3.0 mm, manufactured to material grade EN AW-5754 / DIN AlMg3.

Brass is available in thicknesses from 0.5 to 3.0 mm





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Foil signs

Custom-made and series-produced foil signs

Flexible and cost-effective are the defining keywords for film labels. In times when weight reduction is an increasingly important consideration, this type of label is being used more and more frequently.

Our customers require labels that can withstand temperatures ranging from -40°C to +150°C. In addition, we develop solutions for special substrates and adhesive requirements that our film labels must meet. They must also resist color fading and prevent the printed information from detaching when exposed to solvents.

Our films are not only used for conventional vehicle graphics. Increasingly, our customers rely on them for identification of filtration systems, pumps, and other applications where flexible materials are required.

We supply individual labels as well as sheet or roll stock (now available in widths of up to 1.60 metres) to suit your specific requirements. Our range includes cast high-performance PVC films, polyester films, polymer films, and vinyl films.

In addition to traditional exterior vehicle graphics, film labels are increasingly being used for interior applications. They can be applied to engines, filters, fuse boxes, and many other components, with properties tailored to a wide variety of technical requirements. Their versatility makes them suitable for applications ranging from small scooters and premium luxury vehicles to construction equipment and heavy-duty commercial vehicles.

Alongside the cutting of individual lettering, digital printing systems are now the primary method of production for these labels, delivering durable, high-quality identification for demanding applications.

We would be pleased to advise you on the most suitable solution for your specific project.



Foils available as sheets, rolls, or individual signs. Optionally with weeding or rear-side slitting for easy handling.



Prohibition signs, mandatory signs, warning signs & fire safety signs according to DIN ISO 7010 (also available in plastic)



Hazardous substance symbols and labeling for the storage of hazardous materials. Optionally available with a protective film to facilitate easier cleaning of surfaces. (Also available in plastic or metal.)



Pipe identification in accordance with DIN 2403 (according to the flowing medium), DIN 2404 (heating systems), and DIN 2405 (refrigeration systems and cooling installations), with double arrowhead (cunwanted arrowhead to be cut off before application).

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Plastic signs

Custom plastic signs
and series production

Nameplates are an essential component of many technical products. They provide users with important information regarding the operation and handling of equipment.

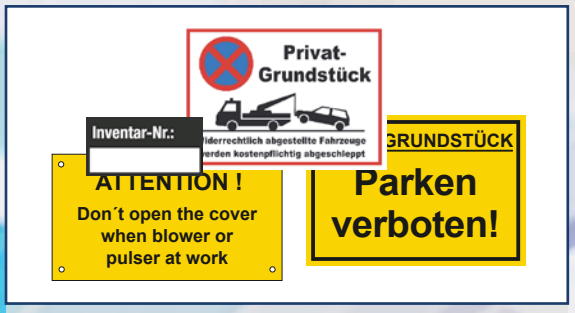
Their applications extend far beyond promotional items such as name badges or giveaways like rulers. They are used as information and warning signs as well as identification labels, in the fire protection sector for example, for doors or pumps. Scales, measuring and lifting plates, rating plates, equipment identification plates, and stamped parts in a wide variety of shapes are also part of the nameplate product family.

All nameplates are manufactured individually to your specific requirements. There are no minimum order quantities. We produce high-quality nameplates quickly and reliably using a wide range of materials.

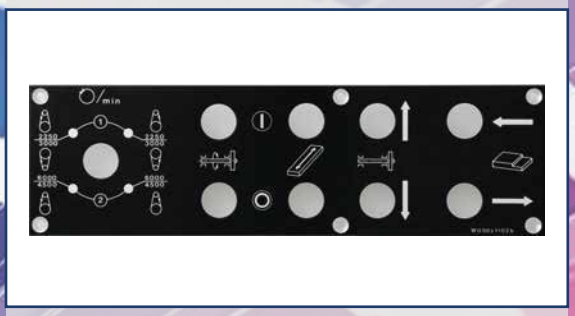
Plastic nameplates offer extensive possibilities in terms of material selection, formability, and surface characteristics. In addition to identification applications in the electrical industry, they are also widely used for marking purposes, for example in pipeline construction.

Our plastic nameplates can be printed, engraved, or laser marked. We supply plastics in material thicknesses ranging from 0.5 mm to 15.0 mm, including materials such as plastic, PVC, Formalon, and Plexiglas®.

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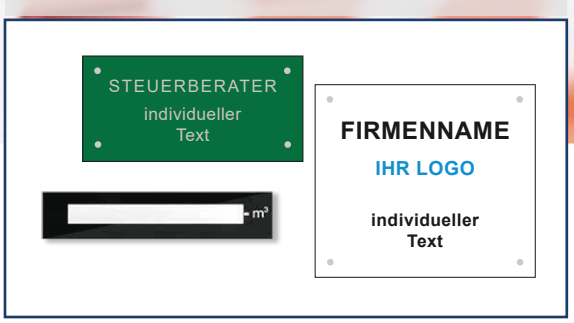
Prohibition signs, Mandatory signs, Warning signs & Fire Safety signs in accordance with DIN ISO 7010
(also available as self-adhesive vinyl labels and metal signs).



Plastic front panels, precision-milled, engraved, or digitally printed in full color using UV inks. Drill holes can be countersunk, for example, to accommodate countersunk screws.



Multicoloured plastic signs, punched, cut and/or CNC-milled, with engraved lettering.



Acrylic glass, milled or laser-cut and reverse-printed with UV ink.

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