



## FM SUMMER CLOSING

Fondmetal was closed for summer holidays from 04th Aug.2012 to 26th Aug.2012.

During these 3 weeks the Company took advantage to do extra maintenance.

The FM systems work all year and only stop during the collective holidays in August and the Christmas.

• The melting furnaces stay on forever, Sundays included, and are turned off only in August to be maintained. The oven needs at least

one week to cool and allow personnel to enter and operate maintenance which consists of renovation of the interior walls.

This year, in addition to furnace maintenance FM did:

- Updating robot servo island 1 of molding;
- Maintenance painting system 1 and 2 with reconstruction of the transport chain and the updating of robot servo lines;
- Updating robot packaging lines 1

and 2.

Other works have been made:

- maintenance casting molds;
  - maintenance equipment for the processing of turning and drilling.
- 3 weeks of intense work that involved 30 people.

The production is split on 27/08. Fondmetal has now returned to his fighting stance, ready to face the next winter with success!



## FUEL PRICES



Fuel prices continue to rise and in Italy the week starts with a new record: 2,013 Euro in Tuscany and Liguria because of the additional regional excise duty.

The national average of petrol prices in the service stations of the ordinary road network is between 1.914 and 1.924 €. Diesel prices ranges between 1.798 and 1.809 €. The Italian price increases will ensure a revenue of 65 million Euros, to deal with the facilitated collection of taxes in areas affected by the earthquake in Abruzzo and

to ensure adequate financial support to the bonus for managers of fuel.

In Europe the biggest rise has been in Switzerland where the price has risen by a massive 28% for petrol and 32% for diesel. Previously cheap countries such as Austria, Luxembourg and Spain have also seen rises close to 10%, although they are still reasonably inexpensive. Norway continues to be the most expensive country to refuel, with Italy close behind. Poland is the least expensive country for petrol, while Luxembourg is the place to

go for diesel.

Fuel is usually more expensive on motorways and cheaper in supermarkets. Supermarket petrol stations are often closed on Sundays, bank holidays and during the late evening and night. Although they often have automatic pumps they rarely work with credit cards although most accept bank notes. Make sure you keep your tank topped up outside working hours unless on motorways, where fuel is always available!

## DID YOU KNOW THAT ....?

Everybody knows that Fabrizio is a wheel salesman...

Not everybody knows that during the 80es, when he was only 22 years old, Fabrizio was a famous Italian white-water kayaker, and sponsored by important firms like Schlegel and Piranha.

After a very bad motorcycles accident occurred in 1984 at the age of 19, Fabrizio wanted to stand up from the wheel chair and become a Good kayaker.

"My passion for the nature, the rivers, the white-water, and the wish to

prove to myself that I could still be physically normal, took me to this sport" says Fabrizio.

"I was a student so I had the time to train every day on the Garda Lake, on the Gym and on the European rivers of the Alps.

In 1987 I have organized the first Italian Expedition on the Colorado River Grand Canyon (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0a9CA9TgrHQ>).

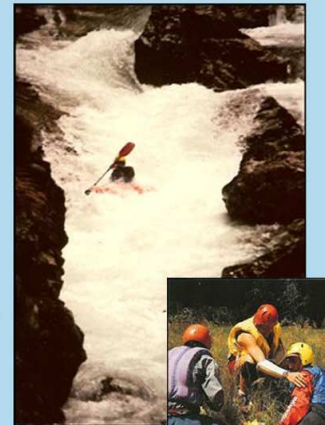
In 1988 we were the really first cajaker on the Iatate River in Mexico and Guatemala.

In 1989 we have been travelling Canada to ride the falls of the Fraser river and many others.

The numerous expeditions made me travel a lot in Europe, USA and Canada.

From these experiences I have learned to help myself, to trust myself, to defeat the fears and to be prepared for any emergency.

The best moment? When I dropped my paddle in the water of the Colorado river on the grand Canyon  
The worst moment? When I have been baited by the snake in Guatemala"



The snake bite

## PHOTO OF THE MONTH



"Fabrizio studying New designs for the season 2013"

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"The most powerful tool for winning a negotiation is the ability to walk away from the table without a deal "

## REFERRALS

"We like and estimate the service full of passion we get from Fabrizio, Marta, and the complete Fondmetal team. They give us creative solutions if we are in problems, and they supply the desired alloy rims also in flexible quantities. The production is close to our market which helps to reduce the leadtime if needed."

Daniel Kaiser - Hyundai