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# ADVANCE

THE NEW FACTORY IN VIETNAM





For the development and manufacture of its wings and harnesses, Advance have built an immense factory in Hồ Chí Minh City in Vietnam, inaugurated in time for the Swiss manufacturer's 25th birthday. A photo tour of this enormous factory...





The factory built for Advance's sole use has impressive dimensions: 220 employees are involved in production. Advance has been responsible for its own production for twenty five years now.





According to Advance, the seamstresses are entirely responsible for their own work.



Each detail is checked before being passed onto the following stage. Everything is signed for.





All of Advance's wings are made here, including the prototypes. An interesting detail which Advance emphasises: The prototypes are sent to importers all over the world, who test them in climates which can be very different. In Australia, the equipment will be subjected to completely different conditions (UV, sand and heat) to those in Latin America, where humidity will be one of the most important factors in possible aging.





Harnesses make up an important part of Advance's range; they are also made here at the new site in Hồ Chí Minh City...

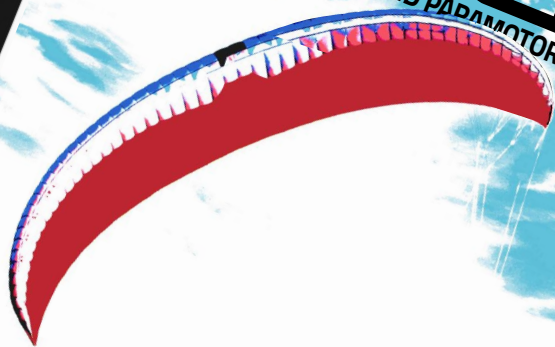


Obviously, many pilots would have preferred that they re-locate their production to Europe. But in reality, that still isn't that easy to do, at least on this scale. If manufacture in Asia creates or keeps jobs there, in correct working conditions, that is also defensible. For many years, Advance have manufactured in Vietnam. A lot of the employees in these pictures have worked for a long time for the Swiss manufacturer.

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