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ITEMA Weaving, the ONE company at INDIA ITME 2008

The 4 companies, Sultex, Promatech, ITEMA Weaving Machinery (China) and First were moulded into a new “one” company model. This means, one group management, one sales- and service organisation, one group marketing & product management department, one head quarter and finally, one integrated supply chain and data system.

ITEMA Weaving will display all three major weft insertion systems on its booth at INDIA ITME 2008, which takes place from 15 to 22 November 2008 in the Bangalore International Exhibition Centre (BIEC) in Bangalore. ITEMA Weaving will show 6 high-tech weaving machines.

The renowned brands Sulzer Textil, Somet, Vamatex, and Fimtextile offer a complete range of weaving machines, accessories and services.

ITEMA Weaving is aware of its key role as a partner to the textile industry. This is an incentive to develop innovative technological and economic solutions that create new business opportunities and help ensure maximum profitability for weavers. All the machines are energy friendly due to efficient drive motors and high-tech solutions applied to all machine concepts. The Sulzer Textil air-jet L5500 is the new bench mark in regard of air consumption. All weft insertion systems have a small foot print and produce high class fabric with no, or absolute minimal waste.

The visitors will be able to see the latest results of ITEMA Weaving's strong and ongoing R&D commitment, which takes advantage of the synergies generated by pooling 190 years of experience within the group.

Many major innovations and further developments on rapier, air-jet and projectile weaving machines can be seen and evaluated at the ITEMA Weaving booth.

Exhibition programme

ITEMA Weaving's product range will satisfy any production requirement, from commodity to high-fashion and specialised industrial fabrics. Six weaving machines representing the various brands will be on show.

One of the highlights is the re-engineered K88 rapier weaving machine; it is the result of experience gained and synergies created within the Euro-Chinese organizations of the company. The K88 features improved performance, greater versatility and proven reliability, thanks to advanced solutions adopted from the high-end machines.

Maximum adaptability to different production requirements, including high productivity, is the main strength of the L88. This air-jet weaving machine, recently launched in the Chinese market, is now ready for its debut in other Asian markets and overseas. The L88 is shown weaving a blended commodity style with remarkable performance and outstanding quality of fabric.

The ever increasing demands for quality high-end machinery are satisfied by the top-class weaving machines with the three different technologies (rapier, air-jet and projectile) that only ITEMA Weaving can offer. The Vamatex Silver HS confirms its position as the benchmark in high-class shirting fabrics.

The Somet ALPHA PGA rapier weaving machine is most suitable to produce very demanding and high class upholstery. The special grippers can handle any yarn (material and count) in mixing mode.

The Sulzer Textil L5500 air-jet weaving machine is weaving a demanding cotton style with great precision at top speed with the lowest air consumption, confirming the Sulzer Textil brand reputation in the global market.

For the industrial fabric sector, the Sulzer Textil P7300HP is the most sought-after, best-appreciated and ideally suited weaving machine. The model presented at INDIA ITME 2008, with a weaving width of 540 cm, is once again demonstrating the great potential of this ageless machine, especially in the widest width and the most energy friendly environment.

ITEMA Weaving is exhibiting the following products at INDIA ITME 2008:

ITEMA K88 190 rapier weaving machine for Men's trousers

Warp: Poly/Cotton Ne 32/2; 84 ends/inch

Weft: Poly/Cotton Ne 32/2; 84 picks/inch

Weaving width: 62 inches

Features:

- ITEMA Weaving electronic dobby, Fimtextile type 5S
- LGL Easy with TWM brake

ITEMA L88 190 air-jet weaving machine for corduroy

Warp: Cotton OE Ne 16/1; 50.8 ends/inch

Weft 1: Ring Cotton Ne 16/1; 81 picks/inch

Weft 2: Cotton Lycra Ne 14/1 40 picks/inch

Features:

- ITEMA Weaving tappet motion, Fimtextile type XP7
- LGL Evolution
- Positive back rest roller

Vamatex SILVER HS 190 rapier weaving machine for high-class shirting

Warp: Cotton Ne 100/2; 114 ends/inch

Weft: Cotton Ne 100/2; 54x2 picks/inch (double pick insertion)

Features:

- ITEMA Weaving electronic dobby, Fimtextile type X7
- New rapier head for double pick insertion
- Motorized weft filling cutter
- ROJ Luna X2

Somet ALPHA PGA 320 Jacquard rapier weaving machine for high class upholstery

Warp: Polyester 167 dtex; 167 ends/inch

Weft: Polyester, fancy: 167 dtex – Nm 3, Nm 2; 72 picks/cm

Features:

- Bonas LJ3 2688 hooks
- Motorised positive weft cutter
- New electronic leno device
- LGL Progress

Sulzer Textil L5500 190 air-jet weaving machine for cotton apparel (Docker/Twill)

Warp: Cotton Ne 40/2; 102 ends/inch

Weft: Cotton Ne 40/1; 142 picks/inch

Features:

- ITEMA Weaving tappet motion, Fimtextile type XP11SId, with automatic shed levelling device
- High-efficiency nozzles for reduced air consumption

Sulzer Textil P7300HP V8 S540 N2 EP D12 projectile weaving machine for Geotextiles

Features:

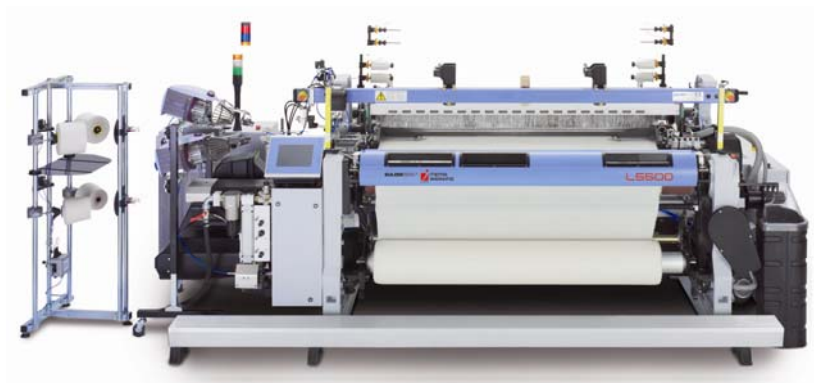
- Automatic pick finder
- Automatic levelling device
- Willy Grob AG batching motion

ITEMA Weaving is the ONE company which can offer a solution for any need, however difficult it may be. It is the company with the right products for commodities to high-fashion and specialised industrial fabrics: ITEMA Weaving covers all fields of applications.

“ITEMA Weaving – passionate creation of value”



Picture: The new logo for ITEMA weaving machines, representing the world famous brands of Sulzer Textil, Somet and Vamatex. The only manufacturer of all 3 leading weft insertion systems.



Picture: The air-jet Sulzer Textil L5500 with outstanding performance and the least air consumption of all air-jet machines on the market. The Sulzer Textil brand is a machine with a guaranteed return of investment.

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