

BROKING SUBMISSION

Client: Axton Precision Components Ltd (“Axton”)

Broker: Northgate Risk Partners Ltd (NRP)

Risk Overview

Long-established and well-managed UK manufacturer of precision-machined and pressed metal components supplying Tier 1 automotive and industrial OEMs. Activities include CNC machining, stamping/pressing, deburring, washing, and assembly of steel/aluminium components (brackets, housings, fasteners and sub-assemblies). Limited in-house powder coating (small batch line) and use of aqueous parts washer. Finished goods palletised and dispatched to UK and EEA customers; limited exports beyond EEA via distributors. Established 1998 (incorporated 2002). ERN: 3348167. Holding insurer (expiring): Aviva Insurance Limited (via NRP). Target premium (total package): £82,500. Renewal date: 01 April 2026.

Risk Management

Controlled, engineering-led manufacturing risk with mature H&S; and quality systems. Full-time H&S;/Compliance Manager supported by external H&S; consultancy (quarterly site audits). Certifications: ISO 9001, IATF 16949, ISO 14001. Environmental controls include bunded chemical storage, licensed waste removal, documented spill response, and trade effluent controls. Long-standing supply contracts with traceability and recall procedures. Business continuity includes identification of critical machines, spare-part strategy, and dual-sourcing for key raw materials. Recent improvements include annual fire risk assessment with tracked actions, 6-monthly fire training/drills, preventive maintenance (incl. annual thermographic survey), housekeeping/waste controls, hot works permit-to-work and fire watch, and segregated powder coating controls with extraction/cleaning schedule and limited powder storage.

- Dedicated Risk/H&S; lead: Full-time H&S; and Compliance Manager; external H&S; consultancy with quarterly site audits
- Certifications: ISO 9001; IATF 16949; ISO 14001
- Environmental management: Bunded chemical storage; licensed waste removal; documented spill response; trade effluent controls
- Contracts/clients: Long-standing supply contracts; vendor performance metrics; product traceability; recall procedures
- Business continuity: Critical machines identified; spare-part strategy; dual-sourcing for key raw materials
- Annual fire risk assessment by accredited third party; actions tracked to completion
- Fire safety training & drills every 6 months; trained fire marshals on each shift
- Preventive maintenance for presses/CNC/compressors/electrical panels; annual thermographic survey
- Housekeeping & waste management: metal swarf removed daily and stored in covered external bins; cardboard/pallet waste in designated external compound
- Hot works controls: Permit-to-work; post-work fire watch; welding screens and designated areas
- Powder coating controls: Segregated booth/oven with extraction and cleaning schedule; limited powders stored in metal cabinets; no solvent-based spraying

Property Summary

(See attached Excel for full Sums Insured Schedule)

Location 1 – Head Office & Main Manufacturing (Primary): Axton Precision Components Ltd, Brookfield Works, Forge Lane, Coventry, CV6 4BX

Steel portal frame; insulated composite panel walls; concrete floor; pitched steel roof with insulated panels. Year built 2012 (production extension 2019). Floor area 6,850 sq m. Occupancy: Manufacturing (CNC machining & press shop), assembly, quality lab, offices, and finished goods storage. Key plant: CNC lathes/mills, press line (up to 250T), compressors in separate plant room, aqueous parts washer, small powder coat booth/oven (segregated area). Fire protection: Automatic sprinkler protection throughout (BS EN 12845 compliant; maintained under contract); L1 addressable fire detection and alarm; extinguishers and hose reels; segregated flammable liquids cabinet; hot works permit system.

Security: Monitored intruder alarm (NSI Gold) with police response. CCTV covering perimeter, loading bays and all entrances (30-day retention). 2.4m palisade fencing, gated access, visitor sign-in and contractor controls.

Location 2 – Warehouse & Distribution (Finished Goods Buffer): Unit 4, Prologis Park, Central Boulevard, Rugby, CV23 0XF

Modern steel frame; insulated cladding; concrete floor; composite roof panels. Year built 2016. Floor area 2,100 sq m. Occupancy: Finished goods warehousing and dispatch; no manufacturing. Fire protection: Sprinklered (BS EN 12845) and smoke detection. Battery-operated forklift fleet; charging area segregated.

Security: Monitored alarm (NSI Silver) and CCTV. Controlled keyholder access; perimeter fencing within managed business park.

Location 3 – Toolroom & Maintenance Workshop (Non-Production Critical Support): Axton Tooling Services, 14 Bayton Road Industrial Estate, Exhall, Coventry, CV7 9EJ

Brick/block walls; steel truss roof with profiled metal sheeting; concrete floor. Year built 1995 (refurb 2018). Floor area 1,250 sq m. Occupancy: Toolmaking, jig/fixture maintenance, small parts storage; no flammable bulk storage. Fire protection: Automatic fire detection (heat/smoke as appropriate); extinguishers serviced annually.

Security: Monitored intruder alarm, roller shutters, CCTV at entrances.

Liability & Turnover

Wageroll Split

Category	Headcount	Wageroll
Clerical/office	0	£1,050,000.00
Manufacturing (CNC/press/assembly)	0	£3,950,000.00
Warehousing/logistics	0	£820,000.00
Maintenance/engineering	0	£610,000.00
Sales/management	0	£770,000.00
Total (UK)	128	£7,200,000.00

Turnover Split

Territory	Amount
UK	£72.00
EEA	£24.00
USA/Canada	£2.00
Rest of World	£2.00

Claims History

Year	Type	Status	Amount	Details
2021	Escape of water		£7,860	Location: Coventry. Burst washroom pipe caused minor ceiling/wall damage; repaired, isolating valves upgraded.
2023	Theft (attempt)		£3,450	Location: Exhall. Forced shutter damage; no stock loss. Shutters upgraded and CCTV improved.
2024	Machinery damage		£18,900	Location: Coventry. CNC spindle failure; insured damage element agreed after engineer review.
2020 / 2022 / 2025	—		£0	No other claims notified.
2022	EL		£6,250	Minor hand injury (laceration) during deburring; improved cut-resistant glove standard and refresher training.
2024	PL/Product		£2,100	Customer allegation of out-of-tolerance batch; investigation confirmed handling damage post-delivery; matter closed with goodwill credit.
Others	—		£0	No other claims or circumstances.