



Skellerup

Location: Skellerup Christchurch - New factory build
Product Used: Europress Stainless Steel Press Fit Pipe System
Application: Chilled and Tempered Water Reticulation, Compressed Air, Vacuum
Pipe Sizes: ½" (15mm) through to 4" (108mm) Stainless Steel



Foley Plumbers won the contract for installing Europress at the new Skellerup factory which has recently been built in Christchurch. Skellerup Christchurch produce the rubber teats used in dairy milking equipment right throughout the world and holds 95% of the Australasian market.

Foley Plumbers, working with Skellerup, chose to use Europress for chilled and tempered water, compressed air, and vacuum. The chilled water was running around 5°C at 300kPA, the tempered water was at around 40°C at 300kPA, the compressed air was running at 8 Bar, and the vacuum system was powered by 8 vacuum pumps. This included a range of sizes from 15mm (1/2") up to 108mm (4") and used both 304 and 316L Stainless Steel.

Initially, after having Europress presented to them, Skellerup decided to trial Europress in their existing factory. This trial involved removing a section of existing pipework and replacing it with Europress. This trial was a success and the green light was received for the new build. On this project over 5.3km of Europress was successfully installed.

One key deciding factor for Foley Plumbers was the availability of Europress. Waterworks had excellent stocks in the New Plymouth warehouse and were able to provide a large initial shipment to get the project well underway and then had back up shipments from overseas to keep the project moving, and on track for the target completion date, which was successfully achieved. Another factor was the cost-effectiveness of Europress for the whole project, including installation. With the immense speed of installation benefits the whole package of both supply and installation proved very cost-effective for Skellerup.

Foley Plumbers project manager, Aaron Bates, said *"it's the first time we've used it and the service has been great, really impressed with the product and we've had really good feedback from our client who's over the moon with what we have done. So highly recommend it and we'll definitely be using it again in the future."*

Another successful project completed which has benefited from the immense savings and speed of installation that Europress offers, complimented by the unparalleled level of service from Waterworks.

