

Press Release

The US fiber manufacturing market has always been important for Oerlikon

Oerlikon Neumag exhibits at FloorTek Expo

Neumünster, July 18, 2016 – The American Floorcovering Alliance will host the FloorTek Expo in Dalton, GA from October 18 – 20, 2016 at the Dalton Convention Center where Oerlikon Neumag presents itself with its diverse range of products and services in the Exhibit Hall I & II at booth 131.

The focus of the Oerlikon Neumag booth will be on solutions for the sustainable manufacture of carpet yarns. The US has been dominated by PET/PTT since 2008, but there is a clear shift in R-PET/recycling solutions. The fact that sustainability is a major trend in BCF yarn production is shown by the exemplary success of the RoTac tangling unit that reduces the energy consumption significantly thanks to the revolutionary e-save solutions of Oerlikon Neumag.

Well-equipped for all requirements

With its range of systems, the market leader from Germany covers almost all requirements of carpet yarn manufacturers, something that is demonstrated by the high demand for the BCF S+ and Sytec One systems. While the S+ is a convincing solution for residential and commercial commodity applications the Sytec One is particularly good for specialty products and demanding production processes due to its single-end technology. "With the S+ and Sytec One, we are extremely well positioned within the BCF market worldwide. We can cover practically all customer requirements with these two systems", summarizes Michael Rübenhagen, Sales Director BCF. With a market share of 80% worldwide and even more in the US Oerlikon Neumag is dominating the BCF market.

RoTac³ convincing yarn manufacturers

Since the market launch of the RoTac³ as the new tangling unit for the BCF S+ system, almost 90 percent of all new sales have been equipped with the rotating tangling unit. The retrofitting business with the component is also operating well, comments Michael Rübenhagen: "For us, this is a signal that energy costs are playing an increasingly important role in BCF production."

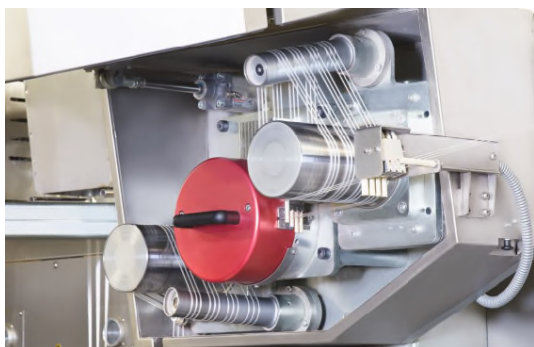
The RoTac has been deployed as the tangling unit in the single-end Sytec One system since 2012. Meanwhile, virtually all Sytec One systems are sold with the RoTac tangling unit. To this end, the further development of the unit to create a three-end system was a logical consequence.

Dalton Service Center one year on

After 50 years of successful operations in the Charlotte, NC area, Oerlikon Manmade Fibers Segment has recently invested in a local Service Center in Dalton, GA with focus on Repairs, Services, and Spare Parts supply for their industry-leading brands Oerlikon Neumag and Oerlikon Barmag. "Last year the opening of our new service center in Dalton was an important step for us. More than 85% of the U.S. carpet and rug market is produced by mills located within a 65-mile radius of Dalton. Georgia supplies more than 45% of the world's carpet and rugs. In the new Service Center in Dalton, our aim is to further improve our response times to customer inquiries. We know that our customers in the region continue to invest in innovations and we want to quickly and effectively support them to keep their extrusion lines profitable", explains Chip Hartzog, President, Oerlikon Textile Inc.

Oerlikon offers on-site technical services, local parts pick-up and delivery, and competent customer support and advisory services. The newest Oerlikon Neumag extrusion lines like S+, Sytec One, and S5 continue to set the benchmark for quality and value. Oerlikon Dalton Service Center is located at 3012 N. Dug Gap Rd. SW and can be reached at (706) 259-9970.

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Caption: BCF S+ with the RoTac³ tangling unit.

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About Oerlikon

Oerlikon (SIX: OERL) is a leading, globally-active technology group with a clear strategy to develop into a leading provider of surface solutions, state-of-the-art materials and materials processing. The group invests in value-generating technologies, with which customers can be supplied with lighter and more durable materials that increase performance, improve efficiency and reduce the use of scarce resources. As a Swiss company with a history stretching back more than 100 years, Oerlikon and its in excess of 13,500 employees are present at more than 170 sites in 37 different countries. In 2015, sales totaled CHF 2.7 billion. The company, which invested CHF 103 million in research and development in 2015, employs more than 1,350 specialists for developing innovative and customer-oriented products and services.

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About the Oerlikon Manmade Fibers segment

With its Oerlikon Barmag and Oerlikon Neumag brands, Oerlikon Manmade Fibers segment is the world market leader for manmade fiber filament spinning systems, texturing machines, BCF systems, staple fiber systems and artificial turf systems and – as a service provider – offers engineering solutions for the entire textile value added chain. As a future oriented company, the research and development at this division of the Oerlikon Group is driven by energy-efficiency and sustainable technologies. With the expansion of the product range to include polycondensation systems and their key components, the company now caters to the entire process – from the monomer all the way through to the textured yarn. The primary Oerlikon Barmag markets are in Asia, and – for Oerlikon Neumag – in the USA, Turkey and



China. Correspondingly, Oerlikon Barmag and Oerlikon Neumag – with just under 2,500 employees – has a worldwide presence in 120 countries as part of the Oerlikon Manmade Fibers network of production, sales and distribution and service organizations. At the R&D centers in Remscheid, Neumünster and Chemnitz, highly-qualified engineers and technicians develop innovative and technologically-leading products for tomorrow's world.

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