

OPTICIAN AWARD – OPTICAL PRODUCT OF THE YEAR

NIDEK STEPS UP GREEN CREDENTIALS

Scrutiny from water authorities over what optical labs, including those within High Street practices, are pumping to waste is leading to a greener approach from the industry.

Nidek is leading the way and is in the process of rolling out the most advanced Nidek lens filtration system, the LFU 220, to a national chain of 300 practices.

“An improvement to the disposal method of lens edging processing has been needed for some time and now we can provide the means to achieve this. In addition practices can expect to save thousands of pounds in our water bills each year,” said Luke Wyndham, Divisional Manager of Nidek UK Lens Edging.

“A busy practice can save up to £1,000 on the water bill a year and even a smaller practice is likely to save £300 over a twelve month period. The Nidek LFU 220 uses only 0.025 litres of water for processing a lens, a fraction of the normal amount,” said Luke

The centrifugal action of the compact, under work surface, unit produces a solid block of waste which can be tapped out into the bin, thereby keeping the operator’s hands clean.

“An LED light and buzzer indicates when the unit needs emptying – normally after 100 lenses, so it is very easy to use,” added Luke.

F.A. Monro Opticians, the five-strong Glasgow group of practices, started using the LFU 220 in mid-December and described the technology as being like “Night and Day” compared to the traditional system –

“We were previously using a tank and re-circulating pump in our lab but it was a nightmare to clean out. We plugged in the new technology and were up and running straight away. It has cut our cleaning time in half and wastage is confined to a compact block. It is so much easier and I have been telling every other lab I know how hassle-free it is,” said Alistair Mason, Lab Manager for the Group.

Nidek LFU 220, available from Birmingham Optical Group, is priced at £3,995

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