

ITEMA WEAVING introduces new air-jet weaving machine at Shanghaitex

ITEMA Weaving with its brands Somet, Vamatex, Sulzer Textil, ITEMA Shanghai, First and Fimtextile will present its latest technical innovations on weaving machinery at Shanghaitex, from June 01 to 04, 2007 in Hall E3, Booth E3C21. The highlight of the show will be the brand new ITEMA L88 air-jet weaving machine.

ITEMA Weaving

Itema Weaving including Promatech, Sultex, Itema Shanghai and First is the Business Unit that has enjoyed great growth and development since 2000, thanks partly to internal synergies and partly to some important acquisitions, making it one of the world biggest textile machinery manufacturing groups.

In 2006 the Weaving Business Unit sold a total of more than 6,800 looms, thus achieving turnover of 494 Million Euros.

This success is thanks to constant efforts in R&D (about 4% of annual turnover) and a strategic sales policy that closely monitors demand levels on a world scale, anticipates trends and creates a strong local presence, offering all the technical support each market requires.

Itema Weaving has a wide product range thanks to the Somet, Vamatex, Sulzer Textil and Itema Shanghai brands (weaving machines) and the Fimtextile and First brands (weaving accessories).

Itema weaving machines are constantly developed and perfected to meet the specific needs of each customer. Itema also offers its customers local service centres. All factors that have made the Group the market leader in terms of product versatility and reliability.

Together, Promatech, Sultex and Itema Shanghai are the world's number one weaving machinery manufacturer, with installed looms totalling roughly 300,000 around the world.

First, specialised in the production of weaving machinery accessories (dobbies, heald frames, warp stop motions, rapiers, tapes, etc.), operates in a constantly evolving sector (75,000 installed units) offering great opportunities for development, especially in Asia.

ITEMA Weaving will exhibit following products at the Shanghaitex:

The highlight of the show will be the brand new ITEMA L88 air-jet weaving machine.

Designed by an international team, the L88 has been developed to ensure higher productivity at minimal production costs.

This modern machine is simple and easy-to-use, reliable and precise, capable to deliver excellent, uncompromised fabric quality, ranging from simple printed material to high-class shirting, premium bed linen or dense-woven twills for work apparel.

The L88 air jet machine will be displayed in two different versions to show the great adaptability to the different market needs.

Side by side with the L88, the well-established Mythos Etec will also be exhibited: this state-of-the-art air jet weaving machine, worldwide known for having the lowest air consumption, will show all its potential in weaving a very demanding high-density stretch fabric at higher speed.

Also two versions of the well introduced rapier weaving machines K88, produced by ITEMA Shanghai will be displayed at the Shanghaitex: high performance, wide flexibility and consolidated reliability are the base to grant the return of investment for the K88.

Within the ITEMA WEAVING, Fimtextile's products (cam motion and electronic dobbies) are worldwide appreciated for their technology and reliability: an XJ model, high speed electronic dobbie, is also displayed at the booth.

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ITEMA L88 190 air-jet weaving machine for Apparel

Warp: Ne 36/2 cotton, 45.6 ends/cm

Weft: Ne 14S cotton, 22.8 picks/cm

Weaving width: 176.7 cm

Features:

- Positive cam motion type XP7 for up to 7 shaft
- Fully electronic equipment and control
- 2 colors with LGL weft feeders

ITEMA L88 230 air-jet weaving machine for Polyester

Warp: Ne 40/2 polyester + 40 Den lycra, 27.08 ends/cm

Weft: Ne 40/2 polyester + 40 Den lycra, 17.5 picks/cm

Weaving width: 209 cm

Features:

- Positive cam motion type XP7 for up to 7 shaft
- Fully electronic equipment and control
- 2 colors with Roj weft feeders

ITEMA K88 190 rapier weaving machine for Denim

Warp: Ne 6 cotton, 22.83 ends/cm

Weft: Ne 7 cotton, 16.14 picks/cm

Weaving width: 164.2 cm

Features:

- electronic dobbie type 5S for up to 20 shaft
- Roj weft feeders

ITEMA K88 3400 rapier weaving machine for Silk Fabric

Warp: Pure Silk 2/20/22...

Weft: Silk 2/20/22 + 20 Den Lycra

Weaving width: 158,5 x2

Features:

- Electronic dobbie type 5S for up to 20 shaft
- LGL weft feeders

Somet Mythos Etec 190 air-jet weaving machine for Apparel

Warp: Ne 60S/2 cotton, 127 ends/cm

Weft: Ne 30S + 70D cotton + lycra, 68.6 picks/cm

Weaving width: 163.8 cm

Features:

- New cam motion ITEMA Weaving type XP11Sld, with automatic shedding levelling device
- Maximum accuracy in warp control thanks to the new tension measuring device

- High efficiency nozzles for reduced air consumption

First XJ electronic high speed dobbie machine

Features:

- Forced lubrication with oil filter for max reliability
- Low noise and energy consumption

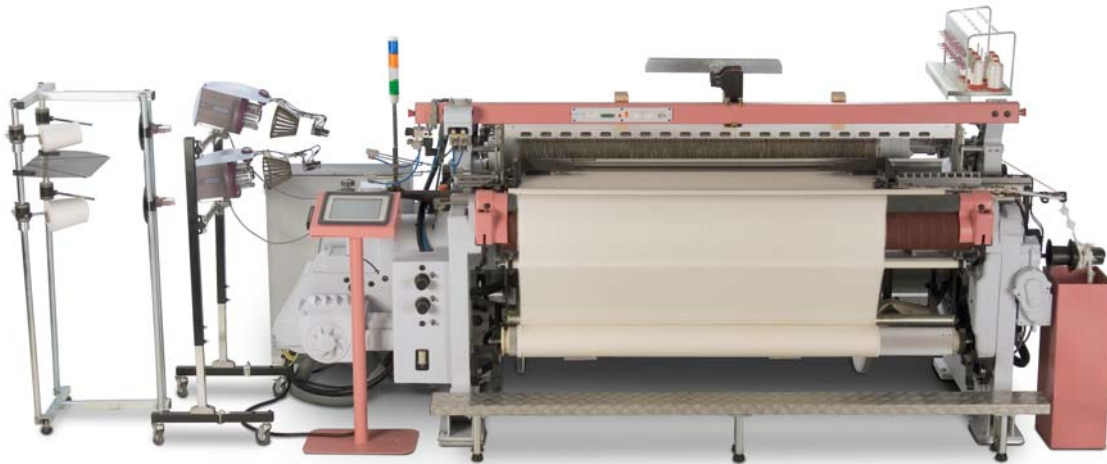
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