



Olympus KeyMed

Olympus KeyMed, based at Southend-on-Sea in Essex, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Olympus Corporation Japan and a key member of the global Olympus network. The company has specific responsibility for the development and manufacture of market-leading specialised medical ancillary products and industrial equipment for distribution worldwide.

The company is one of the global business centres for Olympus endoscopy products and the exclusive distributor and service centre for the entire Olympus range of flexible and rigid endoscopes, accessories and ancillary products in Great Britain. Quality and innovation are at the heart of the company's success, and Olympus KeyMed recently won its third Queen's Award for the development of I-SPEED – a state of the art, high-speed video camera, which is achieving significant market success through its portability, flexibility and functionality.

The focus on quality and innovation means that Olympus KeyMed depend on skilled people. They require a wide range of skills in electronics, optical and mechanical engineering, PCB assembly and fabrication.



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Essex's logistical infrastructure

Essex's logistics infrastructure is vital to a company like Olympus KeyMed that operates in global markets. Olympus KeyMed have a sales and marketing responsibility for the UK, Middle East and Africa, and they sell their products back to the Olympus Group for distribution in Europe, USA and Japan.

The [Port of Tilbury](#), the international container port in Thurrock, is at such close proximity which makes it convenient to support export markets worldwide. The company also runs a large service operation, with engineers regularly travelling to customer sites or visiting other Olympus locations around the world. Located close to [London Stansted Airport](#), Olympus Key Med are able to gain access to an ideal gateway to their international destinations.

Essex is also home to many of the company's component suppliers and business partners. Having key members of the supply chain so close at hand means Olympus KeyMed can rely on the daily deliveries and quick response times that are essential to their lean procurement policy.



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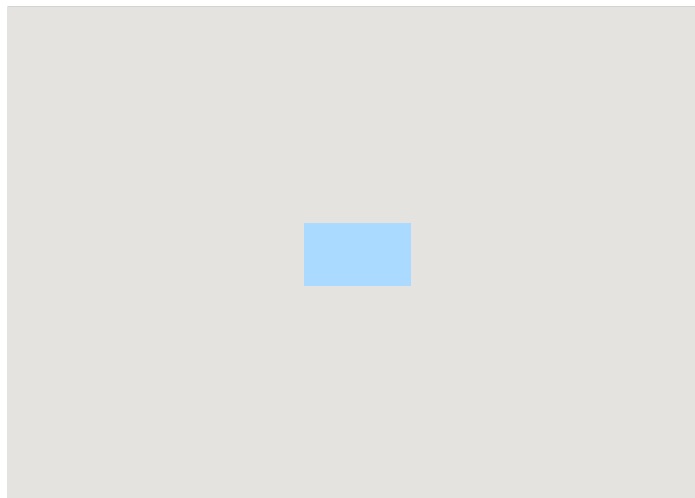
Award-winning global market leader

Olympus KeyMed's commitment to quality and innovation has been recognised by a number of prestigious awards. In 2004, it received the Queen's Award for Enterprise in the category of Sustainable Development. In 2006, a second Queen's Award in the category of International Trade, followed in 2008 by a further Queen's Award for Enterprise in recognition of the development of I-SPEED. In 2009, the company won Most Improved Plant at the Best Factory Awards and was highly commended for Skills Development

Essex, with its pool of skilled labour, excellent logistics infrastructure and high-tech tradition, is an ideal base for this award-winning international market leader.



Location



For more information, visit their website here: www.olympus.co.uk

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