



# NASTROTEX

## CUFRA SPA

COMPANY

# MANUFACTURERS OF ELASTIC TAPES SINCE 1953

Nastrotex-Cufra S.p.A. is a textile company, specialised in the production of elastic tapes for many sectors: from [fashion](#) and [technical-sportswear](#) with a particular focus on [cycling clothing](#), [underwear](#), [fashion](#) and [technical footwear](#), medical and accident prevention Fields as well as [packaging and furnishings](#).

The company was born 70 years ago, in 1953, when Francesco Cucchi and his son Mario began to produce rubber bands and sell them to local haberdashery shops. Ten years later, Mario Cucchi founded Cufra Srl, a company that produced elastic tapes for clothing, underwear, sports and footwear, which became the current Nastrotex-Cufra S.p.A. with the entry in the 80s of his children Roberto and Barbara Cucchi.

Nastrotex-Cufra is a cutting-edge “smart factory” with over 70 employees and an average annual turnover of more than EUR 10 million.

The Nastrotex-Cufra model is the culmination of decades of investment in innovation, ensuring product quality, production efficiency, environmental protection and excellent working conditions. The company strategy focuses specifically on total compliance with Italian and European regulations governing occupational health and safety, accident prevention, the implementation of national collective agreements, employee protection and the fight against child labour.

# HISTORY

## 1953

**Francesco Cucchi** and his **son Mario** start their **production of elastic tapes** in Romano di Lombardia to supply the small haberdashery shops in the area

### 1963

**Mario Cucchi** founds **Cufra Srl** which is transferred to the current headquarters in Covo, starting the first real production

### 1973

The shed currently used as a finished product warehouse is built

### 80's

The company is solid and structured and the product evolves hand in hand with the technology

### 1985

The new production building is built

### 1985-1990

**Roberto and Barbara Cucchi** enter the company, strengthening the production departments and developing the sales sector to meet the needs of an expanding market both in Italy and abroad

### 2016

The digital printing machine for elastic tape is purchased

### 2008

A **photovoltaic system** is installed on most of the roofs, which guarantees 30% of the company's energy needs

### 2004

Nastrotex-Cufra obtains the **Certification ISO 9001**

### 2002

A new building dedicated to executive, administrative and commercial offices is built

### 1996

The industrial surface increases and the spaces are reorganised.

Nastrotex-Cufra obtains the **Certification OEKO-TEX standard 100 class 1**

## 1988

The growing production volume makes expansion necessary. Cufra Srl changes its corporate structure, becoming **Nastrotex-Cufra S.p.A.**

### 2018

With the expansion of another 2,500 m<sup>2</sup>, the covered industrial area reaches the current 11,000 m<sup>2</sup>, plus a 1,200 m<sup>2</sup> warehouse for rent in Covo, near the headquarters, again in the municipality of Covo

### 2019

the first **recycled polyester** articles from post-consumer plastic are produced.

The digital marketing project is defined and the sales offices are reorganised

### 2019-2020

Two finishing machines and a silicone machine are purchased at the same time as the ironing department is expanded

### 2020

To deal with the health emergency, production is converted for the exclusive production of elastic tape for masks, gowns and visors.

Nastrotex-Cufra obtains the **GRS Certification**

### 2021

A recharging **platform for electric cars** is installed and the new Showroom space is created

### 2022

The mechanical technological plant engineering is modified and the **Integrated Management Model 231** and **ISO 14001 Certification** are introduced

## 2023

The following projects have been launched: the replacement of the motors of the current 190 looms to improve their energy efficiency and the procedures for drawing up the first **sustainability report** and for obtaining the **ISO 45001 Certification**.

# NUMBERS

**SQUARE METRES OF  
SURFACE**

**16k**

**METRES OF ELASTIC  
PRODUCED PER YEAR**

**35M**

**NUMBER OF LOOMS  
WORKING 24/7**

**189**

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**9** WARPERS

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**9** FINISHING PLANTS

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**3** PRINTERS FOR SILICONE

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**2** SUBLIMATION PRINTERS

# CLIENTS

NUMBERS OF ACTIVE CUSTOMERS

900+

NUMBER OF COUNTRIES OF EXPORT

80+

EXPORT

43%

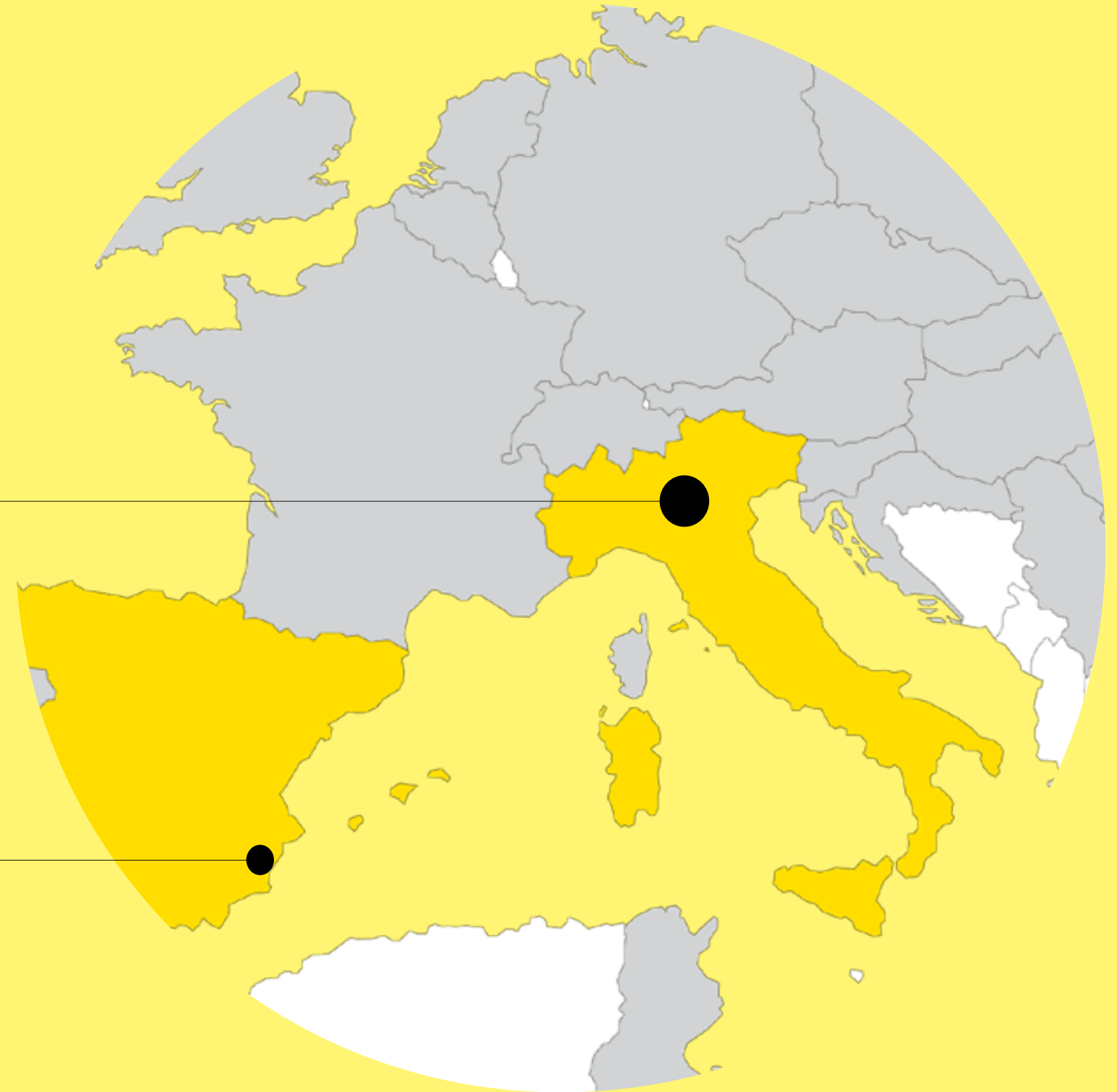
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Ukraine, Israel, Australia, Serbia, Colombia, Slovakia, Sweden, Latvia, Czech Republic, United Arab Emirates, Lebanon, Iran, Mexico, Denmark, Taiwan, Indonesia, Syria, Malta, Algeria, Mauritius, Cyprus, Kazikastan, Ireland, San Marino, Vietnam, Albania , Belarus, Sri Lanka, Estonia, Saudi Arabia, Argentina, Virgin Islands, Panama, New Zealand, Venezuela, Macedonia, Zimbabwe, Bosnia Herzegovina, Peru', Jordan, Senegal, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Ecuador, Brunei, Macao, Myanmar, Principality of Monaco.



# BRANCHES

Nastrotex-Cufra is based in Covo, in the province of Bergamo, and in Elche, Spain. The company serves more than 900 customers worldwide both directly and through the collaboration of agents and distributors, with an export of 43%.



## **NASTROTEX-CUFRA S.P.A.**

### **Italy**

Covo, Bergamo

Headquarters - Administrative, Legal and Operational Offices

## **NASTROTEX-CUFRA S.P.A. SUBSIDIARY IN SPAIN**

### **Spain**

Elche, Alicante

Branch and warehouse

SECTORS

**SPECIALISED IN THE PRODUCTION OF ELASTIC  
TAPES, NASTROTEX-CUFRA CREATES PRODUCTS  
WHICH ARE USED IN VARIOUS FIELDS OF  
APPLICATION, EACH WITH PRECISE PECULIARITIES.**

From [fashion](#) and [technical-sportswear](#) with a particular focus on [cycling clothing](#) and [underwear](#), to [fashion](#) and [technical footwear](#), from the medical and accident prevention fields to [packaging and furnishings](#).

# SECTORS

## CLOTHING

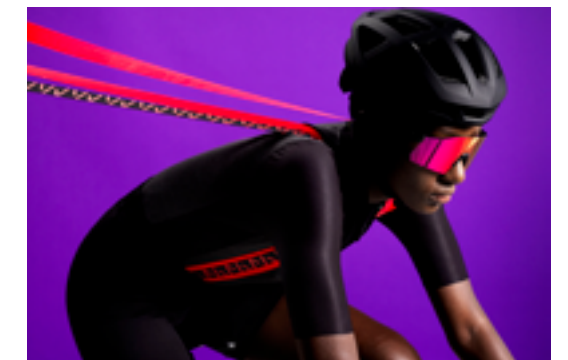
### FASHION, UNDERWEAR & BEACHWEAR

They are soft elastic tapes, suitable for direct contact with the skin; upon request, they have a sponge effect and can be customised in many ways. Resistant to chlorine, salt, sweat and the sun, they are therefore also suitable for beachwear. These elastic tapes must satisfy both functional and aesthetic needs and can be customised in many ways.



### TECHNICAL/SPORT

They are technical, light, thin and quick drying, elastic tapes, often made to customer design. In sports, they are elastic tapes that aim at improving performance, resistance and breathability. In the **ACCIDENT PREVENTION** sector, they can have characteristics that guarantee the safety of workers, such as high visibility, waterproof and fireproof treatments.





## SECTORS

# FOOTWEAR

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### FASHION

These are elastic tapes which, in addition to having a structural function, are aesthetically pleasing, thus enhancing the finished product.

They are used in the manufacture of any type of footwear because they are produced in various heights and colours, all customisable on customer request.



### TECHNICAL/SPORT

They are tapes and elastics made to measure for the customer with the aim of solving technical needs such as improving the fit, increasing performance and comfort. For the **ACCIDENT PREVENTION** sector, they are items for purely functional and structural use because they must help guarantee the safety of workers, such as high visibility, waterproof and fireproof treatments.



# PRODUCTS

## CLASSIC

These are continuous elastic tapes, which act as a basis and starting point for all processes. They are elastic, usually plain or striped.

This category includes flat, foldable, double-lip and corded elastic bands, straps, tapes and profiles.



## JACQUARD

Jacquard elastic tapes are one of the strengths of Nastrotex-Cufra and the most chosen by the best brands in the world.

Suitable for those looking for a personalised elastic, of the highest quality and definition with an embroidery effect and infinite customisation possibilities.



## ECO-SUSTAINABLE

Elastic tapes made with recycled and GRS (Global Recycled Standard) certified polyester, with bio-based and low environmental impact yarns, or from natural fibres such as cotton, wool, linen, jute and raffia.



## SPECIAL

The special elastic tapes are composed of high-performance, innovative yarns that have an advantage compared to the standard.

They differ from the others in terms of performance and the benefits they give to the body.



# PROCESSINGS

All products can be embellished by means of processes such as: **silicone coating**, **sublimation**, **hot and silk-screen printing**, **polishing**, **weaving** and special applications with **rhinestones**, **studs**, **coloured and reflective foils**, **waxes**, **polyurethanes**, **waterproof** or **fire-retardant treatments**.



# SERVICES

## FROM SAMPLING TO PRODUCTION

Not only excellent quality, but services dedicated to the customer, who is accompanied from the study and design phase, from sampling to production, to obtain the best product.

## RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Nastrotex-Cufra has an area dedicated to the research of new, performing and low environmental impact yarns, cutting-edge production and printing techniques and low energy impact machinery, to offer customers from all over the world the most innovative solutions.

## QUALITY OFFICE

Nastrotex-Cufra makes use of a quality department which carries out specific tests on resistance, solidity, elongation and much more, in compliance with current regulations.

## COLLECTIONS

Nastrotex-Cufra, for the world of footwear and leather goods, offers two annual collections made up of samples and models that anticipate seasonal trends and which are proposed to designers, stylists and insiders. For the clothing sector, on the other hand, new items are periodically proposed and tested on the market.

## TRANS ACTION CERTIFICATE

Nastrotex-Cufra can issue the Trans action certificate to its customers: a certificate which attests and certifies the entire sustainable supply chain and, in particular, traces the origin of the recycled yarn contained in the product.

# STRENGTHS

## PRODUCTION CAPACITY

In the 16,000 square metre factory, variety and quality are guaranteed by 189 flat, jacquard and crochet looms, 9 warping machines, 9 finishing plants, 2 sublimation printers and 3 silicone printers which produce 35 million metres of elastic per year for customers all over the world. All production phases are carried out internally (warping, weaving, finishing, silicone coating, quality control, packaging and shipping), guaranteeing constant excellent quality and respect for pre-established delivery times.

All items can be made from GRS (Global Recycled Standard) certified recycled polyester.

## TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION

Nastrotex-Cufra has always paid great attention to enhancing its know-how by investing in technology and innovation of both systems and materials. It was one of the first companies in the sector to invest in elastic recovery, performance and sustainability, with the introduction of recycled polyester and natural and bio-based fibres.

## STOCK SERVICE RAW MATERIAL

2,500 square metres of the entire surface are dedicated to the storage of raw materials which include: rubber, elastane and yarns of various kinds and counts in various colours. Storage guarantees timeliness and efficiency in the production of orders.

### Standard yarns:

Polyester, 2 ply polyester microfibre, 1 ply polyester microfibre, Recycled polyester (GRS certified), Shiny polyester/zerbion, Metallic polyester/lurex, Polyamide/nylon, Cotton, Wool, Viscose, Linen.

### Special yarns:

Carbon®, Silver®, Bioskin®, Dryarn®, Tpevolution®, Evo®, Graphene®

# FOR YEARS, NASTROTEX-CUFRA HAS BEEN COMMITTED TO PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

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**2008** Installation of a photovoltaic system over the entire roof of the headquarters, thus guaranteeing 30% of energy needs and a reduction of CO2 emissions into the environment;

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**2019** Production of the first articles with yarn recycled from post-consumer plastic;

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**2020** GRS Certification, Global Recycled Standard (GRS) the internationally recognised reference standard that certifies products obtained from recycled materials;

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**2021** Installation of two charging stations for electric cars;

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**2022** ISO 14001 certification, the most advanced standard in environmental management.

The Research & Development area is oriented towards a Carbon Zero commitment, from saving water to reducing energy, from reducing waste to protecting resources and substantially increasing the quality and quantity of recycled products. The drafting of the 1st sustainability report is expected for **2025**.

# NUMBERS

PERCENTAGE OF  
RECYCLED POLYESTER  
USED ON THE TOTAL

**70%**

TONNES OF CO2 SAVED

**149**

KWH ENERGY  
PRODUCED PER YEAR  
BY THE PHOTOVOLTAIC  
SYSTEM

**285k**

SQUARE METRES OF  
SURFACE COVERED BY  
THE PHOTOVOLTAIC  
SYSTEM

**4.9k**

# CERTIFICATIONS



## STANDARD 100 by OEKO-TEX®

It is the internationally recognised reference standard, which guarantees that textile products comply with severe human-ecological requirements and are not harmful to health. This certification helps ensure high and effective product safety from the consumer's point of view.

## ISO 9001

It is the internationally recognised reference standard for Quality Management. It is adopted as a strategic organisational tool to achieve improvement objectives, customer satisfaction and increase the effectiveness and efficiency of internal processes.

## GRS

Global Recycle Standard (GRS) is the internationally recognised reference standard that certifies products made from recycled materials. It gives greater value to products made from recycled materials, in compliance with environmental and social criteria extended to all phases of the production chain.

## ISO 14001

ISO 14001 is the most advanced standard that internationally certifies the criteria for effective management of resources with respect for the environment, which legitimises the company in terms of motivation, credibility and commitment to sustainability initiatives.

## Organisational Model 231

The implementation of clear governance rules constitutes for Nastrotex-Cufra Spa a tool to pursue efficiency, transparency, fairness, loyalty, integrity and credibility, as well as effectiveness of controls. These rules of conduct must inspire the choices and actions of all those who in various ways act on behalf and in the interest of the company.

## ISO 45001 (by end 2023)

ISO 45001 is the international reference standard that specifies the requirements for an occupational health and safety (OH&S) management system, which aims at improving safety and preserving the health of both employees and external personnel.



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