



UKCS The UK Concrete Show 2025 Show Review



The UK Concrete Show 2025: innovation, sustainability, and the future of concrete

The UK's premier concrete industry event expands, showcasing cutting-edge technology, key industry discussions, and the next generation of talent.

Taking place at the NEC Birmingham on 26–27 February 2025, the 13th UK Concrete Show welcomed a record number of visitors and exhibitors, with unique attendance up 21% compared to the previous event.

With exhibitor rebooks already running at record levels for the 2026 event, a multi-show deal with the NEC has been agreed locking in free visitor parking, and further cementing the show's reputation as a must-attend event for the concrete sector.



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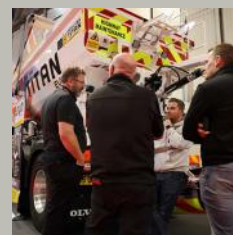

 Since investing in The UK Concrete Show in September 2023, The QMJ Group has doubled visitor attendance, reinforcing the event's status as the meeting place for the industry. Thank you for your support over the last two years in helping us achieve this. We look forward to your continued input as we explore a range of engaging new features for the next edition.

Richard Bradbury
 Managing Director,
 The QMJ Group



Big kit takes centre stage

The expanded show floor at this year's show allowed more space than ever before gave exhibitors room to display the kind of large-scale technology that underpins the concrete sector, offering visitors a rare chance to get up close with cutting-edge machines and systems that are transforming safety, performance, and sustainability on construction sites.



McPhee Mixers, one of the UK's most recognisable concrete mixer manufacturers, returned for its fifth year with its eye-catching electric eMixer on display. Branded in Tarmac's CEVO low-carbon concrete colours, the truck represents the next generation of transport decarbonisation. With zero tailpipe emissions and a projected annual saving of 42 tonnes of CO₂, the eMixer matches the average capacity of a conventional diesel vehicle but offers huge environmental benefits. Scott Cubberly from McPhee said: "This is the second version of the UK's first fully electric concrete mixer. We've improved the retention system to reduce rollover risk, added a lower water tank to lower the centre of gravity, and kept our focus on safety and sustainability." The mixer includes McPhee's internet control system and is available in a range of models from 4 to 12 cubic metres.

Bay-Lynx Manufacturing UK Inc Ltd made a strong impact for the 12th consecutive year, showcasing the latest evolution of its Titan volumetric mixer alongside the UK debut of the Frumecar FH80 drum mixer. The Titan is built entirely from single sheets of Hardox 450 steel, providing extreme durability and reducing overall weight by eliminating external supports. The Frumecar FH80, meanwhile, brings wear-resistant materials, a reinforced spiral blade configuration, and innovative self-cleaning systems together in a truck-mounted solution designed for tough conditions and longer service life. Managing director Michael Barr said: "Frumecar has been a great fit for us. These mixers are tough, efficient, and engineered for performance. The new FH80 shows how we're offering real alternatives for customers needing drum mixers as well as volumetrics."



Utranazz, a long-established name in UK concrete equipment, used the show to present a new partnership with IMER Group, displaying four machines that drew significant attention. These included the IMER LT SL 9m³ concrete truck mixer, which boasts a lightweight, wear-resistant drum for high payload and low maintenance; the Oruself 500, a fully autonomous self-service batching plant for dry and semi-dry concrete; the IMER Gerris 800, a crawler-mounted concrete placing boom ideal for confined spaces; and the Holcombe G2, one of the UK's smartest volumetric mixers, capable of producing 50 cubic metres per hour. Will Harris, commercial director at Utranazz, said: "This partnership with IMER expands our portfolio significantly and gives us real strength in batching plants and self-service models. We've had great feedback on all four machines."



Premier MBP once again confirmed its place as the UK's leading supplier of ProAll volumetric mixers, bringing the L8025 Commander to the show. Built from corrosion-resistant, high-strength aluminium and assembled using direct-tension lockbolts, the mixer offers a vibration-resistant structure that avoids cracking and eliminates the need for welding. This year's L8025 is the most durable yet, featuring innovations such as remote control, roll and pour functionality, and smart diagnostics. Premier also underlined its reputation for customer support, with a fully stocked parts department and workshop ensuring rapid response times.



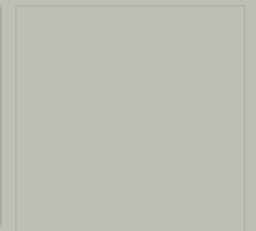
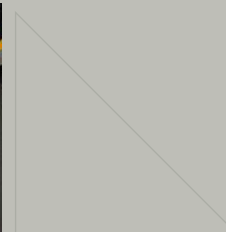
Sterling Mixers returned for its fourth year, displaying both the Sterling Supermix and Ultramix models. These truck-mounted mixers are designed for 8x4 32-tonne chassis and feature innovative drum blade geometry for better charging, mixing, and discharging performance. Jarl James, sales director, said: "We've engineered these mixers to provide enhanced payload, better mixing, and increased reliability. Our customers tell us they're seeing faster turnaround times and better product consistency on site."



Thompsons UK used the show to highlight a new partnership with CIFA, now acting as the official UK and Ireland distributor for the Italian manufacturer's range of concrete mixers. The stand featured a CIFA SL8 mixer mounted on a Volvo FMX chassis, alongside information about the Energya E9, the first electric truck-mounted mixer with an integrated electric drive. Chris Aspinall, sales and special projects manager, said: "This new agreement with CIFA allows us to expand our product range in a meaningful way. We've had great conversations with customers who are looking at electric drive seriously for the first time."

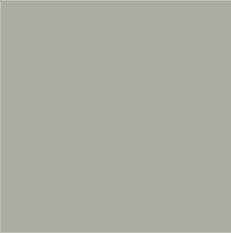
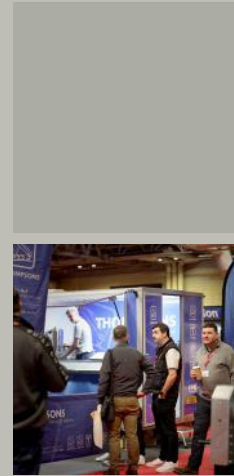


Volumech, part of Cemen Tech, brought the CS60 volumetric mixer to the show, featuring the Accu-Pour control system designed to reduce waste and maximise batch precision. General manager Steve Cartwright said: "We've seen the pressure building on the industry to improve sustainability and reduce material use. Our mixers help customers do just that, and the Concrete Show is the best place to share that story."

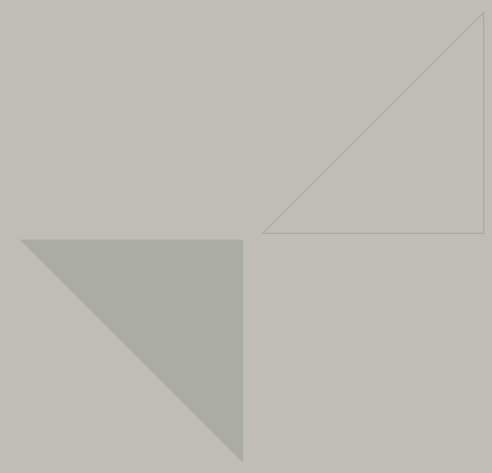




Enviro Volumetric Mixers Ltd continued to make its mark as a British-built manufacturer of volumetric mixers, focusing on sustainability and ease of use. The stand featured the latest ENVIRO mixer, equipped with advanced hydraulics and control systems to optimise performance while reducing fuel consumption. The unit includes a 4.6m³ aggregate bin, a 4.2m³ sand bin, a 1,600-litre water tank, and a 3.1m³ cement bin, giving it flexibility to handle larger jobs. The EVM batch control system meets BS8500 standards, with tracking for materials and accurate batching data exportable to CRMs and sales platforms.



With more space than ever before, this year's Big Kit display was the most comprehensive in the show's history. From electric innovations to fully autonomous batching systems and the latest in durable mixer design, visitors had the opportunity to see first-hand the technologies shaping the next chapter of concrete production and delivery. The commitment to improving safety, performance, and sustainability was on full display, setting a high bar for future editions of the show.



Showcasing the best in innovation: New Product Hub

One of the most exciting features of UK Concrete Show 2025 was the New Product Hub, which highlighted the latest breakthroughs in concrete technology. This dedicated area provided visitors with a first-hand look at cutting-edge materials, equipment, and digital solutions shaping the future of the industry. Companies from across the sector showcased their latest developments, giving attendees the opportunity to vote for their favourite product.



Sustainability was a dominant theme among the nominees. Tarmac's CEVO, a low-carbon concrete system, simplifies sustainability choices with a graded performance rating similar to household appliances. The display included CEVO Digital's maturity sensors and electric mixer trucks, part of Tarmac's broader commitment to decarbonising construction. The CEVO system attracted strong interest from visitors, many of whom were keen to understand how performance, carbon, and design can work in tandem. Tyrecrete introduced a solution that incorporates end-of-life tyres into concrete, improving flexibility and impact resistance while reducing reliance on traditional aggregates. Their display featured core samples and data illustrating the performance gains and carbon savings, with strong interest from civil engineering professionals and contractors looking to meet stricter environmental standards.



Safety and efficiency were also in the spotlight. Trolex demonstrated its XD1+ Personal Dust Monitor, a compact, wearable device that offers real-time monitoring of harmful airborne particles. This drew interest from contractors focused on health and safety compliance, especially in enclosed environments. The team highlighted the importance of live data in ensuring worker protection and avoiding exposure risks. Torquer's SPEAR and Catcher system offered a hands-free connection for load handling, providing a significant step forward in lifting safety. Designed to minimise manual intervention, it appealed to plant managers and safety officers alike, especially in precast and infrastructure applications. Leica Geosystems presented its iCON iCS50 total station and related technologies, allowing contractors to maintain flawless alignment, depth, and dimensional accuracy in complex pours and formwork setups. Live demos at the stand showed how quickly site teams can set out and verify critical components without traditional string lines or surveyor downtime.





Contec Fiber introduced Fibrofor Green, a plant-based microfibre with high thermal resistance, designed to improve crack resistance and fire durability in concrete. It also supports sustainability goals by reducing reliance on synthetic materials.



Automation and digitalisation were well represented. Utranazz's ORUSELF 500 Batching Plant demonstrated a fully autonomous self-service system for on-demand concrete. Visitors could explore the kiosk interface, which included user modes for occasional and high-volume customers, and hear from operators who had already integrated the system into their plant network. Command Alkon's Material Supply software showcased live dashboards and data tracking capabilities, helping suppliers manage inventory and logistics across multiple concrete plants. Doka's DokaXact system gave visitors a chance to explore real-time concrete pressure monitoring during formwork operations. Paired with a cloud-based visual dashboard, the system helps to reduce risk, improve scheduling, and improve pour outcomes in projects involving tall walls or critical anchors.

Several equipment manufacturers used the New Product Awards platform to launch new machines. Somero introduced the S-940e and SRS-4e Electric Laser Screeds, battery-powered screed machines that combine precision with zero emissions. Visitors could see the full charging system and electric drive units in action, with the team on hand to explain operational savings and noise reductions. Frumecar's FH80 Truck Mixer, made from SSAB steel with a specially reinforced spiral blade system, offered enhanced durability and reduced maintenance, perfect for contractors looking for long-life equipment.



Probst's SM1200 Stonemagnet Vacuum Lifter offered a compact solution for safe handling of heavy concrete elements in paving, block and slab applications. Live demos at the stand highlighted its responsive controls and precision vacuum grip, which proved popular with paving contractors and industrial flooring specialists.

For precast and decorative concrete producers, PUK Ltd showcased its Matrice Art silicone mould inserts, which enable intricate textures and surface effects in block production. The inserts are reusable and compatible with a range of automated machinery, providing a cost-effective route to high-end aesthetics.



The overall winner of the 2025 New Product Award was Fortress Europe's Re:Grid composite reinforcement system, designed for use in RAAC remediation, slab ceilings, beams, and vertical surfaces. Made from pre-tensioned, pre-cured fibre reinforced polymer (FRP), Re:Grid ensures a void-free visible bond through its unique Adhesive Riveting Technology (ART), which eliminates the need for on-site saturation or lamination. The system was presented with live install demos, showcasing how much time and risk can be saved during structural rehabilitation.

The diversity and ingenuity of this year's New Product Awards entries reflected the ongoing transformation of the concrete industry. With sustainability, safety, automation, and digitalisation driving innovation, these advancements are set to enhance productivity, reduce environmental impact, and improve site safety for years to come.

Advancing sustainability in concrete



Sustainability was a driving theme across the show floor, and Master Builders Solutions made a strong return after a nine-year absence, showcasing its innovative MasterCo₂:re technology. This low-clinker concrete system captures and reuses CO₂ in the production process, helping to significantly reduce concrete's carbon footprint. "Sustainability is no longer optional," said Andrew Barlow, marketing coordinator. "MasterCo₂:re provides practical, scalable solutions that help our customers decarbonise without compromising on performance." During Wednesday's 'Sustainable Concrete Solutions for a Greener Tomorrow' seminar, head of technical and marketing Jordan Smith explored how the technology simplifies the use of low-clinker concrete while improving durability and resource efficiency.



Rakem Group made a strong impression, returning for the second time and using the show to promote its flagship brand, Cemkem. A trusted supplier and manufacturer of raw materials, additives, and admixtures, Cemkem's portfolio includes retarders, accelerators, superplasticisers, air-entrainers, and redispersible polymers. "This has been an excellent opportunity to raise awareness," said sales manager Joe Rafferty. "We've had a positive and encouraging reaction from visitors and customers alike." Cemkem also set itself apart with its dedicated technical support team, offering tailored solutions in cementitious applications, adhesives, and sealants, backed by extensive industry experience.

Bradford-based Oscrete, a regular exhibitor, used the event to spotlight its sustainability credentials, proudly displaying its Ecovadis Platinum rating—the highest accolade from the global corporate responsibility assessor. This recognition places Oscrete, part of the Christyans UK group, in the top 1% of companies worldwide for environmental, ethical, and sustainable procurement standards. "We're here to showcase our credentials, products, and services," said David Todd, area sales manager. "The Platinum rating has sparked lots of conversation with both new and existing clients. The footfall has been good, and we've come away with solid leads."



Each of these companies demonstrated that sustainability can go hand-in-hand with performance, underlining the concrete industry's growing commitment to environmental innovation, and proving that greener concrete is already a reality on the ground.

Right: Dr Alalea Kia
Far right: Dr Liz Gilligan



Above (left to right): Dr Sakdirat Kaewunruen, Adam Cox, Tony Corney, Franz Josef Pappen, Dr Liz Gilligan, Elaine Toogood, and Susannah Streeter
Left: Ben Garner
Below: Becky Ray



Inspiring seminars and expert panels

A major highlight of the show was the expansion of the Concrete Connect Seminar Theatre, where top industry professionals delivered engaging presentations and panel discussions, to two full days of presentations.

Hosted by leading broadcaster and sustainability commentator Susannah Streeter the sessions tackled the latest trends, technologies, and regulatory developments in the sector.

One of the standout sessions of the first day was "Sustainable Concrete Solutions for a Greener Tomorrow," featuring Elaine Toogood from the Mineral Products Association – The Concrete Centre, who discussed the future of low-carbon concrete and the role of architects in sustainable design. Claire Ackerman, CEO of The Concrete Society, highlighted collaborative initiatives driving decarbonisation.

The Graphene in Concrete session, hosted by The Graphene Council, featured Dr Stephen Hodge, CEO of Versarien, and Mike Harrison, CEO of Concretene, who explored graphene's role in enhancing concrete performance while significantly reducing CO₂ emissions.

The Digitalisation Spotlight session saw Russell Eifenbein, CEO of Cloud Cycle, present on AI-driven optimisation in concrete performance, demonstrating how digital tools can reduce waste and improve efficiency in concrete production.

On day two, the "Ready for the Revolution" session highlighted Tarmac's work on electric mixer trucks (eMixers), with insights from Ben Garner and Adam Cox from Tarmac RMX North. The Spotlight Session, led by Dr Alalea Kia from Imperial College London, introduced Kiacrete, a revolutionary puddle-free pavement technology designed to withstand the challenges of climate change.

The show concluded with a crucial discussion on workforce development, featuring Becky Ray, CEO of Culture Kick, and Robert Lewis, Ferroglobe, ICT, who emphasised the importance of training, recruitment, and retaining talent in an evolving industry.

View the session streams:

[Sustainable concrete solutions for a greener tomorrow](#)

[Graphene in concrete: performance, sustainability, and commerciality](#)

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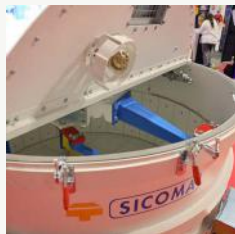
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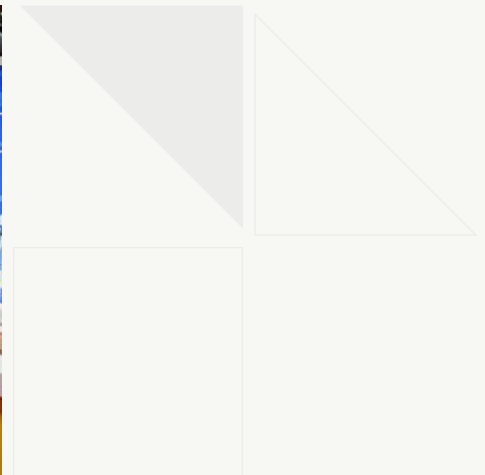
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Innovation in concrete equipment

Besser, celebrating its 15th year at the show, presented the Servopac Infinity block machine—its most advanced system to date. Designed for high output, energy efficiency, and long service life, the machine delivers consistent product quality with minimal downtime. “We don’t just sell machines—we sell productivity,” said international sales manager Mike Munro. “Our machines are still running after 70 years because we focus on longevity and reliability. With over a century of experience, we’re proud to bring American-made engineering to the global stage.”



Sicoma exhibited with its UK dealer NCS for the first time this year, showcasing the MP1150/750 planetary concrete mixer. The mixer features a robust Turkish-fabricated steel body, Italian motors and gearboxes, and a UK-built control system. “We’ve had plenty of existing customers visit us,” said Mahir Kubba, managing director at NCS Plant. “We do sell from the stand, but for us it’s really about meeting customers, maintaining relationships, and growing brand awareness.”



Camfaud, exhibiting alongside sister company Premier Concrete Pumping, launched the Putzmeister Telebelt. The trailer-mounted telescopic belt conveyor delivers fast, precise material placement across a variety of site types, including tight urban plots and height-restricted builds. “It’s great to give customers the chance to see it in the iron,” said national sales manager Adrian Sprake. “This show is ideal for strengthening relationships, growing awareness, and showing the next generation what the industry has to offer.”

Concrete testing and monitoring

Falsework & formwork manufacturer Doka impressed visitors with its Concremote and DokaXact monitoring systems, both designed to improve construction precision, safety and efficiency. Concremote uses wireless sensors to measure concrete temperature and calculate compressive strength in real-time, transmitting data via 2G, 3G, 4G, or Bluetooth. The data is accessible via a web portal or app, helping site managers make informed decisions and reduce delays. "Concremote helps save time, increase safety, and enhance concrete quality," said Jamie Wilkinson, sales manager. "Its reusable design adds long-term value for contractors."

Also on the stand, DokaXact Load and Pressure sensors enabled live monitoring of formwork loads and concrete pressure during pours, ideal for tall walls, tunnels, and critical anchor load projects. "Live pressure monitoring lets you see what's really going on—saving time and money," said Matt Lowe, digital services sales manager. "Both systems are available for rent or purchase, offering flexible, high-performance solutions."

ELE International returned for a second year, drawing attention with the Auto Blaine Apparatus—an automated fineness testing instrument used to measure the specific surface area of cement. By using the Blaine Air Permeability Test, it offers a reliable method for evaluating how finely ground a cement sample is—critical in assessing concrete strength and performance. "This year's turnout has been brilliant," said global sales manager Steve Jenkins. "We've had strong engagement with both new and returning customers, and we'll definitely be back next year."



Giatec, a regular attendee, highlighted its wireless SmartRock sensor and iCor, a non-destructive tool for detecting corrosion in rebar. SmartRock enables real-time monitoring of concrete temperature and strength development during curing, while iCor provides insights into potential long-term durability issues. "We've had really productive conversations," said Simon Gibbs, regional manager for Northern Europe. "Other shows don't compare in terms of footfall or visitor quality—it's been excellent for new leads and relationship-building."

Columbia Machine exhibited for the eighth time, showcasing its batching, mixing, and handling equipment. Its systems support mould production, cubing, splitting, and bagging of concrete products with high precision. "Our vibration technology allows customers to reduce cement usage while producing stronger blocks and more homogenous mixes," said Mark Andrews, director of international sales. "And with a UK manufacturing base, we're committed to supporting British industry."



Recognising the industry's Emerging Talent

This year, the UK Concrete Show launched the Emerging Talent Awards to acknowledge outstanding individuals making a significant impact early in their careers. These awards celebrate the achievements of young professionals while also highlighting the organisations fostering future leaders.

The five winners included Jack Rowe-Foley, divisional operations manager at Gunite Eastern Ltd, Sophie Kinnaird, assistant materials engineer at Balfour Beatty, Bronwyn Mulheron, concrete plant supervisor at Mick George Concrete, George Bowman, assistant materials engineer at Balfour Beatty Vinci, and Mike Varnam, junior site manager at Carney Construction.

Jack started as a labourer straight out of school and worked his way up to divisional operations manager at just 32 years old. Nominated by Corey Phillips, project co-ordinator, who said: "His hands-on leadership style, extensive knowledge of concrete repair, and commitment to mental health advocacy set him apart. His unwavering support for his colleagues, including life-saving interventions, makes him a true industry role model."

Sophie Kinnaird, who joined Balfour Beatty in 2022, was nominated by senior materials engineer Mariusz Oppermann, who said: "Sophie has been instrumental in concrete mix design trials for low-carbon solutions, earning her high commendation from National Highways. Her leadership on foundation testing and slipform concrete barrier trials demonstrates her technical expertise and proactive approach in driving sustainability in infrastructure projects."

Garry Woodcock, concrete transport and operations director, nominated Bronwyn Mulheron, saying: "Bronwyn has had a rapid rise within Mick George Concrete, from finance and customer service roles to testing and running a major concrete plant. She played a key role in delivering over 140,000m³ of concrete with zero removals on the A14 project and is currently managing production for a high-profile National Highways project."

George Bowman was nominated by Steve Phipps, head of materials engineering BBV HS2 Area North, who said: "Since 2019, George has made significant contributions to concrete compliance and digital monitoring at HS2 Area North. His pioneering work in concrete maturity monitoring and digital compliance tracking has set new standards in the industry, influencing best practices across major infrastructure projects."

The final nominee, Mike Varnam, was nominated by construction manager Robert Carney, who said: "Mike has quickly progressed from site engineer to site lead at Carney Construction, receiving multiple safety awards for silica dust monitoring and FRC methodologies. He is now a key player in bridge projects along the M3, while also training as an appointed person for crane operations. His drive and leadership mark him as a future industry leader."

These individuals represent the next generation of industry innovators, showcasing exceptional technical expertise, leadership, and dedication to advancing the concrete sector.



Top right: George Bowman
Above: Jack Rowe-Foley
Left: Bronwyn Mulheron
Below: Sophie Kinnaird
Bottom: Mike Varnam



Automation and self-service solutions

The drive for automation and customer convenience was another key theme of UK Concrete Show 2025, with exhibitors showcasing intelligent, efficient systems designed to streamline concrete production and delivery.



fibo Collect attracted a steady stream of visitors with live demos of its automated self-service machine for concrete, mortar, and screed. Compact and user-friendly, the FS1200 features an automated washing system, adjustable hydraulic conveyor, and integrated recycling that reduces both water use and site waste. Customers can order as little as 0.25m³ using contactless payment or RFID technology, making it ideal for small contractors and builders' merchants. "This is a smarter, cleaner alternative to traditional on-site mixing," said director Alex Atkinson. "It's also a fantastic way to give smaller customers access to quality concrete with minimal fuss."



ConcreteDrive-Thru (CDT) also drew attention with its flexible, modular batching system, which includes a planetary mixer capable of batching 1m³ per cycle and silo options ranging from 30m³ to 33m³. Customisable hoppers and low-maintenance design allow operators to run the system without a direct water connection, making it adaptable to various environments, while the system's user-friendly design means it can be operated by anyone, from one-person businesses to large multinationals.

"The beauty of exhibiting is that people can see and touch the product, and it really resonates," said Scott Houghton. "We've been particularly pleased with the high-quality visitors we've met, both old and new customers, and we've even had an Italian pizza parlour inquire about our system!"



ENVIRO Volumetric Mixers Ltd showcased its British-built ENVIRO Volumetric Mixer, which pairs a lightweight chassis with advanced hydraulics and a high-precision EVM batch control system. With a production capacity of 7-8m³ per hour and a base rate of 40m³ per hour, the machine includes features such as aggregate gate encoders, inductive flow meters, and a 1,600-litre water tank. "We're proud to offer a machine that meets BS8500 standards while reducing environmental impact," said a spokesperson. "By sourcing components from world-leading suppliers with UK outlets, we ensure long-term reliability and easy maintenance."

These automation-led innovations show how concrete producers and suppliers are embracing technology to make operations smarter, faster, and more environmentally responsible.

New for 2025: The 'Find Your Community' Hub

One of the most exciting new additions to this year's UK Concrete Show was the 'Find Your Community' hub, a dedicated space designed to help industry professionals connect with leading organisations that offer guidance, networking opportunities, and career development support. The initiative was designed to foster collaboration and knowledge-sharing across the concrete and construction sectors.

Located at the heart of the show, the Find Your Community area provided attendees with the opportunity to meet key industry bodies, explore the benefits of membership, and gain insights into the latest trends shaping the industry. Whether visitors were looking for specialist advice, professional development opportunities, or exclusive industry resources, this area served as a vital hub for education and networking.

Among the participating organisations was The Concrete Society, there promoting best practices, innovation, and technical excellence in concrete design and construction. The Institute of Concrete Technology highlighted the professional status of concrete technologists worldwide, providing insights into the latest advancements in materials science and engineering.



For those involved in industrial flooring, the Association of Concrete Industrial Flooring Contractors (ACIFC) was on hand to speak about best practice in floor construction, technical training, and the importance of working with specialist contractors. While the Structural Concrete Alliance brought together three major associations – the Concrete Repair Association, Corrosion Prevention Association, and Sprayed Concrete Association – to provide a unified voice for the structural concrete repair and refurbishment sector. Visitors were able to ask questions about repair techniques, materials, and compliance.

The quarrying and aggregates industries were well represented by the Institute of Quarrying, which works to promote the positive impact of quarrying and the career opportunities available within the sector. Meanwhile, the British Aggregates Association offered support on health and safety, planning, transport, environmental, and regulatory issues while ensuring that the voice of independent operators is heard at all levels of UK administration. Both organisations saw strong interest from businesses and individuals looking to broaden their understanding of sustainable material sourcing and industry standards.

With material science playing a transformative role in concrete innovation, The Graphene Council used the hub to showcase the potential of graphene and other advanced 2D materials. A dedicated display explained how nanotechnology is revolutionising concrete strength, durability, and sustainability, sparking conversations with both researchers and commercial users. Elsewhere, the Drilling & Sawing Association highlighted the benefits of using diamond tools for precision concrete cutting, ensuring minimal noise, dust, and structural disruption in construction projects. Their presence gave attendees insight into specialist tools and training essential for efficient and compliant work.

By bringing together these key industry organisations, the Find Your Community hub provided an invaluable space for networking, knowledge-sharing, and professional growth. Whether attendees were exploring membership opportunities, seeking specialist guidance, or looking to connect with like-minded professionals, this new feature at UK Concrete Show 2025 proved to be a valuable addition that will undoubtedly grow in importance at future events.



Enhancing site efficiency and safety



KVM, known for its extensive range of concrete production solutions, used the show to highlight its latest moulds for sustainable drainage systems. David Wykes, general manager at KVM UK, said the show had delivered both quality and volume in terms of footfall. "The larger hall has definitely been a bonus and the seminar programme has pulled in a wider range of professionals. With many customers looking to diversify beyond standard block paving, this has been the ideal platform to show how we can support them with production equipment and mould systems designed to meet future market needs."



Prefaxis, making its UK Concrete Show debut, showcased its prefabricated twin walls, twin walls with insulation, and its innovative uniwalls. A spokesperson for the Belgian company said, "We've had a strong presence in the London market and now we're looking to expand across the UK. Our systems help reduce CO₂ emissions by up to 60% and we're aiming to push that even further. For us, this event was about connecting with decision-makers and showing how we can add long-term value to their projects."



B&B Attachments returned for the eighth time, showcasing its K320 overhead block clamp and beam grab systems. These heavy-duty attachments enable safe, precise handling of kerbs, flags, block packs, and beams. Managing director Mike Barton said: "The show is the ideal place to meet people face-to-face, demonstrate our product capabilities, and strengthen our relationships in the concrete sector. It's always been a key part of our calendar."



Pushing performance across the supply chain

Danfords, a family-run exhibitor with over a decade of presence at the show, used this year's event to demonstrate its commitment to high-performance equipment and customer support. The company has recently moved into a new, purpose-built depot in Bedfordshire, designed by managing director Dan Fordham. Featuring five service bays, double-storey offices, a two-storey parts department, and two acres of concrete storage, the site symbolises the company's evolution into a full-service operation for the concrete sector.

On display was a 50-tonne horizontal cement silo, equipped with access ladders and maintenance platforms. It stood alongside several standout machines, including the Cifa K42L XZ HP1608 EC truck-mounted concrete pump. Designed for demanding conditions, this pump delivers 160m³ per hour at 80-bar pressure, with a high-performance HP closed-circuit pumping system, a 42-metre 'RZ' folding boom, and long-life Cifa pipes with a lifespan of 50,000–60,000m³. "This is a truly great show—perfect for customer feedback, networking, and showing our latest kit to a big audience," said Neil Taylor, sales director. "We'll definitely be back next year."

First-time exhibitor Dewalt made a powerful impact with the launch of its new battery-powered construction tools under the Powershift brand. The range includes the Powershift 554 WH Battery, 54V XR Flexvolt Core Drill, Powershift 550W Charger, Rammer, Plate Compactor, and Powerpack Vibrator. "Designed under the slogan 'For preparation, for placement, for core and cut,' this new line of tools offers high performance with zero emissions," said Christian Hardman, national account manager for hire and construction. "With 89% of end users believing construction sites will go fully electric, Dewalt is providing the equipment to make that future possible."

Visitor reception was enthusiastic, with many praising the tools' power, durability, and sustainability credentials. Designed for contractors and the hire market alike, the Powershift range underscores Dewalt's commitment to driving change in site equipment through cleaner energy.

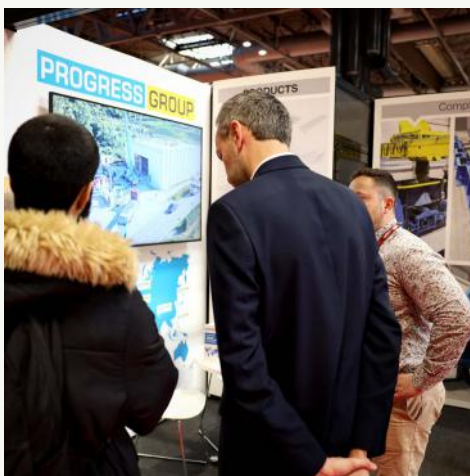


GPS Sprayers, a returning exhibitor with over 30 years of experience, showcased its comprehensive range of high-quality portable sprayers. Managing director Phil Giblin said, "We provide tailored advice and support for spare parts, usage, and repairs. Our products are long-lasting and increasingly focused on battery power as the industry moves toward sustainability."

GPS Sprayers is also the UK and Ireland agent for Gloria spraying equipment, while also supplying "iK" and "Laser" branded sprayers. "We're a BMW, not a Volkswagen," Giblin added, highlighting the company's focus on durability and performance for demanding precast and curative applications.

Gloucester-based Numold has provided wet-cast mould solutions to the concrete industry for over 40 years, offering polyurethane and ABS thermoplastic moulds made entirely in-house. The company was exhibiting its new textured liners for interlocking concrete blocks at this year's show. "The visitor quality has been excellent," said sales director Vicky Jones. "There's been a good mix of familiar faces and fresh leads. By being here, we're in the right sector and meeting the right people."

Numold's manufacturing process, which uses the latest technology, allows it to offer significant savings compared to other producers or manual methods. Its bespoke service continues to make it a key player in the architectural and decorative concrete moulding space.



Returning to the show for the first time since the pandemic, Progress Group brought its comprehensive precast and rebar production technology to Birmingham. The group comprises five mechanical engineering companies — EBAWE, progress Maschinen & Automation, Tecnocom, Echo Precast Engineering, UltraSpan Technologies — along with software developer Progress Software Development and precast producer Progress.

"This breadth allows us to provide complete precast production solutions from a single source," said sales account manager Rainer Fink. On the stand, Progress Group highlighted Green Code, its licensing system and subsidiary offering a sustainable building system using precast concrete elements. Jack Berrisford, area sales manager, explained, "Green Code combines our expertise in precast with a licensable system of acoustic slabs, thermo walls, and double walls, ensuring consistent quality and maximum environmental benefit."

The system boasts superior insulation, fire resistance, and full recyclability, and is ideal for residential, commercial, and public building applications. "We're proud to offer our partners a way to build more efficiently and responsibly," Berrisford added.



RCR Flooring Products returned for its third consecutive year with a broad portfolio, including Permaban armoured joints and dowel systems, RINOL resin flooring, DRT polishing systems, and Rocland dry-shake surface hardeners. Managing director Lee Brockway said, "Our customers—contractors, engineers, merchants, and distributors—know us for quality and competitive pricing, a reputation built over 40 years. Our presence at the show is about building relationships and raising product awareness, and visitors have responded positively."

From start to finish, RCR delivers integrated solutions designed to maximise the durability and performance of industrial floors. Their range caters to contractors across warehousing, logistics, manufacturing, and commercial construction.



SKAKO Concrete, an exhibitor since 2018, showcased the AM1500 planetary mixer from its Atlantis series. With a 1,500-litre capacity and 1,000-litre output, the AM1500 is designed for homogeneous mixing with minimal manpower and reduced energy consumption. Sales manager Gareth Hulcup explained, "The AM1500 cleans 50% faster, discharges 23% quicker, and reduces energy use by 19%. With side-mounted hatches and multiple motors for redundancy, it's the most service-friendly mixer on the market. If one motor fails, the unit keeps working—that's unique to us."

With over 90 years of mixer innovation behind it, SKAKO continues to develop robust, efficient concrete mixing systems designed for maximum uptime and operator safety.



Looking ahead: building for the future

As the dust settles on another record-breaking UK Concrete Show, it's clear that this year's event has set a new benchmark—not only in size and scope, but in ambition, innovation, and impact. From the industry-defining product launches and sustainability breakthroughs, to the inspiring seminar programme and Emerging Talent Awards, The UK Concrete Show 2025 delivered a compelling vision of where the sector is heading.

The expanded floor space made room for more big kit and more ideas, offering an unrivalled opportunity for hands-on interaction and face-to-face connection. Exhibitors from across the supply chain, from global machinery manufacturers to cutting-edge admixture developers, brought their latest technologies to a highly engaged audience of contractors, engineers, producers, and professionals.

This year's show wasn't just about machinery or materials—it was about the people driving the industry forward. From the seasoned experts delivering insights in the Concrete Connect Theatre, to the rising stars recognised for their achievements and potential, the sense of shared purpose and future-focused thinking was unmistakable.



With interest in digitalisation, automation, and decarbonisation only growing, the innovations on show—from electric mixers to self-service batching, advanced admixtures to AI-driven monitoring—reflected a sector that is evolving fast and embracing change.

As we look to The UK Concrete Show 2026, the challenge now is to build on this momentum. The groundwork has been laid. The connections have been made. The technology is here. What remains is to keep pushing, keep innovating, and keep delivering solutions that make concrete smarter, safer, and more sustainable.

Until next year, UK Concrete Show, you've raised the bar again.



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